

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 12th June 2023

1.	<p>ATTENDANCE</p> <p>Apologies: Jan Lloyd, Bruce Battams, Judith Westell, John Neale, Jane Hanlon, Sarah Setterfield, Shona Manson, Ian Graham, Jacqui Coleman</p> <p>Present: Steve Bates, Christine Cartwright, Bob & Vanda Gould, Clive Robinson, Dr Adam Staten, Madeleine Carrington, Mark Pitman, Fay Read, Gordon & Angela Lovell, Sheila Dale, Sandra Whitefoot, Elspeth Woods</p>	
2.	<p>Speaker: Dr Adam Staten gave a fascinating insight into his life as an Army Doctor in Afghanistan. Enhanced by pictures of medical kit and operational medical facilities at Camp Bastion, and other sites, this gave us some idea of the conditions on the battlefield and the life of soldiers away from home. The talk was well received, and a range of questions were put to Adam which he answered with honesty and humour. It was a very enjoyable and engaging session for which we all thanked Adam.</p> <p>A reminder to everyone about liaising directly with Jan Lloyd regarding any other speaker suggestions. Angela Lovell had previously suggested a speaker from Cancer Care and asked if she should go ahead and make arrangements for provisional date in the autumn in Jan's absence at the moment. It was agreed that would be a good idea.</p> <p>Clive Robinson had put forward a talk from the Council regarding new development in the town centre.</p> <p>Steve Bates mentioned an article on Blue Boxes that he had seen in MK Citizen and would invite Jan Lloyd to see if she could find a speaker to explain more.</p>	
3.	Minutes for May meeting and AGM approved with attendees updated	
4.	<p><u>Surgery Update</u></p> <p>Dr Staten confirmed that things progressing as usual, nothing major to report. Curtis and Rob our paramedics were doing a mix of home visits and in surgery work and that is helping spread the workload.</p> <p><u>Other Notes</u></p> <p>Bruce Battams has confirmed that he is no longer able to undertake care of the flowerbeds due to health issues. A lively discussion over the need for a tap outside.</p> <p>Previously discussed, there is a potential issue over Health</p>	<p>ACTIONS</p>

and Safety requirements. Dr Staten will bring it up with Jane Hanlon on her return, and Bob Gould stated he would also mention it. That apart, the matter of who is going to water the flowerbeds was discussed. Steve Bates confirmed he would water on a Friday; it takes approximately 8 watering cans from the water butt per flower bed, so it is a hefty job. Clive Robinson confirmed that he would water as and when he could when at the surgery. Others said they would water if needed if and when they were attending the surgery. It was agreed that a rota wasn't needed, and we would all play our part on an informal basis for the time being.

Steve Bates had attended an NAPP webinar on how to make PPGs more dynamic. A key point he's noted was the use of social media and how to use it effectively. Perhaps something to put on agenda for a future meeting. Morecambe area are exploring how to work together to engage people in PPG. It was noted local attempts here were not fruitful. Steve said he had been contacted by John Baker at Newport Pagnell to see how we might work together, Elspeth noted that approaches had been made before with John. The notes were available should anyone wish to have them. Elspeth Woods asked if they could be sent to her, and she will forward to both the Meeting and Online groups.

PPG Awareness 27th June – 29th June

Planning well underway

- ✓ Bob, Vanda and Angela have the hampers ready for the raffle prizes
- ✓ Donations of gifts etc some already received, others to be delivered to surgery after Jane's return and date to be confirmed for drop off and organising
- ✓ Steve to prepare a short overview of what he would like people to say about PPG so we are consistent.
- ✓ Sarah to laminate a crib sheet for people on duty
- ✓ A paper info sheet for people to take away would be helpful.

Dr Staten to raise the matter of outside tap in surgery.

Steve to send Elspeth NAPP notes to be circulated.

Steve to prepare and send to Jane/Sarah so it can be laminated

Steve to speak with Jane about printing off sheets that people can take away

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ John Neale making bug hotels for sale ✓ Bob Gould making bird boxes for sale. ✓ Jane Hanlon has raffle tickets, to be drawn every evening at the end of the day – a passing patient will be asked to make the draw. Delivery will be arranged. Raffle ticket details need a legible name and contact number ✓ A meeting of the sub-committee, Bob, Vanda, Angela, Jane, Elspeth will need to be arranged on Jane's return ✓ Lots of gaps in duty rota – Elspeth will circulate again. Even doing an hour at a time is fine, but we need cover of at least 2 per "shift". Bob has several medical appointments that week so help early and late to put up take down would be appreciated. <p><u>AOB</u></p> <p>Garden party at John's – first choice date is Sunday 16th July dependent on weather forecast and if poor then the 23rd of July date.</p> <p>In a short general discussion at the end of the meeting about increasing membership of the PPG, Sheila mentioned that people may not be able to attend on a Monday and perhaps discussion needed on timing of meetings. Steve indicated it could be looked at. There was a point made about formality of meetings also being a potential barrier.</p> <p>Meeting Closed.</p>	<p>Bob to arrange meeting date with Jane on her return.</p> <p>Elspeth to sort out rota</p> <p>Volunteers to help John -names to Elspeth. (Elspeth alas will not be able to attend either date but happy to help up front)</p> <p>Part of wider discussion about purpose and profile of PPG to be carried forward</p>
	<p>Next full PPG meeting – Monday 10th July 2023 @ 6.30pm</p>	<p>.</p>



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