

Blidworth and Ravenshead Patient Participation Group

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting Tuesday 18 March 2014 at Blidworth Surgery

Present: Gilly Hagen (Chair), Ann Wharmby, Kath McCreedy, Brenda Smith, Kath Arnold, Jenny Challenger, Pete Challenger, Brian Hagen, John Hallett, Keith Young; Dr Mattick, Rick Gooch (Practice Manager)

Everyone briefly introduced themselves to colleagues.

Chairperson's Report: Gilly gave a brief history of the previous four years and stated that the PPG exists as a voice patients, to provide liaison between patients and surgeries – 'Better Together' a government initiative.

More members are needed to sit on other groups, attend conferences etc., such as the National Conference on 27th June.

The DES report has been worked on by Gilly and Rick, to be completed by 31st March. Formal approval of this (previously circulated to some members was proposed by BS and seconded by KM.

Gilly thanked Ann for all her support throughout the year and everyone for the work done so far.

£898 in bank, including £391 from fund-raising efforts.

Ann reported on fund-raising so far. 12 volunteers are on board for Saturday 22 March – RSB.

Warm, Well & Wise event is scheduled for 7th July 2014. Gilly is hoping for a Police representation at WWW.

Rick explained his background and his hopes to bring to the PPG people from his Police background. His vision is a 1-team ethos of Blidworth/Ravenshead, not Blidworth and Ravenshead as has been the case in the past. He understands the dynamics of a split-site situation; Wednesday mornings he meets both Reception teams. Has a lot to do by end March.

Gilly informed members that stakeholder group meetings will take place on the last Tuesday of each month.

Action Plan submitted by Gill; wants to use this for the coming year. Proposed by KY and seconded by BH.

"What is a PPG?" (8 pages) and "Jargon Buster" documents were given to new members.

Election of Officers for the PPG: Gilly explained that life at present is difficult for Brian and herself and she cannot, therefore, cope alone with the role of Chairperson. Brian spoke on his own health situation and said that if Gilly is to carry on she will need substantial help..

Gilly, Rick and Ann left the meeting briefly and on their return Rick explained that Gilly would continue as Joint Chairperson alongside Ann as Joint Chairperson. Rick committed himself to providing support to them as necessary.

The Stakeholder Reference Group meetings need an extra person to attend on a rotation basis.

Gilly, Ann and Kath M will attend an all-day Conference at Southwell on 27th June.

An official guide for PPGs has been prepared nationally but we are already doing it.

Newsletter: Ann submitted an editorial for the local magazines. The Sherwood included half of it and Ravenshead included none of it.

A policy is to be developed for communicating with the community.

Gilly asked for a logo to be developed for our PPG.

Pharmacist will attend the next PPG meeting, to be at 5pm in Blidworth Surgery on 7th May, 2014.