

Albrighton Patients' Group

Minutes of Annual General Meeting held Tuesday 5th May 2015 at 6.30pm

1. Present:- Christine Hassall; Ann Burgess; Beryl Shelton; Len Warrilow; David Beechey; Sylvia Pledger; Dr. Uppal; Dr. Bird; Richard Shaw

Apologies: - Valerie Eastup; Gill Sower; Jenny Thomas

Keith Woodhead had notified the Secretary that through declining health he had found it necessary to resign from the Patients' Group. The Secretary was asked to write and thank Keith for his contribution to the Group's work.

The Chairman, Sylvia Pledger, welcomed Dr. Uppal and Len Warrilow to the meeting.

2. Annual General Meeting

2.1 Chairman's Report. The Chairman gave a brief verbal report covering activities over the last twelve months. She thanked members for their contributions to the work of the Group with especial thanks to Gill Sower for leading the Compassionate Communities (CoCo) project, her work with SPG and the FutureFit program and David Beechey for Health Watch and SPG attendance and contributions.

The last twelve months had been especially difficult for enlisting volunteers and for recruiting new members. Communication with members had continued to be a problem.

2.2 The Chairman also reported on the current financial position.

The Current Account stands at £2022.17. £800 of this money is ring-fenced for the Carers Group leaving £1222.17 for group activities and expenses.

The Chairman, Deputy Chairman and Secretary stood down.

2.3 Election of Officers.

No nominations or volunteers for any of the Group Offices had been received.

2.4/2.5 There were no comments to the Chairman's reports.

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2.6 Representation to the Shropshire Patients' Group

Gill Sower and David Beechey will continue as representatives to the SPG.

2.7 Representation to the South East Locality Group

(The SELG is a group of 4 local area practices with representatives from each Patients' Group)

Sylvia Pledger, Gill Sower and David Beechey will continue as representatives to the SELG.

The Annual General Meeting was concluded at this point.

3. General Discussion.

It was agreed that although no members could be found who would fill the vacant offices, all members wished the Group to continue and expand. There was a general feeling that more emphasis should be placed on local requirements and that this would need closer communication between the Practice and the Group to establish a development process. It would always be necessary to be aware of activities on a County and National scale but mainly on an information basis.

Dr. Bird announced that in the circumstances he was prepared to take over as Chairman of the Group on a temporary basis in order to allow regular meetings to take place against an agreed set program.

In light of this generous offer, Richard Shaw will continue as Secretary for the Group until a replacement comes forward.

4. Any Other Business.

4.1 Dr. Bird was asked to list the current Medical Practice personnel as there had recently been a number of changes.

Practice Partners. Dr. Macdonald; Dr. Bradley; Dr. Bird; Dr. Uppal; Dr. Quilter;
Dr. Hurst

Registrars. Dr. Awad; Dr. Rehman

Salaried GP Dr. Liu

Practice Manager. Valerie Eastup

Nurses. Lindsay; Chris; Jane

Health Assistants. Caroline; Sue

Phlebotomy. Judith

Reception Staff. Pam, Dorothy, Susan, Emma, Stephanie, Olivia

Currently the position of Community care Co-ordinator is vacant.

5. Date of Next Meeting. In general meeting frequency and dates will be agreed with Dr. Bird. **The next meeting will be Tuesday 30th June 2015 at 6.30pm.**

Richard Shaw, 13th May 2015.