# MINUTES PPG MEETING & AGM 17/10/23 11:00 AM

**Present** - Gemma Awde, Judith Marshall, Meg Kennedy, Barry Menear, Nikki Stocks, Elizabeth Hegarty, Roy Gunton, Margaret Gunton

Apologies - Tracy Wilson, Pat Power, Julia Grieve, Pat Dale

Welcome to any guests and new attendees - None

Minutes of last meeting - Approved as read.

**Update from the Practice -** Tracy was not able to attend.

Staffing

Appointment System

Lift

Outpatients & X-ray

Flu/Covid Days

Warm Space - More volunteers needed. Tracy will pay for training which can then be used to gain further employment.

Benches

### **AOB**

## **AGM**

**Annual Report** - Gemma Awde (attached)

Gemma was thanked for her year as Chair. Thank you Gemma. We've had a fantastic year.

#### **Election of officers**

Chair - Barry Menear

Vice Chair - Nikki Stocks

Treasurer - not needed, closing bank account of £74.32 will ask Tracy to hold temporarily in her office until we decide how to best make use of these funds (benches, etc.) Secretary - Judith Marshall stepping down, no available replacement candidate so will reassess at next meeting.

Thank you Roy for being an amazing Treasurer for many years under challenging circumstances with banks closing down one after the other. We are very lucky to have had your steadfast dedication, expertise and experience over the years. Thank you Roy. Your contribution is greatly appreciated.

### **Committee Members**

These will remain the same as the previous year pending verification from members at the next meeting.

Pat Power Alex Boyle Meg Kennedy Margareta Holmstedt Julia Grieve

## Plans for the year ahead

Minor Injuries Unit

Collect statistics to prove our point such as numbers of people travelling from Todmorden through Luddenden Foot to Halifax for treatment and appointments, Also the transport issues involved. Developing the green issues. Ask Tracy for a tour of the unused facilities including HB PPG so we know what we're talking about. Arrange an event and tour with MPs of all parties including Craig Whittaker and his successor, newspaper reporters, local tv, Tracy Brabin, and relevant NHS people, with the Tod and HB practices and PPGs working together. Look into costs of upgrading the filtration system for unused spaces to make them suitable for minor injuries unit so can provide relevant information.

Encourage more attendees to PPG Meetings
Raise online profile:
This Is Todmorden, What's On In Todmorden, Tod Chat.
Digital poster.
Our campaign may attract more people to join us.

Elizabeth Hegarty who is moving away and sadly leaving us has made many insightful and to the point contributions over the years, memorably distilling our jumbled thoughts after covid into concise, clear, well organised bullet points for public consumption for which we are eternally grateful. Also for keeping us on track in meetings and cutting through confusion to the heart of the matter. She suggested we add the tag line of "Your Health, Your Voice" to PPG as it more accurately tells people what was are about and would encourage greater participation. Everyone thought that was an excellent idea. Thank you for your contributions Elizabeth! We wish you all the very best in your new adventures.

Date of next meeting - Tuesday, January 16th 2024 11:00 am