

**Balance Street Health Centre**  
**Minutes**  
**Patient Participation Group (PPG) Meeting**  
**Monday, 13 January 2025 at 6.00pm**

**Present:** Ruth Kerry (Chair); Anita Thomas-Epple (Secretary); Ian Rose; Megan Emery (Reception Leader); Gill McGowan; Sue Dallison; Lorraine Tams; Dianne Robbins; Sally-Ann Owen; Kerry Fisher; John Glandfield (Mayor)

**Minutes:** ATE

<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Notes</b>	<b>Action</b>
<b>1.1</b>	<b>Apologies</b> Gill Simpson (Vice Chair); Carol Pickering (Treasurer); Lynn Furber; Tim Hames (Practice Pharmacist); Dr Atherton (GP). James Russell	
<b>1.2</b>	<b>Opening, Introduction and welcome of new members</b> Chair Ruth opened the meeting at 6.15pm after the AGM.	
<b>2</b>	<b>Matters Arising from Minutes of meeting</b>	
<b>2.1</b>	Tim, practice pharmacist will remain on PPG.	
<b>2.2</b>	Rotary's Forget-me-not Café is looking for new patients, Kate Nash to be in touch with Kerry at the practice.	
<b>2.3</b>	There was an erroneous paragraph in Item 3. This to be removed. Hannah to be changed to Harriet.	<b>IR</b>
	<b>Approval of the Previous Minutes</b> The minutes of the meeting held on 25 November 2024 were accepted as a true record.	
<b>3</b>	<b>Practice Update</b>	
<b>3.1</b>	Chair Ruth and Anita thanked Ian for taking on Secretary role on in her absence.	
<b>3.2</b>	Megan shared that the practice was rather shaken by the sudden passing of Dispensary Assistant Julie Cockeram. Megan was asked to represent the PPG with our condolences in the remembrance book/funeral.	
<b>4</b>	<b>Items for Discussion with MP visit</b>	
<b>4.1</b>	Jacob Collier MP has re-arranged his meeting with the PPG to 6pm on 7 February 2025.	
<b>4.2</b>	<b>Topics for Discussion:</b>	
<b>4.2.1</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Rural areas are suffering extreme difficulty with transport and accessing hospital appointments.</li> <li>2. Local clinics, rather than hospital appointments, should be reinstated as this would be more beneficial in allowing access to</li> </ol>	

	<p>consultants. This would mean more patients seen locally than the patients having to travel to hospitals.</p> <p>3. Needed: Minor Injury Centre for Uttoxeter. There is no local minor injury centre and those that exist are not local such as Samuel Johnson at Lichfield: 20 miles, Robert Peel at Tamworth: 28 miles, Haywood Community Hospital: 23 miles.</p> <p>Derby A&amp;E only 18 miles, Stafford A&amp;E only 13 miles, Stoke A&amp;E 20 miles.  Uttoxeter town and rural areas growing – need our own Minor Injury Centre to alleviate A&amp;E walk-ins.</p>	
<b>5</b>	<p><b>Any other business</b></p> <p>No matters raised.</p>	
<b>6</b>	<p><b>Next meeting Date</b></p> <p><b>Monday 17 March at 6.00pm</b></p> <p>Meeting concluded at 7:05pm</p>	