

Minutes of Praze PPG Meeting held at Praze Surgery at 7pm on 27th June 2018

Those Present:

John Nash
Margaret Nash
Mary Tipton
Ian Wilson
Helen Gambier
Alistair McLeod (Acting Chair/Vice-Chair)
Anne Craig (Secretary)

Apologies:

Christine Rowe
Jane Thompson (Chair)
Aurora Talbot
Evylyn Pinto-Willis
Ken Jones
Jan Jones
Tim Iremonger
Christine Iremonger
Dr Adam Ellery

Before the formal meeting commenced AC advised the resignation from the PPG of Averil Prior. AM advised that Averil was still happy to come and help out with Open Days hosted by the PPG. Debbie Chown an intended new member has been unable to schedule in the previous two meetings and has decided to withdraw from joining the PPG.

Declarations of Interest:

None declared.

1. Minutes of Previous Meeting on 9th May 2018

The Minutes were read and approved by all before signature by AM.

Proposed: AM

Seconded: AC

2. Matters Arising from Previous Minutes

There were no matters arising.

3. End of Term for Post Holders

AC advised that all Post holders had initially been appointed for 6 months, an interim period during which the PPG became established. This timescale has elapsed and all present were asked to consider if they wished to volunteer for a post. This invitation is also extended to those members unable to attend tonight's meeting. It was proposed and agreed that this item should be carried forward for further discussion at next meeting.

AC was asked by AM to give a brief report of GP Retirees and Existing/New GPs:

Dr Hugh Fairlie will retire on 31st August 2018 as Senior Partner. He will continue to offer some Locum GP sessions to the Practice afterwards.

Dr Joanne Ellery will become our new Senior Partner with effect from 1st September 2018.

Dr Spencer Quick became a Partner in October 2017

Dr Adam Ellery became a Partner from 1st April 2018 joining the practice from Cape Cornwall Surgery.

Dr Katherine O'Brien (Salaried GP) will continue to work Wednesdays and Fridays.

Dr Lucy Fletcher will work Wednesdays, Thursdays & Fridays from 1st September 2018.

AC was asked about Telephone Triage and advised we would continue this new system as it enabled the GPs to manage the increasing workload effectively, providing safe patient care.

AC was asked why evening surgery was held on 2 different weekdays and not one. AC advised that this was due to the work patterns of the GPs who undertook the clinics on Tuesday or Wednesday evenings from 18:30 to 20:00.

AC also advised that Dr Adam Ellery was offering a Saturday morning clinic, at Connor Downs on one Saturday each month from 08:30 to 12:30 offering working patients alternative choices for appointments.

4. Little Trefewha - coffee afternoon at 2pm on 17th July:

IW gave a brief report – advising of this new initiative which arose from his work with Little Trefewha on the EPIC project. It is intended as a drop-in event for the community and IW expressed a hope that the PPG could reciprocate by hosting a similar event. All agreed. AM suggested that it should be publicised on the practice local community notice board. AM thanked IW for working with Little Trefewha for this event.

5. AM asked if the PPG members would like to consider another workshop similar to that held in July 2017? Should we link it with the national Diabetes initiatives and involve PPG/Community/GP Practice? AM asked if there were any local organisations that would attend and issue general information to patients. AC advised that Cornwall Healthy Weight part of the NHS Health Promotions team may be willing to attend to speak with patients &/ or provide information. AM suggested the PPG organise a workshop/event perhaps once a quarter. Group discussion re item from previous meeting raised by MN: re an acquaintance who offers relaxation/mindfulness techniques. Would need a tranquil place for such an event. Could PPG assist with publicity. Can we invite this lady to a future meeting/workshop to talk about her work?

6. Review of Progress, Engaging with non-IT users:

AM suggested this item be carried forward to next meeting as AT was unable to attend tonight.

IW suggested a piece in West Briton and/or local Parish Chronicle/Village Newsletters as a means of publicising PPG to non-IT users. MT advised CDRA (Connor Downs Residents Association) has a quarterly newsletter circulated throughout Connor Downs village.

Does PPG need to appoint a Communications post-holder to coordinate all aspects of communications for the group?

7. Up Date on Website Review/Virtual PPG

In AT's absence AM suggested this item also be carried forward to next meeting.

IW gave a brief report of work he has undertaken - currently working with EPIC who hope to set up a site 'Cornwall One & All' similar to Facebook but more confidential. Bid in process and looking for donations of PCs to refurbish. Also details of Café Chaos and possible radio station.

8. Any Other Business:

HG stated that when people are lonely/bereaved/depressed/in pain they need a distraction. Could the PPG publicise/highlight local events that are happening?

AM asked 'How could this be set up by the PPG?'

HG suggested a folder containing details of when/where/what events were happening locally. Details could also be placed on TV screens at both surgeries.

AM: How can we take this idea forward?

HG advised that she would like to take this on – she could be the new Communications person discussed earlier in the meeting. Members could email details of events to HG.

HG confirmed she was happy for her email to be given to members – see below

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MN asked if the folder could include details of the Polymyalgia Group she works with?

HG suggested the folder has 2 areas – 1 social and the other health related. All agreed this was a good idea.

MT stated that if social and health materials were amalgamated then people may not feel so isolated.

HG encouraged all to start gathering information. Local people do not always know what events are happening in their own areas.

Dr Fairlie's retirement: at previous meetings the group discussed a gift for Dr F. AC had been tasked with finding suggestions for the gift and reported that Dr F had recently spoken of how he seen a bird box with integral webcam connected to a TV and would like one. MT advised that she knows a resident of Connor Downs who manufactures these and she would speak with him re costs. All agreed this was an excellent idea for a gift.

9. AM thanked all attendees for their contributions.

10. Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday 5th September 2018 at 7pm at Praze.