

**RIVERSIDE MEDICAL PRACTICE  
PATIENT SUPPORT GROUP**

**MINUTES** of a Meeting held at The Surgery on **Thursday 9th February 2017.**

**IN ATTENDANCE**

**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** received from

**NEW MEMBER** Colin welcomed

**MINUTES of Meeting held on 9th September 2016** had been circulated and were approved.  
**MATTERS ARISING** The Christmas meal at the Four Crosses Inn was an enjoyable occasion, and thanks for organising.  
Other matters to follow on agenda.

**TREASURER'S REPORT.** Little activity as no Christmas Draw last year, but current account shows healthy balance of £3,622.

**GUEST SPEAKER** It had not been possible to obtain the services of a Guest Speaker for this meeting due to previous commitments, but a list of Speakers for future meetings had been drawn up from May 2017 onwards. Some Speakers are now demanding fixed fees instead of voluntary donations, which would need to be considered before inviting them.

**PRACTICE NEWS**

**STAFF CHANGES .** Dr Lovett retired in November 2016, and it was agreed that the Group would acknowledge his departure with a gift token, as is our custom. It was also noted that Dr Akhaury would also be leaving shortly.

Additions to the staff include Aaran West and Ceri Brown, and that a vacancy for a clinical pharmacist had been advertised.

**NEW PREMISES** Tracy reported that the planning procedure was on-going, and that further details would be available shortly. A Q & A session ensued.

**CHANGE OF TITLE** Following discussion and the reasons explained, it was agreed unanimously that the Group would henceforth be known as the RIVERSIDE MEDICAL PRACTICE PATIENT PARTICIPATION GROUP. This would necessitate amendment to the Bank account and confirmation of the signatories.

**FUND RAISING** It was agreed that, instead of accumulating funds in anticipation of a request from the Practice, future fundraising events would be arranged for specific purposes, as it was felt that patients would respond more favourably if they were aware of the reason for it, and in what way they would benefit. This was seen as an important function of the Group.

**DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES AND NOTICES** In view of rising costs of materials and postage etc, it was suggested that notices of forthcoming meetings should in future be advised by e-mail to those members possessing this facility, and by post to others. This was agreed.

**DATES OF MEETINGS FOR 2017**

Thursday 11th May at The Surgery @ 7pm

Saturday 29th July - Garden Party @ ! @ 2:30pm

Thursday 14th September at The Surgery @ 7pm

Thursday 9th November at The Surgery @ 7pm

Monday 4th December at Four Crosses Inn @ 7pm for 7:30pm

Additional meetings may be called to up-date on new premises if the Group's input needed.

Members were thanked for their attendance, and the meeting closed