



PINN MEDICAL CENTRE PATIENTS' ASSOCIATION
Registered Charity No: 1095260

Minutes of Board Meeting held at the Pinn Medical Centre
Tuesday 2 July 2019

Attendance

Joanne Daswani (Chair) - **JD**
George Bardwell (Secretary) - **GB**
Sheila Cole (Associate Board Member) - **SC**
Anita Manek (Treasurer) - **AM**
Martin Grossman (Trustee) - **MG**
Yvonne Haines (Trustee) - **YH**
Jagdish Kapur (Trustee) - **JK**
Kevin Mahon (Trustee) - **KM**
Phillip Snell (Trustee) - **PS**
Jenny Stephany (Trustee) - **JS**
Brian Yim Lim (Trustee) - **BYL**
Dr Amol Kelshiker (Senior Partner - **PMC**)

1 Apologies for Absence

Nicky Heskin (Trustee), Dr Isobel Bleehen (PMC).

2 Minutes of Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the Board Meeting held on 4 June 2019 were approved.

3 Matters Arising from Previous Meeting

Consideration of Action Points and Matters Arising from the Meeting on 4 June 2019 were deferred to the next full Board Meeting.

4 Pinn Medical Centre Report

Dr Kelshiker had attended the meeting primarily to give an update on the state of play in respect of the proposed reduction in funding to the PMC and the threat that posed to the future of the Walk In Centre. He noted that:

- At the heart of the problem was the fact that the funding of extended opening hours and a walk-in centre for patients registered with the PMC was built in to the overall funding under the PMS contract, whereas the funding for patients not registered with the PMC was through a separate APMS contract.
- The Harrow Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) proposed to reduce the funding under the PMS contract to such an extent that the PMC did not think it would be realistic to continue to offer extended hours and a walk-in centre to its own patients.
- Although the additional APMS funding would remain the PMC was not prepared to end up in a situation where unregistered patients would be seen at the Pinn for 12 hours a day, seven days a week, whereas its own patients

would be denied access without an appointment, that would only be in normal working hours. Such a situation was unrealistic, and unethical.

- Thus the Pinn Walk-In Centre was likely to close, with patients having to go instead to A&E or an Urgent Care Centre - at a cost of many times more than the Walk-In Centre costs. And the Pinn would lose up to 20% of its present staff.
- The PMC had proposed that the CCG should take the following three steps:
 - Carry out a full public consultation on the proposals;
 - Maintain full funding for all patients using the Walk-In Centre, at least until all the proposed Primary Care Networks in Harrow were able to provide equivalent facilities;
 - If necessary re-procure these services through seeking fresh tenders from interested organisations (which would include the PMC).

The PMC's appeal against the CCG's proposals was due to be held on 19 July, and the PMC had taken steps to organise a petition protesting about the proposed reduced funding. The PMCPA would nominate Trustees (and Members) to join a PMC working group to decide on the campaign strategy (**Action GB**).

5 Election of Officers

All eleven Trustees had been re-elected to the PMCPA Board at the Annual General Meeting of the PMCPA held on 20 June 2019. Under the Constitution it was now for the Board to elect the Officers of the Association. The following were re-elected unanimously:

- Joanne Daswani - Chair,
- Kevin Mahon - Vice Chair,
- George Bardwell - Secretary,
- Anita Manek - Treasurer.

6 Review of the Annual General Meeting

It was noted that there were 98 Members present at the AGM, well over twice as many as in the previous year. Joanne had written to Nick Hurd MP thanking him for his attendance, a fact - together with the threat to the Walk-In Centre - that had significantly increased the number of Members present. The Board approved, with two amendments, the draft Minutes of the AGM 2019. It was agreed that all Members would be informed when the accounts had been signed off by the auditors.

George noted that, because it had not been included in the folder of papers for the meeting, the paper on the amendment to the PMCPA Constitution in respect of our Charitable Objects was not put to the AGM. Chris Daly, the former Secretary of the PMCPA who had been heavily involved in drafting the Constitution, had intended to argue that no change was necessary, and would be difficult to negotiate through the Charity Commission. He had also proposed some amendments. George, having discussed the matter with the Charity Commission, still took the view that as our Charitable Objects stood alone on the public Charity Commission website, they should be brought up to date to reflect our work. The Board agreed the Charity Commission's approval should be sought for our revised Charitable Objects (as agreed at the previous Board Meeting).

It was acknowledged that, especially in the light of the numbers present, there was considerable difficulty for many Members in being able to hear all of the

proceedings. Alternative venues would be considered for next year, and the hire, or purchase, of a sound system would be explored. **(Action JD, GB)**.

11 Miscellaneous Items

The following items were raised under Any Other Business:

- All Trustees present signed the PMCPA Code of Conduct;
- The Chair referred to the letter of complaint that had been submitted by Ivan Benjamin, the former Independent Accountant; noting that she had tried several times to discuss with him the PMCPA's wish to have the accounts fully audited and therefore to appoint external auditors (which had now been done on a pro bono basis); that the Association was very grateful to him for the work he had carried out; and that before his complaint she had visited him with a suitable gift to show our appreciation;
- The Recruitment Table set up next to the Macmillan Cancer Support Caravan in the Love Lane Car Park on 5 June 2019 had been very successful, attracting 42 new Members. Thanks were due to Kevin, Jenny, and Sue and George Bardwell for attending during the day;
- It was confirmed that a Quiz Night, organised by Nicky, would be held on 30 November at a venue still to be decided **(Action NH)**;
- Consideration would be given to a poster on training for the new app - Health Help Now **(Action JK)**;
- The EMIS system had now been improved to allow proxy access, the PMC would be asked when this would be made available to PMC patients **(Action GB)**;
- George would circulate an e-mail to all Members reminding them of the Carers' Café due to be the following Tuesday, 9 July 2019 **(Action GB)**.

12 Date of Next Meeting

The next Board Meeting is to be held at 1800 hrs on 3 October 2019 at the PMC.

GB July 2019