

**CARNOUSTIE MEDICAL GROUP  
PATIENT REPRESENTATIVE GROUP  
Minute of Meeting held at Parkview Primary Care Centre  
on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2023 at 2.15pm**

**Present – Chairperson/Treasurer – Stuart Anderson**

**Secretary – Ethel O’Donnell**

**Committee- Barbara Bromley, Pat Hay, Yvonne Smith, Margaret Boath, Ken Drysdale,  
Margaret McKinlay, Jeanne Kirk, Maureen Wilkie.**

**Apologies- Sheena Pritchard, Wendi Lees**

<p><b>1. Stuart welcomed all to the meeting and gave apologies as above.</b></p> <p><b>2. The Minute of the last meeting 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2023</b> was taken as read.</p> <p><b>3. Matters arising –</b></p> <p><b>i. Format of last minute</b> – This was questioned as it had a logo not approved by the group and information of finances which it had been agreed not to include in the minute. The explanation was that it was the only format available to the minute taker. It was accepted that future minutes will follow the agreed format.</p> <p><b>ii. Tour of telephone switchboard-</b> this has still not taken place and it was agreed to ask for a date ASAP to get this task fulfilled.</p> <p><b>iii. Healthcare Improvement Scotland Survey – ‘Access to GP Services’</b> SA is still awaiting the findings from the recent survey being conducted by HIS on what good access to general practice looks like.</p> <p><b>4. Finance</b> – There is no change since last report. The financial accounts will soon be ready for audit.</p> <p><b>5. Recycling project – blister packs</b> Superdrug stores with pharmacy facilities ie Superdrug, Overgate, Dundee - are the only places currently collecting blister packs for recycling. They have a contract with Terrcycle Global Foundation a non-profit making company working to reduce the flow of plastic waste. Other pharmacies have approached Terrcycle but they are unwilling to accept waste from them due to Superdrug having the local contract. SP has put a box into 2 charity shops as a trial to assess public response to having a collection for blister packs for recycling of waste. They are not named and to date there have been queries to which charity the collection is for, giving an indication there is a lack of public awareness to this global project. It is being monitored and more information is forth coming. Discussion covered safety risk issues relating to suitable secure containers for collection and the responsibilities of voluntary groups involved in such schemes. More information is needed before we can put our name publicly to such a venture. Further enquiries will be made.</p>	<p>Ethel</p> <p>Stuart</p> <p>Stuart</p> <p>All</p>
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**6. Update from CMG** - EOD gave an update received from WL.

**i. Ongoing services changes at PPCC** – currently reviews are ongoing on the service provision by NHS Tayside and the impact they will have on patients of CMG. When available, information will be published on the CMG website & FB page.

**ii.** Dr Steven Galbraith is to retire at the end of April and he will be replaced by Dr Jenna Simpson who will already be known to patients.

**7. Ongoing concerns on accessing health care** – a lengthy discussion took place on the apparent difficulties with current issues relating to accessing health care. It resulted in a decision being taken to ask members of CMG to join with the PRG group to hopefully help clarify reasons behind concerns about NHS service provision at local level. It is hoped this will help members of the PRG to be more effective in supporting the practice and the practice population.

**8. AOB**

**Gala Day – Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2023 in Carnoustie House Grounds** – an application form has been received from the Gala Committee to hold a stall on the day. This will be discussed at the next meeting. Deadline for application by 17th June 2023.

With business complete the meeting closed at 4pm

**Date & Venue of next meeting – Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2023 at 2pm in PPCC**

Ethel O'Donnell

*Ethel O'Donnell*

Minute Secretary

Date 30<sup>th</sup> March 2023

Minute approved ..... Date.....

Seconded..... Date.....

