

**CARNOUSTIE MEDICAL GROUP  
PATIENT PARTICIPATION GROUP**

**Review of Annual General Meeting held at Parkview Primary Care Centre  
on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2023 at 2pm**

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

**Secretary – Ethel O’Donnell**

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

**Apologies- Sheena Pritchard, Wendi Lees**

**1. Stuart welcomed** all to the meeting and gave apologies as above.

**2. Chairman’s report-**

In his report Stuart gave a positive introduction on the stability of the membership and commented that although we had lost a member, we had also gained one giving us a healthy committee of enthusiastic members.

He gave an account of some of the activities we have been involved in, in the past year.

i. The Housing Development v Health Care project was a long and ardent project over several years and became more urgent in the past two years with knowledge of unprecedented larger housing developments being proposed in the burgh which was causing concerns for health care providers in the town, in particular to us, were the concerns of the staff of Carnoustie Medical Group, and how they would cope with the expected rise in the practice population. Working with them, and with the support of other patient groups in Angus sharing similar concerns, we followed different avenues to try to resolve the issues. This culminated in us writing directly to the First Minister and Health Secretary of the Scottish Parliament, unfortunately our letter only reached the level of the GP Contract & Implementation Dept. at the parliament and the response was less than helpful and a follow up letter to this day awaits a response. From helpful consultations with local MSP Graeme Dey and Councillor David Cheape we had to concede that house building in burghs like Carnoustie will go ahead despite the real concerns within the community about already stretched services including health and social care. The project is on hold but we will continue to monitor the situation and it can be raised again at any time in the future should it be necessary.

ii. At the 2022 Carnoustie Gala Day we held a book stall and science activity where a member showed people magnified images of insects, leaves and even skin rashes to the fascination of the children involved. It was a fun day with good opportunity for engagement with the people of the Carnoustie community and beyond.

iii. Resulting from the success of the Monifieth PAG in running health support groups we considered the benefits of forming a Menopause Support Group in Carnoustie. However, after much consideration the decision was taken that this was not something we could take on board.

iv. Following a lapse during the Covid pandemic several members of the group last year resumed responsibility for decorating the Christmas tree and waiting area in PPCC.

v. At the January 2023 meeting Jill McLean, Practice Pharmacist gave us an enlightening talk on the journey of a prescription from request to delivery. This proved to be a most helpful and informative experience for the group. At this meeting Jill told us of an environmental project being developed in other areas to reduce harmful waste damage to the environment by collecting empty blister packs and sending them for recycling. We are currently looking into the most effective way to implement this project.

Stuart wound up his report by thanking the Group Secretary and all members of the group for their dedication and hard work in representing the patients of CMG and the support given to the staff and all team members of the Carnoustie Medical Group team in these difficult times. Thanks, and appreciation were also extended to Practice Manager, Wendi Lees for her continuing support and all members of the administration and medical team for their assistance and guidance.

**2. Finance** - Stuart presented an account of current financial details of the group.

**3. Election of Office Bearers** – Both the chair & secretary have completed more than the recommended terms of office and indicated a preference to step down to allow new appointments to be made.

In the absence of anyone present willing to take on the roles of Chair and Secretary Ethel was proposed by MMcK and KD to continue as secretary and accepted. The position of chair and treasurer will be reviewed at the next meeting.

All members of the committee agreed to continue in post.

With business complete the AGM moved onto the regular monthly meeting to discuss current issues.

Ethel O'Donnell

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Secretary

Patient Representative Group

Carnoustie Medical Group

30<sup>th</sup> March 2023

