

Parkinson's UK  
Cirencester & Stroud Branch  
Minutes of Annual General Meeting 18<sup>th</sup> March 2024  
St Lawrence Church Hall, Cirencester

Officiating: **Jack Grant** – PUK Campaigns Manager

23 members were in attendance.

**1. Welcome & Notices:**

Kevin Young (Chair) opened the meeting and welcomed all attendees.

**Notices:**

- Parky Pals Walking Football - Next Session **Tues 19th March**
- Nordic Walking - Next Session **Thurs 21st March** – note that the administration of class is being taken over by YuGo Nordic Walking. There will be no change to the delivery of the class. **Action: KDY will provide information to all attendees by end March**
- Cam & Dursley Members Meeting – **Thurs March 21st**- Speaker: The Canal & River Trust
- Cuppa-Chat - Cirencester Baptist Church (room 2) - **Wed 27th March** – Note KDY & KLY will not be at this session, **but the session will still go ahead.**
- Stroud Members Meeting - **Tues 9th April 2024** - Cream teas will be available as part of the Parkinson's Awareness Week & Speaker: Will be Sara with a taster session of "Live well & Dance"
- Coffee & Chat - Tetbury Goods shed Thurs **11th April**- we will be celebrating World Parkinson's Day with Cream teas
- Cirencester Members Meeting – **Mon 15<sup>th</sup> April** – Speaker: Mary Burton – Physio, and History of the Two Ronnies with Phil Collins.

We sadly announce the recent death of one of our members, Stuart Edlington, his funeral will be held at Kingsdown Crematorium at 12pm on 27<sup>th</sup> March, and afterwards at the Corinium Hotel.

**2. Apologies**

Apologies were received from: Anne & Marjorie Cunningham, Pete Stone & Christine Clarke, Brian & Jen Franklin, & Caroline Charrington.

**3. Acceptance of 2023 AGM Reports**

The 2023 AGM reports and minutes were accepted – Proposed by Val Threlfall, Seconded by Dave Trinder.

**4. Chairman's Report (KDY) – Chair**

KDY, Chair delivered his report. (Copy attached).

A question was raised in relation to how we can increase our membership within our area. This issue was discussed, an attempt was made to target medical practices with poster &

information, but they were taken down. It was agreed to focus on the Local Parkinson’s Nurses to spread the word in relation to our Branch & It’s activities:

**Action: The committee is to look at a way in which we can address this action. To be added to the next committee meeting agenda**

KDY thanked all the current committee members, and branch members for their support.

**5. Treasurers Report (JH–Treasurer)**

JH delivered the Treasurers report covering Year End 2023, and financial statement Copy is attached

It was proposed by Kath Clements, seconded by Janie Bates, and agreed by all members present, that a sum of £5k from the 2023 year-end account balance would be donated, with a potential of a further donation later in the Year dependant on the result of any fundraising efforts.

Several options as to where to donate to where discussed:

Options are:

- Research – (note if it was agreed to go to research, then the Branch is to agree which project it is to go to)
- Where the need is greatest
- Financial Assistance Programme
- To Support work in your region
- Improving Services

It was agreed that this decision would be made later. Options are to be circulated to all members for a consensus along with potential research projects.

**Action: KLY to circulate options etc**

**6. Acceptance of Financial Reports**

Steven Goldblatt proposed that the accounts were accepted, Kath Clements seconded the proposal. All attendees voted to accept them.

**7. Nominations & Election for 2024 Committee: Officiated by Jack Grant (JG)**

JG gave an overview of key issues happening in PUK:

<b>Committee Position</b>	<b>Nominee</b>	<b>Proposed By:</b>	<b>Seconded By</b>	<b>Accepted by</b>
<b>Chair</b>	Kevin Young	Steven Goldblatt	Angie Fenton	All Attendees
<b>Treasurer</b>	Jenny Hoffman	Karen Young	Lynn Alcock	All Attendees
<b>Secretary/membership Sec</b>	Karen Young	Kevin Young	Val Threlfall	All Attendees
<b>Committee Members/Volunteers</b>	Diane Shelley Kath Clements Steven Goldblatt Angie Fenton	Karen Young	Richard Alcock	All Attendees

	Janie Bates			
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**8. Close out of formal proceedings**

KDY closed out the formal proceedings with a vote of thanks to the Committee for all their work.

**9. PUK Campaigns Team**

Jack Grant gave a brief overview of what was happening with PUK, and an overview of what the campaigns team get involved in.

This led into discussions about members experiences and interactions (or lack of) with Parkinson’s nurses, consultants, and other medical professionals.

**Action: JG to facilitate a discussion with the Area Development Manager (soon to be in post) and the area medical professionals to set up a focus group to review the situation and how it can be improved. KDY to continue communication with JG to progress this action. Also to be organised is to use one or more of our members meetings as an interaction session for the PD Nurses.**

**10. Date of Next AGM:**

**March 2025 – tbc**