

**Minutes of the Falkland Surgery Patient Participation Group AGM held on Monday,
18th November, 2024**

The Chairman, Adrian Barker welcomed everyone to the meeting.

	Action
<p>1. <u>Minutes of the last meeting and matters arising</u></p> <p>The minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 13th November 2023 were agreed as a correct record.</p> <p>The Chairman thanked all Committee members for their efforts over the past year and informed the meeting of the resignation of Diana Mudge-Davies, the appointment of Peter Davies as Secretary and the appointments of Terry Harrison and Martyn Rees as Committee members.</p> <p>The meeting was informed that it was no longer necessary for the PPG to purchase a wheelchair for the practice since Bob Hills had kindly donated one.</p> <p>Over the past year the PPG has expanded the membership which now stands at 248; provided significant feedback to the Practice; produced 2 newsletters; started the process of preparing a report on digital access to the Practice; attended the Wash Common Community Festival; and provided stewards to assist the Practice at the flu and Covid vaccination clinics.</p>	
<p>2. <u>Treasurer's Report</u></p> <p>The Treasurer produced a detailed financial report (see attachment) and stated that at the end of the year the PPG had a healthy bank balance of £793.53.</p>	
<p>3. <u>Election of Committee and Officers</u></p> <p>At this point the Committee stood down and since all members were happy to re-stand it was proposed that they be re-elected <i>en bloc</i>, this was proposed by Jayne Hipkiss and seconded by Marnie Houslip. There being no objections the motion was passed unanimously.</p>	

<p>AB informed the meeting that there are vacancies on the Committee for both permanent and <i>ad hoc</i> members should anyone be interested.</p>	
<p>4. <u>Presentation by DR. Leigh Williams</u></p> <p>Dr. Williams gave an interesting presentation on issues related to Musculoskeletal health including causes of problems, treatments available and how best to access treatment. Dr. Williams also extended his presentation to inform the meeting of the pluses and minuses of PSA testing in relation to prostate cancer diagnosis.</p>	
<p>5. <u>Surgery Update by Mark Betkowski</u></p> <p>MB started his update by once again emphasising that it is no longer necessary to ring the surgery at 08.00 in order to get an appointment. Although the team is very busy (it had handled 250 contacts that day) anyone who calls during the day will be contacted.</p> <p>Patients receiving regular medication either by batch or repeat prescriptions will in future be contacted for a face to face review of their medication.</p> <p>Advertisements have been placed for another 3 day-a-week GP to join the Practice.</p> <p>Mark gave a short presentation on “Segmentation” a project being developed by the prestigious Johns Hopkin hospital in the USA which aims to identify and segment patients into risk groups requiring differing levels of medical care.</p>	
<p>After a short question and answer session the meeting terminated at 21.00.</p>	