

MINUTES OF THE PPG MEETING
HELD ON 6TH SEPTEMBER 2017
AT BELFORD MEDICAL PRACTICE

Present: Brenda Stanton, Rosemary Ellis, Joy Palmer-Cooper, Anne Gladstone, Majorie Turner, Stuart Roberston, Sheena Trotter

Apologies: Dennis Cromarty and Elaine Robertson

Joy gave a very interesting talk on “Project Sri Lanka” which was set up after the Tusnami in 2004. It is designed to deliver healthcare and education in that country. The talk was very interesting and all members said they had thoroughly enjoyed it and certainly learnt quite a bit about that country and the project itself. The PPG congratulated Joy and the team on doing amazing work in Sri Lanka.

Minutes of the Last Meeting

Discussion took place around the proposed merger of the PPG and the BMEF – would it work? It was suggested that we try to promote the PPG and the BMEF to see if by doing this the numbers of the BMEF could be increased. Promotion of the PPG could come from the practice e.g. newlsetter, letters, clinic letters etc. Details could also be put into the monthly Village Newsletters for Belford and Seahouses. Also maybe promote the BMEF in the same way as they do need more members. Some members of the PPG attend the BMEF meetings anyway. Did not feel that merging the two would work as part of the strength of the PPG is it’s autonomy.

BS agreed to give Practice Newsletter editorial team a piece about the PPG for inclusion in the new newsletter which will be in the next month for Christmas edition.

It had been suggested to maybe hold evening meetings of the PPG to encourage more people who work during the day and would maybe be interested in joining if the meetings were held in the evening. The problem with that would be the locking up of the surgery either Belford or Seahouses after the meeting.

AG is going to attend the next CCG group meeting.

Next meeting Tuesday 21st November 2pm at Seahouses Surgery