

## Minutes of PPG Meeting 11 January 2011

**Present:** Pat Lunn, Nick Derbyshire, Christine Crowther, Judith Clay, Shaun Snow, Billie Reeves, Bill Kirkland, John Riley, Wendy Riley

**Apologies:** Heather Swindell, Gill Roberts, Pat Miller

**Minutes of Last Meeting Approved.** No matters arising.

### **THE WAY FORWARD FOR OUR PPG**

The Chair presented a discussion paper to look at the profile, objectives and achievements of the current PPG. Chair reminded the group of the many interesting talks and presentations the group had organised over previous years and felt that the role of interface between patients and the practice had been fulfilled. Evolvement of the group was debated and the best means to achieve the widest consultation to ensure that local needs were met within the community. Nick reminded group that the in-house patient survey was no longer produced and this could be an area where the PPG could liaise with patients.

There was agreement that the profile should include representatives from as many user groups as possible including young people and parents of young children. Changes to the way the group functioned were debated with the possibility of focus groups being formed and meeting times varied to allow those unable to attend evening meetings.

Nick felt that with advanced planning daytime meetings at the surgery shouldn't be a problem and that he would approach the partners who may be aware of potentially interested patients.

Various possible events were proposed including  
Exhibition of old Cottage Hospital photos and memories  
Dedicated information days, ie nutrition, well being, local therapies.  
Get to know your surgery perhaps with memories from old surgery and information on our current services/user groups.

It was agreed that a half day event be held, possibly in July and perhaps in the centre of town (Town Hall or Medway?) for easier access. To include information on changes to GP roles, travel section (invite rep from student travel service and maybe Lady Manners liaison on upcoming foreign tours?) and general safety where local fire brigade/police could be in attendance.

A meeting to be held in near future to coincide with the Stay and Weigh baby clinic (Thursday mornings) where young parents could be informed about PPG. Nick to liaise with Health Visitor.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING: MARCH 1<sup>ST</sup> 2011 at 6.30pm**