**Minutes of the Meeting of Castle Medical Group PPG, held on Tuesday 19th November 2024 at CMG**

**In attendance**: Martin Cooper; Tony Green; Hilary Mercer; Bhiku Mistry; Lesley Salter; Jennie Caukwell.

**1** **Apologies for absence**

Clive Caulfield; Paddy Miles; Renee Robinson; Karen Wesson;

**2 Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 08th October 2024**

The minutes were accepted as a true record.

**3 Matters Arising**

LS had suggested inviting a vicar from a local chuch. LS to follow up. **LS**

**4 Report from CMG**

JC reported as follows:

* Staff Changes
* Other Vaccinations
* Appointment changes - sit & wait etc.
* Winter pressure details
* Nurse/HCA Appointments
* Fundraising

***Members are recommended to read the slides presented by JC attached to these minutes***

**5 FoCMG & Fundraising**

TG referred to the document and noted that the meeting of FoCMG had endorsed the use of the “easyfundraising” site. TG also noted that FoCMG had now been registered.

This was discussed and TG agreed to contact CMG (Jennie & Alison) to see how this process could be brought to the attention of all patients. TG

TG reported on the work of PPG volunteers at both the flu clinics and the Children in Need fundraising and thanked all those people who had taken part.

TG noted that there was certainly a willingness of PPG members taking part, when they were able. A great effort by all those involved.

NB The CMG fundraising had raised nearly £800 in total and the work of the PPG on Tombola had raised over £275.

**6 Report of the Chair**

The Chairman, MC reported as follows:

* Meeting with Civic Society and the issue that it appeared there was no provision for an extra Surgery in the whole Money Hill development.
* the issue of expansion at CMG site was still under discussion. This was with the owners and the District Valuers.

MC then asked that the secretary record the great appreciation of the PPG for Dr John Addison on behalf of the patients for all the work he had put into the Practice over a long period. Indeed, also at a time with so many fundamental changes in the Health landscape over the last 10 years.

The meeting unanimously wished Dr John Addison all their best wishes in his retirement - and promised when they met him out and about - there would be no mention of health

issues!

**7 Any Other Business**

i) LS queried e referrals and JC explained the system

ii) LS queried the process if a referral was given by a private consultant. JC believed that if a patient opted out of the NHS and went to a private consultant for a referral, the patient would come off the NHS waiting list. JC explained that otherwise, this would result in a patient going to the head of the queue unfairly.

JC clarified that if a patient used a private consultant purely for a diagnosis, this would not influence the position on an NHS waiting list for treatment, as this had no effect on the position of the patient.

JC agreed to check on the process regarding referrals. JC

8 **Date of next meeting**

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, 21st January, 2025, at 11.00am at CMG.