

Highland Local Dental Committee

Minutes of meeting held 25th February 2021

Venue - Zoom.

AGENDA

1. LDC Committee
 - a. Executive
 - b. Office Bearers
2. Ideas for sub committee's (cpd etc)
3. LDC National Conference
 - a. who is attending (4 delegates)
 - b. motions
 - c. roles at national level
4. Levy and Bank Account
5. GDP sub committee (malcolm)
6. SDA update- Cameron
7. Commitment payments (what are they, how do they work and issues encountered in the past)
8. Any other questions or points to be raised

PRESENT:

MD Matt Dickie (Vice-Chair)
NW Neil Wallace
LG Linda Garwood
SG Shona Grant
ZA Zahid Ahmad
GA Grant Rutherford
HA Hazel Adamson
EB Eddie Bateman
KP Karthikeyan Ponnusami
HW Helen Wallace
DM Duncan McSporrán
CD Ciara Dunleavy
CM Cameron McLarty
JR John Rautenbach
MJ Malcolm Jones
+ Raghu Lai's iPad (name?)

APOLOGIES:

JB John Barry
AC Andrew Cobban
KW Kirstin Walker

MINUTES

1a. LDC committee members (executive)

MJ Advised that 12 nomination forms were submitted, making elections unnecessary.
Therefore the 12 GDPs on the LDC executive will be as follows

- John Barry
- Matt Dickie
- Andrew Cobban
- Zahid Ahmad
- Neil Wallace
- Karthikeyan Ponnusami
- Duncan McSporrán
- Ciara Dunleavy
- Grant Rutherford
- Hazel Adamson
- Cameron McLarty
- Lindsey Mathers

In addition, as per constitution, the following dentists are on the executive.

- Chair of the Area Dental Committee (ADC)
 - Eddie Bateman
- DPAS
 - Malcolm Jones
 - Gregor Muir
 - Stuart Robb
 - Linda Garwood

(NOTE - there can be up to 4 other co-opted members if required)

1b. Appointment of office bearers for the current year.

The following names were proposed.

Chair : John Barry
Vice Chair : Matt Dickie
Secretary : Neil Wallace
Treasurer : Andrew Cobban

JB, **MD** and **NW** have agreed to take these positions.
AC was not present, but proposed by Malcolm Jones.
(**AC** to confirm he is willing to take on the treasurer role.)

In the absence of any further nominations, it was unanimously agreed that these roles are now filled.

2. Sub Committees.

A brief discussion about sub committees.
It was agreed that non were currently required, but should form should that become the case.
CPD and Audit/QI were mentioned as possible sub committees of value.

3. LDC national conference.

This is to take place (virtually) on Friday the 23rd April. We are to send a maximum of 4 delegates.
The following members indication a willingness to attend, and if all are able to make that date it is hope they can communicate and decide between themselves as to the final line-up.

- **JB**
- **MD**
- **ZA**
- **LM**
- **CD**

4. Levy and Bank Account.

Treasurer (**AC?**) to obtain information from the Bank Of Scotland (or similar) on what is required to set up a "Treasurer Account" for the LDC. Signatories to be the treasurer + others.

A discussion was had over the costs the LDC will incur (travel expenses for delegates, compensation for lack of practice time as necessary etc.) As per usual LDC setup, we are to fund this via NHS Schedule means, but also allow for other methods of contribution from non-NHS practitioners etc..
Proposals to be obtained and discussed regarding how we go about this. Flat rate / %age of gross / etc.

NW suggested that we may wish to see if anyone is prepared to sponsor this group.

NW also suggested that we approach the national LDC to see if they are in a position to rebate any of the funds we donated to them when the Highland LDC was abolished previously. No harm in asking?

5. GDP sub committee.

MJ advised that 4 members of the LDC executive should go forward to this committee.
For further investigation into what this entails and then to seek volunteers.

6. SDA (Scottish Dental Association) update.

CM, on request, gave us an update on this embryonic association.

The SDA has grown out of the practice owner's group.
Primary goal is to be involved in the renegotiation of the SDR.
CM mentioned that the pilot schemes have been dropped.
The SDA is not seeking to replace the BDA, but have a more specific voice as a trade union open to all dentists, not just practice owners.
They currently have approx 1000 potential members interested via their Facebook page.
2 days ago Companies House registration has been received.

7. Commitment Payments

CD raised an issue that commitment payments are not being credited with the Covid top up mechanism.
MJ has agreed to raise this issue on our behalf.

The issue of Covid Payments was discussed further.
CM stated the he and **JB** were already in discussions with Barbara Simpson and Alex Fraser of Highland Health Board to re-evaluate Covid Support.
ZA also stated he is having similar ongoing negotiations.

8. AOCB

MJ noted that Barbara Simpson is shortly to go on phased retirement.
He suggested that the LDC consider asking their membership to club together and get her a parting gift.

NEXT MEETING

Virtual Meeting via Zoom - **30th March 7pm** .
NW to host and forward meeting invitations nearer the time.