

Highland Local Dental Committee

Minutes of meeting held 30th March 2021

Venue - Zoom.

AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence
 2. Minutes of previous meeting
 3. Matters arising
 4. Update on Levy and Bank Account
 5. AOCB
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PRESENT:

HA Hazel Adamson
ZA Zahid Ahmad
NB Neeraj Balli
JB John Barry (Chair)
EB Eddie Bateman
MD Matt Dickie (Vice-Chair)
CD Ciara Dunleavy
LG Linda Garwood
SG Shona Grant
MJ Malcolm Jones
CMcL Cameron McLarty (entered the meeting @ 7:30pm)
DMcS Duncan McSporrان
KP Karthikeyan Ponnusami
NW Neil Wallace (Secretary)

APOLOGIES:

LS Lynsey Smith

MINUTES

2. Previous minutes.

The minutes from the meeting held 25th February 2021 was proposed as an accurate record of the meeting by **CD** and seconded by **DMcS** .

3. Matters Arising from previous minutes.

- GDP Sub Committee.

A decision (with an election if necessary) was to be taken as to which four members of the executive should represent us.

The following have put themselves forwards. **JB MD ZA CD**

As there was no need for an election, it was proposed by **NW** and seconded by **DMcS** that these four members are hereby appointed as our representatives.

It was noted that several members were already on the GDP Sub Committee due to their other roles. **EB** is on as chair of the ADC. **LG** is on as a dental advisor.

- Scottish Dental Association.

JB asked for a clarification of what the SDA aims were. Other than what was minuted, ie. a new lobbying/negotiation body, we couldn't fully answer his query.

It was suggested he speak to **CM** directly for this. (CM was not present at this point in the meeting)

KP used the topic of negotiation to mention that the CDO was waiting for the profession to tell him what we wanted.

- Barbara Simpson.

The appeal for donations towards Barbara's retirement gift has raised £815 to date.

It was agreed to send her this in the form of a cheque.

JB to get a card.

4. Update on Levy and Bank Account

At the last meeting, Andrew Cobban was "volunteered" to be LDC treasurer. He has not appeared willing to accept this nomination.

The necessity for us to appoint a treasurer and obtain a bank account is carried over for discussion at the next meeting.

We had a discussion about how we should fund the group. Greater Glasgow LDC use the mechanism of a %age from NHS schedule. We pondered how private dentists could contribute.

For **everyone** to consider and discuss at the next meeting.

5. AOCB

- **CD** raised the issue that covid top up payments was not being applied to commitment payments. **MJ** committed to looking into this and reporting back.

- Individual cases of dental hardship.

A discussion ensued as to how we have individually had a very different experience of the various financial support means over the past 12 months.

LG suggested that we put together some case studies so that we can use these when negotiating on behalf of colleagues.

JB MB NW to get together and make this happen.

NEXT MEETING

It was agreed to meet before our delegates attended the LDC conference (which is on the 23rd April 2021).

It was also agreed that we meet at the slightly later time of 7:30pm.

Virtual Meeting via Zoom - **21st April 7:30pm** .

NW to host and forward meeting invitations nearer the time.