

# Highland Local Dental Committee

Minutes of meeting held 24st May 2021

Venue - Zoom.

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## AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence
  2. Minutes of previous meeting
  3. Matters arising
  4. Scottish LDC Conference Report from Attendees.
  5. GDP Sub-Committee
  6. AOCB
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## PRESENT:

**ZA** Zahid Ahmad  
**JB** John Barry (Chair)  
**EB** Eddie Bateman  
**MD** Matt Dickie (Vice-Chair)  
**CD** Ciara Dunleavy  
**LG** Linda Garwood  
**SG** Shona Grant  
**MJ** Malcolm Jones  
**LM** Lindsey Mathers  
**CMcL** Cameron McLarty  
**KP** Karthikeyan Ponnusami  
**GR** Grant Rutherford  
**NW** Neil Wallace (Secretary)

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## MINUTES

### 1. APOLOGIES:

**HA** Hazel Adamson  
**DMcS** Duncan McSporran  
**LS** Lynsey Smith

## 2. Previous minutes.

The minutes from the meeting held 21st April 2021 were proposed as an accurate record of the meeting by **JB** and seconded by **ZA** .

## 3. Matters Arising from previous minutes.

- Barbara Simpson.

**MJ** met with Barbara and presented her with a cheque for £1,300 on the 27th April.

We have received the following acknowledgement from her:

*Well folks, this is me signing out and I want to thank you all for your collection on my retirement. I am truly overwhelmed by your generosity. As I said to Alex, I only did my job! But I did take great pleasure in helping you all as much as I could and if it made your job easier, then I'm thankful for that.*

*I must say, retirement is rather nice, although I still feel that I'm just on leave and will have to tackle an in-box full of emails on my return! I have so much time now to spend with my family and my first retirement project is training our 11 week old Rhodesian Ridgeback puppy. So if your walking anywhere in the Highlands and you see a woman with a Ridgeback, it could well be me, so come and say hello.*

*Thank you once again for my amazing retirement gift, which is so appreciated.*

*Best wishes to you all, and keep up the good work!*

*Barbara*

- Bank Account for the Highland LDC.

**AC** still to set up a Bank Account for us.

- Covid payments.

**ZA** and **JB** are in a situation where covid payments have ceased because of an associate leaving.

They are now in a position where they are committed to providing care for those patients without this essential extra funding.

The meeting agreed that in such circumstances, payments should "follow the patients, not the dentist".

A side effect of this policy is that dentists are being discouraged from moving between practices and/or providing locum work etc..

The meeting feels that the silence from the CDO and the Scottish Government on this matter is unacceptable given the period of electioneering purdah is now over.

**NW** to draft a letter all Highland MSPs.

**EB** is hoping to meet with Maree Todd (his newly re-elected MSP) who has been given a ministerial role in healthcare.

#### **4. Scottish LDC Conference**

On Friday 23rd April, **JB** , **MD** , **ZA** and **CD** represented the Highland LDC at the Scottish LDC conference, which was held virtually.

A short report on this meeting was given. The general feeling from the delegates was that the conference was not terribly productive.

#### **5. GDP Sub Committee**

**MJ** reported that 6 nominations were received, those being **ZA** , **EB** , **HA** , **CM** , **MD** , **DMcS** .

Unfortunately nominations from **CD** and **JB** went astray.

This issue will be resolved by co-opting them at the earliest opportunity.

4 of the above will go forward to represent the GDC Sub-Committee on the Area Dental Committee.

#### **6. AOCB**

- Grampian LDC have invited us to send a representative to their meeting which is to be held on the 8th June 2021.

#### **NEXT MEETING**

It was agreed to hold the next meeting on a Monday evening to enable other members to attend.

Virtual Meeting via Zoom - **Wednesday 7th July 7:30pm** .

**NW** to host and forward meeting invitations nearer the time.