

Morgannwg Local Dental Committee

General Meeting of General Dental Practitioners.

Minutes of the Meeting held at the Postgraduate Department, Morriston Hospital on Monday 30th March, 2009

Present

Ewart Johnstone in the chair, Roger Pratley, Janet Megins, Mark Harris, Lisa Howells, John Anderson, Wayne Richards, Geraint Jeffreys, Leslie Hicks, Pam Norman, David Jones, James Davies, Dave Westcott, Rob Elliott, Helen John, Stephen Gould, Tony Fodor, Tony Beak, Gareth Davies, Rhian Humphreys.

BGM2009 - 1. Apologies for absence

Bill Walters, Rhian Paul, Mike Spencer-Harty, Richard Jones, Rhian Jones, Chris Wills-Wood.

The Chairman informed the meeting of the accidental death of Barbara Geddes and expressed sympathy to her family.

BGM2009 - 2. Minutes.

The Minutes of the BGM held on Monday 11th December 2006 were accepted.

BGM2009 - 3. Matters Arising.

- AOB item 4.* The numbers of overseas dentists practising in the Morgannwg area at present are as follows:-
Bridgend - Total 58 of dentists, 3 of which are non UK trained.
Neath Port Talbot – Total of 51 dentists, 5 of which are non UK trained.
Swansea – Total of 103 dentists, 13 of which are non UK trained.
This is approximately 10% of dentists trained outside UK.
- AOB item 5.* The CDS is not represented by the LDC as they do not pay the LDC levy and the LDC has no negotiating rights with the trust.
- AOB item 7.* Domiciliary contracts will be going out to tender with strict guidelines, patients will have to meet strict criteria before they can receive a home visit. The UDA value will be set at approximately £46.00 per UDA. It was felt that the money being made available would be better spent on a dedicated domiciliary service similar to the one which is currently being run in Neath Port Talbot. The CDS is currently understaffed and unable to offer this service.

BGM2009 - 4. Appointment of Tellers.

No tellers were appointed.

BGM2009 - 5. Chairman's Report.

The Chairman's report was read and accepted.

Efforts should be made to recruit younger dentists to LDC meetings, including VDPs.

BGM2009 - 6. *Treasurer's Report.*

The Treasurer's report was read and accepted.

Only 60% of dentists are currently paying levy, those that don't are mostly younger dentists. Again it was felt this was down to lack of knowledge of the role of LDCs.

BGM2009 - 7. *Secretary's Report.*

The Secretary's report was received and accepted.

BGM2009 - 8. *Election of the Committee.*

Membership of the Committee should consist of 20 members; there being 10 members for Swansea and 5 each for Neath Port Talbot and Bridgend. At present there are 2 for Bridgend, 3 for Neath Port Talbot and 10 for Swansea.

Rhian Paul and Tony Fodor were nominated for Bridgend.

Leslie Hicks and John Anderson were nominated for Neath Port Talbot.

Rhian Humphreys to attend LDC meetings to represent VTs.

BGM2009 - 9. *Motions.*

No motions had been received.

BGM2009 - 10. *Amendments to the constitution.*

Since the General Meetings are held biennially, officers will carry out a two year term.

BGM2009 - 11. *Amendments to the standing orders.*

None had been received.

BGM2009 - 12. *Any Other Business.*

Professor Wayne Richards gave a very informative presentation on the WAG Task and Finish Group on the review of the NHS dental contract in Wales, which he chairs.

There being no further business, the chairman thanked members for attending and the meeting was closed.