

**ROYAL COLLEGE OF GENERAL PRACTITIONERS
NORTHERN IRELAND COUNCIL**

**Council Committee Meeting Monday 12 November 2007, Radisson Hotel, Belfast
Minutes of Meeting**

Attended By: Drs Johnston, Dorman, Hall, Loughery, White, Mulholland, McAughey, Doran, Jack, Scott, Dobbs, McKenna,, Prof Brown, Prof Dobbs
Mrs AM Murray, Mr Paul Archer
Mrs Hilary deLyon

Staff in attendance Dr Val Fiddis,
Mrs Lindsay Wallace

Apologies: Drs McKnight, Reilly, Rea

(These are brief minutes as the minute- taker could not attend)

Agenda Items

2. Minutes of Last Meeting

The minutes of meeting of 11 Sept 2007 were circulated to all members and approved.

3. Matters Arising from Minutes

There were no matters arising which were not included in the agenda.

4 Chairman's Report

This was the first Council meeting with Dr David Johnston as chairman. The Council meeting immediately followed the AGM where Dr Johnston addressed all members and observers – this address is to be published on the NI web site. Dr Johnston went on to update Council on the current consultation regarding proposals for rural GPs within the College.

The Council welcomed Dr Johnston to the position of chairman and looked forward to working together. Dr McAughey, the previous chairman, will remain on Council for a term.

Immediate Past Chairman's report

Dr McAughey, as immediate past chairman gave Council the following update report:-

- CEMACH – work is on-going regarding “why mothers die”. A leaflet with learning points for GPs has been discussed. Dr McAughey will update next Council on any other issues for consideration.

- Educational Consortium – this is proving to be a useful link and provider accreditation is still being developed.
- RCGP Conference “A Fresh Approach” – this was a very successful and worthwhile event and all GPs should be encouraged to attend.

5 Meetings attended by Vice chair

Dr Doran updated Council in regard to the following meetings

- Pandemic flu strategy group – this group has not met again.
- RCGP/NSPCC – handbook re child protection, this group is due to meet again in London in October.
- All party Thrombosis working group – this group met in Stormont and Dr Doran is invited to represent NI Council at Westminster shortly

5(a) Update from Reps on Committees

Dr Chris Hall circulated his report of the Local Advisory and Investigative Panel (EHSSB) meetings. Council thanked Dr Hall for his continued excellent representation on this important work.

Dr Maeve Lambe’s report of the Professional Development Board was circulated and Dr Lambe was thanked for her continued excellent representation on this important work.

6 Update on Revalidation/Re-certification

Dr McAughey informed Council that unfortunately the meeting had been cancelled. It is to be re-scheduled for the new year and Dr Johnston will be attending in his capacity as chairman

7 PiP Group Establishment Update

Mr Archer updated Council as follows:

- Interviews were held the previous week and the calibre of applicant was extremely high.
- Four candidates had been offered this position and had accepted.
- A launch of the group is being planned and Council will be updates

8 2007 Celebration Evening

Mrs Wallace updated Council on final arrangements for the evening which is on 1 December at the Dunadry Hotel. Over 250 people have booked already and the permanent secretary of the DHSSPS has confirmed amongst other VIP guests.

9 2007 NI Events

Mrs Wallace gave an update on current events being proposed

- Sudden Death in Adults – possible across the border with sports associations involved
- Consulting Skills with Dr Roger Neighbour

Both of these events were warmly welcomed by the Council who looked forward to receiving more details once finalised.

10 ROI Faculty Update

Dr Jack update Council regarding the following:

- An interesting conference with Rob Walker has been organised for December 7, awards will be presented at this meeting also.
- The Faculty still has some concerns regarding the new pathway to fellowship.

11 NI Quality Programme update

A full report was tabled by Miss Foley;

12 NI Primary Care Support Staff Training Update

Val circulated a full report and update.

13 UK Council Update

Prof Brown is the NI Council representative at UK Council. He updated Council with current considerations and drew attention to the following areas of particular note.

- Launch of Roadmap for General Practice
- Introduction of AiT committee

14 Any Other Business

Dr Doran referred to the difficulty in attracting members to the AGM. She suggested that Council could include an educational aspect to promote attendance. Dr Johnston thanked her for this and will aim to change the format of the meeting.

15 Date of Next Meeting

- **Monday 11 February 2008 at 8pm, MALONE LODGE HOTEL, EGLANTINE AVENUE, BELFAST**