ROYAL COLLEGE OF GENERAL PRACTITIONERS
TAMAR FACULTY

Minutes of the 37th AGM of the Tamar Faculty
held at 12.30 pm on Thursday, 21 April 2016
at The Flybe Centre, Exeter

Present: Dr Caroline Aldam, Dr Jaqueline Anderson, Dr Claire Beirne, Dr Mary Bradley, Dr Nick Bradley, Dr Charlotte Bradley, Ms Kathleen Bull, Dr Joanne Butterworth, Dr Ann Chala, Dr Chris Clark, Mrs Kathleen Clist, Mr Jeff Lockett, Dr Gregory Davis, Dr Timothy Dyke, Dr Katherine Foster, Dr Jayne Govier, Dr Emma Green, Dr Joshua Hamilton, Dr Sophie Heaton-Renshaw, Dr George Heaton-Renshaw, Dr Allison Hibbert, Dr Susanna Hill, Dr George Kivell, Dr Daniel Lang, Dr Emma Mair, Dr Alex McLaren, Dr Stephen Moakes, Dr John Moffat, Dr Rebecca Osborne, Dr Susan Overal, Sir Denis Pereira Gray, Dr Rachel Prince, Dr Shipra Rao, Dr Kyle Stewart, Dr Nwe Tun, Dr Stephen Vercoe, Mrs Samantha Walker, Jane Moxon, Dr Robert Sibbald

1. Apologies for Absence
   Apologies were received from Prof John Campbell and Dr Richard Pratt.

2. Minutes of the last Meeting
   The minutes of the 36th AGM held on 16 July 2015 were agreed as being a true and accurate record.

3. Matters Arising
   There were no matters arising.

4. Chair’s Report
   The Chair, Dr Jonathan White, welcomed everyone to the meeting and gave his report.

   RCGP Tamar Faculty AGM, 21.04.16, Chairman’s Report

   Welcome to the 2016 AGM of the Tamar Faculty of the RCGP. It has been another hard year for GPs and General Practice, and I personally think that the partnership model of general practice looks more under threat than ever. Also as you all know the health communities of Devon and Cornwall are being challenged financially like never before.

   This is the end of my fourth and final year as chair of Tamar Faculty and I have enjoyed the challenges and achievements of the role. However, the day job continues to get busier and I think I now need to spend more time with my patients.

   Since the last AGM and study day at Buckfast in July last year we have been through several changes. In October we said farewell to Liz Bell who had been our Faculty administrator for longer than I have been involved in the Faculty and who knew how to make things happen seemingly effortlessly. We have welcomed Alice Sefton our new administrator and she fitted in to the role well.
The 2015 McConaghy lecture was given by Professor Willie Hamilton and he explained the background to the new NICE cancer guidelines. Also for the first time in years we changed the venue to the RILD building in Exeter and invited Exeter and Plymouth medical student members of the GP Societies.

We have supported both University GP Societies financially and are trying to increase awareness amongst the medical students of the attractions of a career in General Practice. To further this aim Tamar Faculty proposed a motion at the RCGP national Council proposing that the “Tamar Faculty of the RCGP requests the Council of the RCGP to take all reasonable steps to ensure that General Practice is taught as a medical speciality within UK medical schools”. This motion was passed unanimously. Thanks must go to Denis Pereira Gray and Nick Bradley for their work in writing a supporting paper.

Also this year we continued to run monthly CPD evening meetings in Exeter, Plymouth and Truro and the First 5 mentoring scheme continues.

We have re-launched the Kieran Sweeney Prize which will now be offered nationally and the Sir Denis Pereira Gray Fund has been launched to support local GPs to undertake research or education. Further details are on our website.

Finally thank you to everyone who has helped me over the past four years. I hope I have largely achieved my aim of empowering people with good ideas to carry them out themselves. I wish my successor good wishes in their new role.

5. **Treasurer’s Report**
The Treasurer, Dr Chris Clark, summarised that the Faculty finances were in good health and that the Faculty will continue to organise events that appeal to members. Up to date accounts will be available to view on the website. There were no questions.

6. **Provost’s Report**
The Provost, Dr Nick Bradley, introduced himself and thanked Dr Sally Simmons and Dr Chris Clark for organising the Study Day. He introduced Mrs Alice Sefton, the new Faculty administrator and expressed thanks to Mrs Liz Bell for 12 years of service.

In addition Dr Bradley expressed thanks to the Faculty Board members for attending Board meetings, the Tamar Faculty education leads, Dr Chris Campbell, Dr Shipra Rao, Dr Emma Mair and Dr Susanna Hill for carrying out the main functions of the Faculty and to the GPs who teach medical students in the practice.

Dr Bradley expressed his thanks on behalf of the Faculty to Dr Jonathan White (the retiring Chair) for services and great work and presented him with a gift, he explained that we would not lose Jonathan as he would continue to represent the Faculty at the College Council.

Dr Bradley explained that the McConaghey lecture had taken place in November 2015 and that Professor Willie Hamilton gave the lecture and went on to explain that Professor Hamilton is one of 5 Professors of General Practice within the Tamar Faculty so the Faculty is well placed in education for the future.

Also locally is Dr Sarah Wollaston MP, Chair of the Health Select Committee whose review of Primary Care has been published.
Dr Bradley informed those present that the Faculty had succeeded in encouraging College Council to support the motion that General Practice should be taught as a medical speciality and that the hope was that those who do teach it will soon have a curriculum.

Dr Bradley introduced the Kieran Sweeney prize and encouraged people to submit entries.

Dr Bradley had three hopes for the coming year, which are as follows:

- Improve communications with members, look at innovative ways of communicating.
- Find an education lead for Torbay
- Develop involvement with Plymouth Medical School

7. **Election of Faculty Officers**
   Dr Nick Bradley took the Chair to elect Faculty Officers.

   There was a vacancy for the Chair and Dr Bradley asked for nominations. Susanna Hill was voted in as the Faculty Chair. Dr Chris Clark (Treasurer) and Dr Shipra Rao (Honorary Secretary) were both re-elected.

   Dr Bradley announced the resignation of Dr Mark Clayton from the Board and asked if any members would like to stand on the Board.

8. **Election of new members to the Faculty Board and re-election of members retiring by rotation**
   There were no new members appointed to the Board

   Dr Bradley passed the Chair to Dr Susanna Hill

   Dr Susanna Hill introduced herself and said it was an honour to be asked to be Chair of the Tamar Faculty Board. She wants to work closely with education and societies and felt that it was a good time to be on the Faculty Board and to build on the work that Dr White had been doing. Dr Hill told those present that the members are The Faculty and ask them to feedback any ideas that they may have.

9. **Any Other Business**
   There was no further business