



Minutes of the PPG Meeting 13 May 2026

Attendees: Alan White (Chair), Donald Gordon, Susan Zappert, Amanda Brodie, Frank Brown, Pamela Rotheroe, Kerry Donaldson (Practice Manager), Dr Hamish Shearer and Dr Mark Grandison

Item 1; Welcome and Apologies

Apologies; John Greensmyth (Secretary), Maureen Cuthbert, Neil Smillie, Pamela Rotheroe and Caroline Littlejohn

Item 2; Approval of minutes from meeting 11 February 2026;

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved

Item 3; Matters Arising

Article to fountain was submitted by Practice.
Summer Newsletter will be issued at beginning of June.

Item 4; EMIS to Vision changeover

The Practice is currently in the process of moving from the old clinical system to the new clinical system. The Practice will continue to operate during this time, but services may be slightly slower than usual.

Item 5; Aboyne Highland Games funding bid; update

Neil has submitted an application, with guidance from the Committee. The theme year is mental health. We are currently awaiting confirmation on whether the bid has been successful.

Item 6; Building links with Aboyne Academy

Neil and Allan had a very successful meeting with Mr Foyes (Head teacher). The school is willing to engage with Practice and PPG. It was agreed that we want to follow the route currently laid out in Neil's report, as well as fully accepting that we appreciate how important this would be to the pupils involved. However, the requirements for the Academy 2 June deadline cannot be met and Neil will advise them accordingly. Mark will email Mr Foyes to arrange a meeting to discuss the best way to move things forward.

Item 7; Report on discussions with Chair of Torphins PPG

Alan had a conversation with the Chair from Torphins PPG – Anne and found the meeting very useful. Alan would be keen to maintain communication. Anne suggested holding a joint event to bring people together. Susan said this might work well with the school, as pupils from Torphins could attend Aboyne Academy.

Item 8; Ideas for future public event;

Further to a discussion John had with the Chair of Aboyne Community Trust, it was agreed that the PPG would be prepared to co-host an event in the autumn with the theme of “Health and Wellbeing”. The hope would be to include all local related organisations. Further discussion is required with ACT. From John’s report he is interested in progressing this. It will be a significant undertaking and Alan is keen to have all members of the committee Involved.

Item 9; Hospitals Update;

Not further update. Phase 2 has not commenced. Hamish will be involved in the process as Hospital Medical Director. The practice will have no involvement. The intention is to look at processes, information gathering, structures and staffing levels.

AOCB;

Annual review Constitution – reviewed and agreed leave as it stands.

Election of Office Bearers

John Greensmyth	Secretary
Neil Smillie	Vice Chairperson
Alan White	Chairperson

Next Meeting;

The next meeting is scheduled for 12 August 2026.