

Diabetes U K Ashford Support Group

Committee Meeting No 11

08/12/09

Present at meeting:

Mark Endacott (Chairperson), Mike Owen (Treasurer), Richard Borthwick (Secretary), Heather Egginton and Penny Moore.

- Copies of an agenda for this meeting were distributed
- The Chairperson welcomed everybody to the meeting and offered apologies for Sarah Strand (Vice Chairperson), Colin Strand and Dave Robinson who were unable to attend.
- The Chairperson's reported that there is now a full time receptionist at the Paula Carr Centre. The position had been filled by the previous receptionist who had been away on holiday. A big difference was immediately felt.
- It was agreed that the speaker on 18th May 2010 would be Ann Loftus of Volunteer Reading Help. It was decided that the subject of a dietician speaker would be looked at again next year.
- Following a request made to the Secretary by another branch of Diabetes UK for funds the subject of fund raising was briefly discussed. It was agreed that our approach should be that our organisation is too small for any major fund raising and if we did manage to do so it would detract from the efforts of the Paula Carr's Centre. We also lack the specialists and volunteers to carry out this task.
- The Treasurer reported on the financial results from the social evening held on 17th November:

Expenses	Raffled prizes	£20.00
	Food and sundries	£24.97
	Total	£44.97
Receipts	Raffle	£15.00
	Tea/coffee	£16.50
	Sale of surplus prizes	£10.00
	Total	£41.50
	Total loss on the evening	£3.47

- The Treasurer also reported that Diabetes U K is taking over all bank accounts. With regards to the Ashford Support Group bank account NatWest has the previous Treasurer as a signatory for cheques so another form has been completed.
- 20th July was suggested as a date for a summer social evening. This would include strawberries etc.

- The committee will have an evening meal at The Collingbrook on Friday 20th January 2010 at 19.00 for 19.30. (Subsequent to this meeting the date was changed to Wednesday 20th January.)
- The next committee meeting will take place on 16th February 2010 at the Blacksmith Arms at 19.30