

Diabetes U K Ashford Support Group

Committee Meeting No 10

13/10/09

Minutes

Present at meeting:

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

- Following the decision taken at the last committee meeting in August copies of an agenda for this meeting were distributed.
- The Chairperson welcomed everybody to the meeting and offered apologies for Sarah Strand (Vice Chairperson) and Colin Strand who were unable to attend.
- The Chairperson's report concerned the lack of a full time receptionist at the Paula Carr Centre. The Centre would prefer a full time receptionist and were considering covering the cost of one themselves. At the moment, the return from overseas of the current holder of the position, is awaited. The Chairperson will continue to apply pressure to those persons responsible to ensure that the situation is resolved.
- The date of the social evening was confirmed as 17th November.
Quiz questions were submitted to Mike who will be organising the quiz on the night.
Nibbles such as crisps and nuts will be provided for the social evening plus sausage rolls. Mike will obtain the nibbles and soft drinks, paper cups and serviettes.
The evening will feature a quiz and a raffle only and tea and coffee will be offered after the quiz.
The prize for the team that wins the quiz will be 6 bottles of wine.
Committee members are to be at the Paula Carr Centre by 18.45 hours so that they can prepare the venue.
Some Paula Carr staff have been invited. Heather will speak to the others.
- A suggestion was made that a dietician be invited as a speaker. This was not agreed as it was felt that this was an area well covered.
A general discussion regarding future speakers followed during which it was suggested that a non medical person be considered. It was pointed out that this might involve charges. There is no speaker for March 2010. No decisions were taken.
- The Treasurer confirmed that approval had been received from the Ashford branch of the NatWest bank for cheque authorisation. However, it was for the signature of the Treasurer plus one of the Chairperson or the Secretary and **not** any two of the three signatories as had been requested. It was decided that in view of the time and paperwork involved in changing this outcome no further action would be taken.
No bank statements have been received and the Treasurer is to investigate.

- It was noted that Michael Claughton, who had previously expressed an interest in advising the committee on fundraising, was not at the meeting.
- It was agreed that an approach be made to Garry Fagg, Chairman of the Paula Carr Trust, to find out if the Ashford Support Group could be of any assistance to the Trust.
- A brief discussion was held regarding the feasibility of holding a summer meal next year. No decisions made.
- The next committee meeting will take place on 8th December at the Blacksmith Arms.