

Diabetes U K Ashford Support Group

Committee Meeting No 13

20/04/10

Present at meeting:

Mark Endacott (Chairperson), Mike Owen ( Treasurer), Dave Robinson , Heather Egginton, Penny Moore, Sarah Strand (Vice-Chairperson) and Colin Strand.

Apologies : Richard Borthwick (Secretary)

- Copies of an agenda for this meeting were distributed.
- The Chairperson welcomed everybody to the meeting and offered apologies Richard Borthwick who was unable to attend.
- The Treasurer reported that as of 31<sup>st</sup> December the groups account had a balance of £290.86. In the period between then and now there has been £42 incoming from meetings and £50 outgoing to pay for the groups website hosting.
- The Treasurer also reported that the issue with the bank was still not resolved. The mandate to change signatories to the current committee has still not been actioned correctly. He has contacted Diabetes UK and the bank about the issue. The bank has failed to respond but Diabetes UK has responded to say issues like this are now handled by their Voluntary Services Group, who have also added themselves as signatories so that they can administer our account on behalf of Diabetes UK.
- The Chair reminded the group that the meeting in July would be the groups AGM as required by Diabetes UK. It was agreed that Dr Williams would be an ideal speaker for this meeting. He had already been approached to speak at the meeting but we were still waiting a confirmation from him. Post the meeting Dr Williams confirmed that he would be able to speak at the meeting.
- A discussion then took place amongst the group regarding the perceived decline of the Paula Carr Centre. It was agreed that the Chair should approach the PCT, Diabetes NHS and the Paula Carr Trust regarding this issue. It was agreed that we need to try and find out the facts before we take any action in this area.
- The chair then informed the group that after contacting the Paula Carr Trust it was not possible to have the cleaners leave the centre unlocked on meeting nights. The porters must be approached to open the centre when we need access for the meeting.
- It was agreed that the group should approach Gary Fagg the chair of the Paula Carr Trust to speak at one of our meetings.

- The schedule of upcoming public meetings has agreed as follows:
  - 18<sup>th</sup> May – Ann Loftus, Volunteer Reading Group
  - 13<sup>th</sup> July - Dr Williams, Diabetes Consultant + AGM
  - 14<sup>th</sup> Sept – Summer Tea Party, social evening
  - 16<sup>th</sup> Nov – presentation regarding Diet , speaker to be arranged.
  
- A discussion then occurred regarding the wearing of badges by the group at public meetings so that attendees can easily identify the committee. It was agreed that the costs for badges would be obtained and then the badges produced if the costs were acceptable.
  
- The date of the next committee was set as 15<sup>th</sup> June 2010.