



Minutes of Meeting – Monday, 28th April 2008

Tyne Youth & Community Centre, Chirnside House, Mariners Lane, Tynemouth NE30 4AT

MINUTES

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

- **Present:** Barrie Braidford (Chair), Judith Burgess, David Hunt, Graham Marsh, Joan Whitney and Adrian Woodcock.
- **Also in attendance:** Janet Long (Children's team representative)

2. Minutes of previous meeting

- Barrie Braidford proposed that these minutes be accepted as a true and correct record. Adrian Woodcock seconded this motion.

3. Matters arising

- Barrie told the meeting that the purchasing of the chairs for the flats is still pending.
- The new pin badges are now ready for distribution and it was agreed that they should be distributed with the next edition of the newsletter. Graham handed a badge to all in the meeting.
- Judith has written to Derek Riley expressing the best wishes of the committee. Derek has replied, thanking us for our thoughts and he hopes to be back to full fitness soon.
- The Eric James Memorial Fund has now been transferred into the 90 day account.
- The AGM has been provisionally booked for 9th December at 'Lindisfarne Social Club'. Barrie suggested that we put a map on the back of the invitations but as Judith pointed out that the invitations are only the size of a postcard, it may be better to put the postcode on so that members can get directions via the internet or their satellite navigation systems.

4. Parking

- Barrie and Brian have met again with Paul Brewis and their feelings are that we are not getting anywhere with our arguments regarding the parking situation. It was agreed that we have done all we can do.

- Judith brought to the attention of the committee an email received from one of our members, Nick Brown and his wife Jenny. They told her that those claiming benefit can get a HC5 form, available from the hospital, and with this form can claim their parking fees along with any travel expenses occurred. A receipt from the parking machine will be required for this.
- It was agreed that Judith includes this information in the newsletter and Graham put it on the website.

5. Games report

- To date there are 20 competitors and 11 supporters attending the European Heart & Lung Transplant Games in Vichy, France.
- Due to the recent economic climate a further £10 will have to be charged for each person attending these Games.
- It was agreed that this should be paid by the individual and not the FHLTA and everyone invoiced accordingly.
- To date there are 28 competitors and 9 supporters attending the British Transplant Games in Sheffield.
- Fifteen rooms have been booked at The Novotel and 5 people will be staying on campus.
- It is important that all forms for these Games are sent back not later than **10th May 2000**.

6. Newsletter

- Judith explained that she had not included the article about the Children's Sports Team fundraising, sent to her by Irene Hadlington, as she felt that it would be wrong to promote fundraising by another group within our publication.
- Janet Long, the Children's Team representative went on to explain why they have separate fundraising.
- This is due to the fact that they seek funding from bodies that do not give to other charities and some are only interested in work with children.
- It was agreed that they should continue to do this but should keep us informed of any funding they receive and any work they are doing.
- It was also agreed that there should be a Children's representative on the committee and that they should receive minutes and agenda for all future meetings.

7. Any other business

- Graham brought to the attention of the meeting that the conservatory is now blocked off and members have asked where they can get refreshments.
- Joan went on to say that she believed that the conservatory was financed by a FHLTA member.
- Barrie agreed to make enquiries about this and also about getting a water machine for the use of patients.

- Judith has received an email from Brian Wood, who has sent his apologies for the meeting, with the following questions:
 - Who owns the flats?
 - If they are owned by the committee is there a lease on them?
 - If the committee does not have a lease do they have a tenancy agreement?
- Joan went on to say that although we should have been informed of the closure of the flats the reason for this was fire regulations and alternative accommodation has been provided at no charge, although some have no lifts.
- Joan asked if we should apply for places for next year's London Marathon?
- Adrian agreed to find out the cost.

8. Date of the next meeting

Monday, 9th June 2008 at 12.00 (noon)