

Minutes of meeting 73, Thursday 5th January 2017
Venue: Burnley Gen. Hospital, Mackenzie centre, 2-4pm

26 people attended, including our Specialist Nurse Debbie and partners of Prostate Cancer sufferers: Apologies: J. Laycock, Kevin S. and Colin S. There was a small donation from Jimmy C. to help with Group funds.

Dave, Chairman opened the meeting by reading the Minutes of the previous meeting of 1st December 2016 and matters arising. One matter arising was further information on the retired consultant urologist who analyses the blood testing results and had had his licence temporarily suspended. David Baxter Smith, retired urologist – North – has had his licence restored after a stressful 8 days at a Medical Tribunal. There is a letter in Dave's possession for anyone to read where David Smith explained about not being happy with the fact his licence was suspended and feels he should be able to do charitable work in his retirement. In the letter he is asking if anyone knows how best to proceed in the future.

Dave read a letter from the Walnut Group at Preston thanking anyone who helped at their blood testing event at Preston North End Football Club "Show the red card to Prostate Cancer".

It was put to the meeting that we make a donation of £250 to patient led P.C. Federation (Tackle) who have had their money cut by Prostate Cancer UK. This was agreed by a show of hands and Stuart will post off a cheque.

Debbie, our Specialist Nurse, had information regarding the use of the Mackenzie Centre. This was changing by the Minute as she was informing us about the Venue. Eventually the line-up is as follows: the February meeting will be held in this room at the Mackenzie Medical Centre, the Lecture Room downstairs in the Mackenzie Centre, March, April, May, June, July – no August – September and October but here in the Mackenzie Centre normal room, November and December 2017.

Dave told us that members of our group had been invited to the next meeting of The Bay Group (Morecambe & Lancaster) which meetst on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7.30 p.m. They have lots of specialist speakers and anyone who wished to come along could do so. It was agreed that two other members of our group, Jim M. and Leon, would accompany Dave & Stuart to this meeting and the report on this would be given at the next meeting.

It was agreed that our Prostate Cancer awareness stand could be taken to the Colne Beer Festival on Thursday, 2nd February. This would have to be done in the morning before the Prostate Support Group meeting.

Dave reported that he had had an e-mail from Tam Hewitt, Prostate Cancer UK, who sits on the Good Practice Panel and he will be in touch to arrange a date to visit us to sit in on our

meeting. The reason for this is because we get grants from Prostate Cancer UK. We can also read their Publications on Erectile Dysfunction on line if we wish.

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In the second half of the meeting the first item was from Debbie, our specialist nurse, who had made a block booking for our regular room at the Mackenzie Medical Centre for the whole of 2018.

Dave and Stuart asked if anyone had ideas for Speakers for future meetings, explaining that the Bay Group had an itinerary of speakers up to September 2017. Debbie said that Tracey Cooke from the ELHT would be willing to speak to us again about her roll at the hospital and sexual problems associated with P.C. This was thought a good idea as we now have some new members who might benefit from her knowledge. It was pointed out that Ramon knew a Psychiatric Doctor who might be willing to speak to us for one meeting. Further discussions would take place at the next meeting in February.

Dave asked if anyone would like to go to the Sanctuary of Healing for a trip on Tuesday, 21st February 2016. This would be at 11.30 a.m. taking in lunch. Further information at the next meeting, but people need to be aware of a £10 deposit which will be given back on the day of the trip. This is to make sure that people turn up on the day.

The Raffle made £36.81.

The meeting closed with a showing of a comic dvd at a Gym where anyone could attend to bolster their fitness level and a reminder that the next meeting will be **Thursday, 2nd February at the Mackenzie Medical Centre usual room.**