

Minutes of Meeting 87, -- Thurs 3rd May 2018

Mackenzie Centre Burnley Gen. Hospital 2 – 4pm

Present: 24 people (including partners) and our Specialist Nurse Debbie:

Apologies: J Heyworth on holiday, Dave & Pat & Colin O.

Dave opened the meeting by explaining about having to close the doors at 2.30 pm, so if anyone comes late they need the Chairman's Tel. number or other numbers so that we can come down and let them in.

He read out the Minutes of the last meeting and one of the matters arising was the proposed donations to the Chemotherapy unit at Burnley General Hospital and the Urology Unit at Blackburn. They both do not know what they need at the moment so we have discussed giving a donation to Prostate Cancer Support NW.

At this point Colin Stott spoke about PC NW and the PC Federation and explained that it is a patient led organisation and told the group a little bit about this worthwhile cause. Colin read out why it is a good idea to take out membership of the Federation. We discussed if we could put this on our website. He gave us a leaflet which explains why it is a good idea to join. Another possible donation was discussed for The Cycle to the Moon project. Colin informed us that the Bolton Group are doing bike rides for it and suggested maybe we had some cyclists who could raise money that way!!!!!!

There is to be an AGM of the Prostate Cancer Federation - Tackle (designated Healthy Body, Healthy Mind). This is to be held at Birmingham on 12th June 2018 at 10.00 am. Dave wanted to know if anyone was interested in going.

A few of the events which are coming up in June when our Prostate C. information stand is needed, are a talk at Safron Nacelles Limited in Burnley, the Classic Car Show, an Art Exhibition at The Inn at Whitewell and the Blood Testing Event at Burnley Turf Moor on Sat 23rd June. It is hoped more information can be given at the June Meeting.

Debbie our Specialist Nurse explained how much Cancer Treatment has changed over the last 10 years – concentrating on active surveillance + MRI Scans. Colin spoke a little about the new MP MRI Scans and Debbie then gave

information on the new diagnostic procedures that newly diagnosed patients can expect in the Lancashire Area.

BREAK FOR BREW – RAFFLE MADE £26.00 + £3.50 donation

In the 2nd half Dave informed us that John Heyworth will no longer be on the Committee and that Peter Chadwick will join in his place.

At this point Dave told how he had attended a Prostate Meeting in Los Angeles and had asked if he could take pictures. He was not allowed and they even have a facilitator who tells the group what they can say and what they can tell people! We like our informal meetings and hope our members are always kept informed.

At this point – in the absence of a speaker – we then played a radio article which was supplied by David H. who had managed to tape it and it was very interesting and informative about Prostate Cancer.

Dave closed the meeting with one of his famous prostate jokes and a reminder that the next meeting is 7th June in the McKenzie Centre at 2.00 pm.