

Minutes of the Coventry Lymphoma Association Support Group

2nd November 2006 19:00 St. Mary's Church, Ansty Road.

Present

**Nathan Reynolds
Sunita Sharma**

**Shelly Harvey
Sue Sturdy**

**Anne Townsend
Maggie Sheridan**

Will Townsend

Apologies

Shelly McGonigle

Pete Salter

Eileen Salter

A productive meeting which will be the last of 2006.

Treasurers Report

The group's funds remain at £107.62.

New Hopital

A lengthy discussion took place over the new hospital. The oncology building which was only just over 10 years old has already been dismantled whilst the adjoining radiotherapy building will continue to be used as offices. The main building which has been unused since the new hospital opened is due to be pulled down in February. Maternity block is in the process of been dismantled.

Parking

Staff car parking at the hospital continues to be a major problem with staff paying £300 a year for a pass. Even then they are not guaranteed a parking space.

Parking for visitors remains dire. With fees of up to £11 per day. It also takes upwards of 30 minutes to leave the hospital because of traffic congestion with the roads to the new building.

New Attendees

Nathan asked Maggie if newly diagnosed patients were still being given a card with the support groups details on. Maggie explained that these had run out and that they were also out of date as they had Michaela's contact details on them.

Nathan agreed that he would update the cards and arrange to pass them to Maggie for handing out.

Nathan also agreed to update the groups posters with new contact details. These will then be laminated and passed around for placing in doctors surgeries and anywhere else that may be appropriate

It was also agreed in the new year that the group would attempt to increase its profile by contacting the local newspapers again to try to place an article.

Haematology Support Group

Maggie stated that Shirley Aston (Haematology specialist nurse) and Sue Martin (Haematology counsellor) were trying to set up a support group aimed at all haematology patients. She asked whether she thought it was feasible that the groups could merge. Nathan expressed some concerns but agreed to contact the Associations head office to find out.

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Haematology Support Group

Nathan to email Anne Taylor to canvass the Associations point of view.

Action

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Posters

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Maggie has now emailed Nathan the poster word document. This will now be updated and Nathan will arrange to have them laminated and passed around at the next formal meeting in February.

Group Business Cards

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Nathan will also update these and contact Maggie when they are ready. Maggie can then commence handing them to new patients.

Date of next meeting

The date of the next formal meeting was set as 1st February 2007 at 19:00. As it was agreed to take the usual break over the Christmas and New Year period.

As has been the case for the past couple of years the group agreed to meet in the Red Lion PH next to the Church where meetings are now held for a few festive drinks. All welcome.