



## **Minutes of meeting Monday 20th February 2006**

### **Present**

Alistair Scott, Nigel Hammond, Viv Ryan, Neil Griffiths, Steve Simmons, Mark Hibble and Alison Simmons.

### **Funds**

Viv and Alison performed final hand-over of accounts. 2005 accounts now due to be sent to Diabetes UK. Viv will inform Diabetes UK that she is officially Treasurer to MK Kids.

### **Diabetes UK**

Ken has given us the calendar for Diabetes UK events for 2006. A copy will be sent to all Mk Kids members. There will be some very interesting Guest Speakers this year, and anybody from MK Kids will be warmly welcomed when attending.

### **XMAS Party**

Please note a correction. The Hall has been booked for 16<sup>th</sup> December 2006 at 3 o'clock

### **Award Nomination**

Congratulations to 'our Nige', on behalf of MK Kids, who came runner-up at the LifeScan 'In-Touch Award' for making a difference to Diabetics. We'll be looking for a winner next year!

### **Sponsorship**

The offer of sponsorship from Kylie Finche's Tortoise Property Services will be discussed with Diabetes UK, and Nigel to reply with outcome.

### **Neonatal Diabetes**

Discussed the article from the recent Balance publication about Neonatal Diabetes that outlined some interesting cases where very young children's Type 1 Diabetes 'evolved' into a tablet-controlled form ( similar to Type 2). Nigel will do some digging and advise.

## **Campaigning**

After various rumours about the bid for the second diabetic nurse falling through, we have had written confirmation that the bid has been turned down and they will bid again next year. This is very disappointing considering all the efforts of the group and encouraging signs from the Primary care Trust. There have been interviews on Three Counties Radio and also BBC Regional News South (Nigel, Angie Gardener and Michelle Taylor) to try and push our case, so thank-you to all of them. The Primary Care Trust would not make a comment on the radio.

Nigel has spoken with Mark Lancaster (Conservative MP) regarding the above and he has promised to write to the Health Minister. There will be an article in the Citizen this week. Dr Phyllis Starkey (Labour MP) is also onto the case.

Diabetes UK is focusing this year on the plight of type 1 diabetic children and the paediatric services available to them.

## **AOB**

Neil is going to e-mail out a crib sheet that he has got from Diabetes UK regarding the checks that should be carried out at the 4 monthly clinics. It would seem that several of the routine checks are not being completed at MK. All parents need to put pressure on Dr Latham to get these checks carried out.

Nigel has been looking at the list of research projects that Diabetes UK is helping to fund. He will propose at the next meeting those projects that he feels will benefit children in particular for us to raise money for. We can then choose how we want to contribute to this, either by adopting a project (minimum £1000) or by donating a certain % of funds raised.

## **“The Main Event”**

A discussion was had regarding organising a weekend next year “the main event” that will be a combination of educational and fun activities. Mark will look at getting a ballpark costing for the weekend and maybe contact Diabetes UK for some advice. We will then need to discuss how we raise the money!!