

**MINUTES OF A HELP MMM GENERAL MEETING HELD
AT THE BIBLIOTECA ON 8 JUNE 2010**

Apologies:

Elaine introduced the members of the Committee to the meeting.

Apologies were received from Sheila and Roy Merritt, Pam Clough, Diane Burton, Bernie Hall, Sue Bayliss, Megan Johnston, (I couldn't hear the others)

We have with us today Lady Elizabeth, our Honorary Patron

The Minutes of the last general meeting were passed as a true record

Matters arising

1. Caring Services Officer. - Jackie Ree has applied for the post and said a few words. Eileen asked how much time Jackie thought would be necessary to make a contribution to this role. Jackie thought it would take up a lot of time and that there would be a lot more work to do once the new hospital opens.

Elaine said the Committee were delighted that Jackie had applied for the post. Following a ballot of members Jackie was approved as the Caring Services Officer.

2. Good Causes Update – Elaine will be meeting The Director of Hospitals in Murcia, no date has been arranged as I am still awaiting a reply.

Membership report

Chris reported that 5 applications for new members had been received. The new membership booklet was available.

President's report

Elaine apologised to Audrey because she was cut off at the last meeting. Any member is welcome to ask questions but the Committee need to know about that at least ten days before the meeting.

They were still looking for premises, although there is no rush. Elaine asked for approval for the purchase of a van, which would assist in the collection of large items, up to a cost of 5,000 Euros.

The shed is used for storage of winter items. The trailer is used for current items.

General approval for the purchase of a van up to 5,000 Euros was given by the membership.

Where we have our collection boxes it has been suggested we have information booklets available. Elaine asked for suggestions for other sites to leave collection boxes or information booklets.

Treasurer's report

Elaine reported that no end of year report was available at present and was awaited. The balance sheet at 31 May 2010 was available which Elaine read out. The Charity continues in a healthy position.

Office update

Lynda Buck reported on the forthcoming ball. Lady Elizabeth is prepared to help fund the ball in the sum of 5,000 Euros. Lynda also reported on the constitution. The finalised version is almost ready and will be presented to the membership for approval shortly.

Eileen reported on sponsorship and training, hopefully this will be arranged at a later date.

Social events and fundraising

Joan reported on the car boot sale. She thanked her volunteers. She said that their cars were getting worn out moving all the items for the car boot.

The evening at Em's Bistro in Sucina raised over 400 Euros. There is bingo at Fat Cats every Wednesday at 4 p.m. and 10% of takings go to HELP. Other events have been arranged, which she hoped members would attend.

Friendship Group

They had a very interesting talk about inheritance tax at the last meeting. Other events will be arranged.

Hospital visiting

Thelma reported that the Hospital visiting was going very well. She also expressed her pleasure in welcoming Jackie as the new Caring Services Officer.

Members' comments

A box was available for members' comments at meetings and in the office. There were no comments to report on this month.

A.O.B.

Red Cross tickets – 2 are available.

The Jane Cronin talks will be re-run in the autumn for people who missed them. Elaine asked for members to let them know if they wished to attend.

Date of next meeting Monday July 12th.

.....President

..... Secretary