

**Minutes of an Extraordinary General Meeting of SuffDIG, held on 22nd
August 2007 at 12:30 pm.**

Venue – Diabetes Centre, West Suffolk Hospital.

An extraordinary General Meeting of SuffDIG was held at the Diabetes Centre, West Suffolk Hospital on the 22nd August 2007. All seven Trustees were present, Nishan Wijenaiké, Liz Hartley, John Hines, Lizzie Johnson, Olivia Posner, John Clark and Linda Whipp.

Nishan Wijenaiké briefly discussed the proposed changes to the constitution which had already been circulated among the trustees. The purpose of the changes being to modify the aims and objectives, expressing the said aims in a form which would be recognised by the courts as being of charitable purpose.

The wording of the first of the two objectives was discussed in great detail. All of the trustees felt the word ‘sufferers’ should not be used in relation to diabetes. It was considered that one of the main aims of the group would be to educate the public with regard to perceptions of people with diabetes and to portray people with diabetes as ‘sufferers of diabetes would appear to suggest that they suffer chronic ill health rather than lead active and normal lives.

John Clark proposed the first objective is modified to read

‘The promotion and protection of the health of people with diabetes in Suffolk, through the provision of support, education and practical advice both in local surgeries and hospitals’

This was unanimously agreed.

The second item was adopted without change.

The Constitution of the group will be changed accordingly and the updated document will be placed on the SuffDIG website, www.suffdig.org.uk.

All of the Trustees were given a copy of the Charity Commission's 'Charities and Fund-raising' document (CC20)

I certify that the above minutes are an accurate reflection of the above meeting.

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Nishan Wijenaikē
Chairman *Suff*DIG