



**Minutes of the Canterbury Comprehensive Cancer Centre Meeting
held on Wednesday 9 July 2014, 11.30am in the Oncology Tutorial Room,
Ground Floor, Parkside West, Christchurch Hospital**

Present:

Bridget Robinson, Ruth Gerring, Maree Johnson, Logan Walker, John Evans, Ants Parder, Jeff Upton and Alice Milnes.

1. Welcome and Apologies

Bridget welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Apologies received from: Ann Richardson, Wendy Davie, Scott Babington, Mark Hampton, Sarah Apiata, Amanda Landers, Ruth Spearing, Ursula Jewell, Jinny Willis, Margaret Currie, Gabi Dachs, and Michelle Driffill

2. Minutes of the previous meeting

Minutes from the meeting held on 14 March 2014 and 4 April 2014 were approved.

3. Matters arising from the minutes

Matters arising will be discussed under various agenda items.

4. Plan for C4 moving ahead

a. *Administrative matters: Website; Branding, labelling; Directory*

- Bridget suggested that with the new UOC building virtually on-hold that branding ourselves where we are each based now might be a solution. Bridget and Alice will meet to discuss further and design something with our logo which people could display on their doors or in lab spaces.
- John wondered if C4 members should be using the C4 as an affiliation on manuscripts and grant applications. It was agreed that Bridget will draft a letter to C4 members to propose this idea to see what the response is. Bridget will then run it by the Dean, Peter Joyce.
- The Patient Information page of links will be added to the website.

b. *Involvement in planning for re-development of CDHB and UOC campuses*

- Bridget summarised the main points of the C4 meeting held on 4 April to specifically discuss Ian Town's proposal for a Cancer Centre of Excellence.
- Bridget attended a meeting with Liz Chesterman, Helen McCleod, Sheila McBreen-Kerr, Ian Town and Kate Reid. Bridget and Liz expressed that the cost of rent in a new building in the Health Precinct area is out of reach for NGOs. They proposed that a building could have areas many different groups could use, for displays, lectures and be a shared referral point for NGOs. There was some

discussion at the meeting about possible uses for the building – it could be used for clinical trials or for bioengineering and biophysics.

- Bridget also attended a meeting with Catherine Mohr and Murray Brennan at Wigram with the CCDU. Again, Bridget expressed that the cost of rent is impossible for community groups.
- Logan attended a Health Research meeting which included representatives from UOC, Canterbury University, Lincoln University and the CDHB. Logan reported that this was a brainstorming session. The outcome of all the ideas is unknown at this stage.
- The C4 needs to keep advocating for what is good for the community in the Health Precinct.
- It was suggested that perhaps Government funding could help NGOs have a presence in the Health Precinct.

c. *C4 Newsletter*

- It was agreed that the next newsletter be made available to the public as well as C4 members. It will be put on our website, posted to the Healthy News website.
- Suggestions for the next newsletter were: publicise the upcoming C4 Public Open Day, Oncology Outreach Nurses, the new exercise programme, the green prescriptions.
- Further suggestions are welcome and can be directed to Alice

d. *Grant/Research Support*

- Bridget, Logan and Margaret Currie as yet to meet with David Murdoch.

e. *Nursing involvement*

- Bridget acknowledged Ruth and Maree for regularly attending meetings and wondered how we could get more nurses involved. Perhaps it is a matter of identifying those who are interested or are involved in research and inviting them to come along?

5. Opportunities to involve community

a. *Hui*

- The local Cancer Network were to organise this, but currently held over.

b. *Exercise Project*

- Pamphlets about the Exercise Programme have been popular.
- Ants noted how hard it can be to get men in his support group to exercise and to evaluate how to better look after their general health.

c. *C4 Outreach Seminars*

- Item on hold.

6. Cancer Research

a. *C4 Seminars*

- Currently part of the UOC Research Seminars on Monday's. Alice emails any cancer related talks to the C4 list.

b. *Cancer Research Workshops*

- Gabi has been organising Cancer Research in Canterbury, our first event open to the public.

- This will be held on Thursday, 28 August which is the day before daffodil day.
 - Advertising should start next week.
- c. *Cancer Research Canterbury Seminars*
- After short discussion it was agreed to put these on hold.

7. Reports from members

a. Cancer Society Tissue Bank

- Helen is away but Bridget reported that banking is going well.

8. Email List

- Please email additions to the C4 email list to c4.uoc@otago.ac.nz.

9. Next Meeting

- Next meeting will be held at the Friday timeslot in 3-4 months.

Meeting closed at 12.36pm