

## **Basingstoke Breast Cancer Self-help Group**

Minutes of the meeting held on 20 September 2022

Chairman: Angela Bennett

Treasurer: Renee Smith

Newsletter: Liz Janes

Secretary: Heather Bounaouara

### Attendees

15 ladies attended.

### Welcome

Angela introduced Ken Rattigan from Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council who came to talk to us about being a councillor and about politics in general. He mentioned that he had had to deal with cancer from a personal perspective. He spoke about local politicians being responsible for helping people through any difficulties they may face in life. He mentioned the Covid pandemic and stressed that politics is about helping people. He answered questions from the ladies after he had finished his talk; these were questions about issues that matter to all of us local ladies.

Angela closed the talk and thanked Mr Rattigan. She then explained the particulars of our group.

### Minutes

Heather read out the minutes of the monthly meeting held at the Ark on 9th August 2022. They were then signed by Angela.

### Chairman's Report

Angela welcomed everyone and a new member Corrine. She spoke of the dinner to be had at the Ark in celebration of our 20 years. The price will be £26 per person for a three-course dinner plus a glass of Bucks Fizz. The date will be Tuesday April 25th. It will be held in the evening at 7pm. With a show of hands, the majority of the ladies showed that they are happy with this plan. Angela also asked us all if we want to go out for a Christmas dinner and pay for ourselves and/or if we prefer a party here at the Ark with a secret Santa. We should think about it, and those who want to go out for dinner are to bring sample menus to show us at a meeting.

Speakers for next month will be nurses from the DTC and Rosie Stanton will come to speak in November. Angela received £40 in donations from one very generous lady she had met.

Angela told us of some meeting ideas for 2023 (AGM date, potential speakers and two general meeting dates).

The birthday list was then completed by Angela asking a few members the date of their birthdays.

One general meeting of two in 2023 might be for a fundraiser from a charity to come to talk to us. This charity funds cutting-edge cancer diagnostics.

Renee mentioned November for afternoon tea at Milestones or maybe February or March 2023. Some members preferred November to cheer us all up. The day would be Tuesday and it would be in the afternoon. She said there were enough people interested.

Liz spoke about the Macmillan coffee morning at the Loddon Bowling Club on Saturday 24th September and Sunday 25th September, their open days. She asked for support in the way of homemade cakes and attending.

The meeting closed at 8pm.