

**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting
Of Brighton and Hove Impetus
Held on 22 November 2016, at the South Wing Meeting Room, Community Base, 113
Queens Rd, Brighton BN1 3XG starting at 3 pm**

Present: Trustees: Steve Hare, Chair; Alison French; Alison Penn; Clare Hughes; Jason Nuttall; Natalie Orringe

Members: Alex Mackain-Bremner; Assuntina Cardillo Zallo; Clair Farenden; Danielle Alkiner-Aplin, David Botibol; Gabriel Disney; Jo Ivens; Jo Tulloch; John Kapp; Julian Harvey; Keith Thomas; Matt Day; Merlin Kingsley, minutes; Naomi Lacey; Natalie Brook; Rachel Butt; Sean de Podesta; Seb Feast; Sharon Maloney; Stephen Giles; Susan Alderson; Warren Sharp.

Guests: Alan Lugton, Arraw Evans, Dawn Draper, Ed Huxley, Francoise Grimshaw, Jack Norwood, Jo Etheridge, Judit Hobdon, Lucy Beach, Maria Slade, Mary O'Keeffe, Mary Baldock, Matt Hyndman, Matthew Moore, Olivia Capuccini, Rebecca Sandles, Rob Johnston, Steve Whittington, Tony Larkin, Tracey Allen

1. Welcome and introductions

Steve Hare welcomed those present and thanked them for attending.

2. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from:

members: Jenny Meeres; Rachel Collins; Gill Reynolds; Michael Hill; Lorraine Fifer; Sam Bond; Ian Snoxell.

Guests: Bunty Bateman, Emma McDermot, Andrew Wealls, Emma Daniel,, Daniel Yates, Nicky Cambridge, Kaye Duerdoth, Bunty Bateman, Marie Hendry, Arran Evans, Cllr Karen Barford, Malcolm Cooper-Smith, Elizabeth Kemp, Stephen Clarke

3. Minutes of the Meeting on 29 September 2015. It was agreed that the minutes were an accurate record of the meeting and signed by the chair.

4. Receipt of report and accounts for the financial period ended 31 March 2016

Steve Hare expressed his thanks to Phil Woodgate for putting the accounts together and to Chariot House for carrying out the independent examination. Due to the size of the organisation a full audit was not needed.

The income for 2015-16 was similar to the previous year. Reserves stand at £118 which is 3.9 months of running cost.

Clare Hughes moved that the accounts be accepted; this was seconded by Matt Day and agreed by the members.

5. Election of new Trustees & Trustees retiring by Rotation

Alison French, Steve Hare and Alison Penn retired and stood for re-election election. Jo Tulloch moved to reelect them. This was seconded by Seb Feast and agreed by the members.

Natalie Orringe and Helen Bowen stood up for election. Rachel Butt moved to elect them. This was seconded by Danielle Alkiner-Aplin and agreed by meeting.

6. Appointment of Auditors

Chariot House have carried our independent examination and are selected to carry out next year's. Susan Alderson moved for this to be accepted. This was seconded by Jo Tulloch and agreed by meeting.

7. Any other Business

Sean proposed a vote of thanks to the trustees. This was unanimously agreed by meeting.

8. CEO's report

We aimed to have a different kind of event this year. Providing a flavour of what we do and a chance to speak to Volunteers, hear about what we do and how anyone can get involved.

Notable accomplishments 2015-2016: ICAS peer review, the first peer review of an ICAS service in the country; Interact Film, the story of a parent with a learning disability who we helped produced by the support raising up from the Fairness Commission on a theme staff, professionals and commissioners engaged; ASpire clients' perspective on local services, most powerful aspect being purity of voice we were allowing to be heard at the highest level. Fairness commission is starting to report on changes; Yellow Rose campaign, a success story and part of comms and fundraising strategy.

Since April: As mentioned we received the Queen's Award. Rachel Butt, interact Advocate was awarded outstanding advocate. Macmillan Impetus Cancer Advocacy nominated, a real credit. (over. , quality performance work, advocates are achieving level 3 advocacy qualification.

New and expanding work: Casserole club, in collaboration with food partnership, bright dials and future gov. Expansion of befriending service with aim of reaching whole city. Setting up single point of contact for befriending. Growing Community Navigation services, extending commission local health services and CCG for provision of Social Prescribing. Interact's work on Human Rights with backing from Baring foundation which both enables and endorses their work at a national level.

Christmas Campaign. Launching a Christmas Campaign for first time. Key aim is a response to low levels of awareness. Assumption city is young and connected which does not tally with experience of all. Get message out, donate, spread the word. Real life networks and social media. We are looking for fundraising event volunteer.

Thank you: To funders, particularly as relationships mature. Trust and Foundations as well as individual donors. Seb for work on Annual Report. Nat and Trustees for content for Annual Report. Merlin for organising the Event today. Olivia and Matt filmmakers for their work today which is a great step into telling our story in different ways and improving the quality of our presence on social media. The Mayor for enthusiastic participation. All Trustees, Staff and Volunteers.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 3.49pm.