

MINUTES

Annual General Meeting

Of Brighton and Hove Impetus

30th October 2017, Angel House, Brighton 2:45 – 3:30

Present

Trustees: Steve Hare (Chair); Alison French; Clare Hughes; Jonathan Hyman, Ruth Bradley.

Members: Emma Baars; Alex Brining; Assuntina Cardillo Zallo; Sean de Podesta; Susan Alderson; Seb Feast; Stephen Giles; Jo Ivens; Alex Mackain-Bremner; Sharon Maloney; Ellie Moulton; Mel Pickett; Gill Reynolds; Chloe Thomas; Nikki Batten; Gabriel Disney; Anne Hart; Michael Hill.

Guests: Jess Sumner; John Gough; Alan Lugton, Athol Halle, Donna Edmead; Harriet Oliver; David Brindley; Sam Hubbert.

1. Welcome and introductions

Steve Hare welcomed those present and thanked them for attending.

2. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from: Naomi Lacey, Rob Johnston, Alison Penn, Audrey Good, Peter Lloyd, Maureen Middlemiss, Keith Thomas; Natalie Orringe; David Botibol; Sam Bond; Ian Snoxell.

3. Minutes of the meeting on 22 November 2016

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

Jonathan Hyman reported incoming resources of £561,600 for the financial year which was £1,898.00 down on the previous year. The funding for the Better Futures Service (Lottery) ceased but there was an increase in funding to extend the Community Navigation and Neighbourhood Care Services.

Expenditure for the year was £566,023 which left a deficit for the year of £4,423 which was an improvement on the previous year (£14,925). The current total reserves stands at £182,787.

Jonathan Hyman moved that the accounts be accepted; this was seconded by Assuntina Cardillo Zallo and agreed by the members

5. Election of new Trustees & Trustees retiring by rotation

After 6 years, **Jason Nuttall** is standing down as a trustee. Jo Ivens thanked Jason for his energy and commitment to Impetus in that time, and his important contribution towards supporting the organisation with its fundraising, and chairing the Finance And Risk sub-committee for several years.

Clare Hughes is retiring but standing for re- election.

Members unanimously agreed that Clare be re-elected to the board of trustees.

Jonathan Hyman, Rob Johnston, Ruth Bradley are standing for election.

Members unanimously agreed that Jonathan, Rob and Ruth be elected to the board as trustees.

6. Appointment of Auditors

Steve Hare nominated Chariot House as auditors. Susan Alderson seconded. All members present were in favour.

7. Any other Business

Sean de Podesta passed on his gratitude to all the Trustees for their work and support.

8. CEO's report

Jo passed on her gratitude to Seb Feast for collating the Impact Report for the year. The report is available at: <http://www.bh-impetus.org/about/#reports-&-accounts>. The report demonstrates the fantastic effort and contribution of all staff and volunteers and the positive impact they have had on service users across the city. Jo thanked everyone for their work towards this.

In June 2016, the Neighbourhood Care Scheme (NCS) was honoured with the prestigious Queen's Award for Voluntary Service for its work in the city enabling people to befriend and support their isolated older and disabled neighbours. The Queen's Award is the MBE for voluntary groups and is the highest award a voluntary group can receive in the UK. Brighton Impetus were/ are delighted with this news.

Jo was pleased to report that the Communication Navigation pilot will be in a position to offer full city coverage by October 2018. Impetus is part of the national Social Prescribing Network based at University of Westminster, and is contributing to its work on developing the evidence base. The social prescribing service has proved a huge success and the team are looking forward to developing the service further.

Impetus are also delighted to be expanding both their Community Navigation Service and their Neighbourhood Care Scheme Befriending Service. There has been success in accessing the 3rd Sector Investment Fund and working in partnership with Sussex Interpreting Services and Somerset House.

A lot of work has been done over the last year to look at the staffing structure so the organisation has solid foundations to meet the challenges for the year ahead. New staff have been recruited to central roles focussed on fundraising, volunteering and communications. There are many complex issues facing the sector and the people we work with, but Impetus is in a strong position and remains focussed on its values and objectives.

Jo said the team had really been enjoying hearing the stories and successes of volunteers that have come about from the volunteer review and focus groups. There has been an enthusiastic response from volunteers about how they want to get involved in the organisation (next workshop 8th November). Jo said this reflects everyone's hard work and dedication to addressing loneliness in the city, and thanked all the staff for their efforts individually and as a team during the year.

A special thank you to:

Our funders – especially Brighton & Hove City Council, Brighton & Hove Clinical Commissioning Group, Sussex Police & Crime Commissioner, Macmillan, Henry Smith Charity, Baring Foundation, Derek and Eileen Dodgson Foundation.

Thanks to all our volunteers, existing and new.

Volunteers who have provided expertise or professional support this year, including on Digital Marketing, improving our office environment, website support, design, photography and much more. Your help has been so valuable, providing professional skills for free saves us thousands each year.

Staff, who are working harder than ever.

Angel House for generously giving the beautiful venue for the AGM.