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Milton Keynes Reader Service

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

held on Saturday 14 June 2014

at The Peartree Centre,

Peartree Bridge, Milton Keynes

1. Chair's opening remarks

Paula Suchy welcomed users, volunteers and guests to the Annual General Meeting and informed them that this would be followed by an Extraordinary General Meeting.

2. Roll call of those present

A list of attendees is attached as Appendix A.

3. Apologies

Apologies were received from a number of people and a list is attached as Appendix B.

4. Minutes of the Previous AGM

The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 15 June 2013 were read out by Philip Ward. Paula Suchy thanked Philip and asked those present if they were a correct record of the meeting.

Acceptance of minutes:

Proposed by Jeff Bashton, seconded by Peter Taverner.
Agreed unanimously by members present.

5. Annual Report

Karen Preece read out the report, which outlined the services available that over 130 volunteers provide to an increasing number of users.

The Reader Service is celebrating its 25th Birthday and in October 2013 an afternoon birthday tea party was held. It was a very successful event attended by 120 guests.

Acceptance of Annual Report:

Proposed by Paula Varey, seconded by Kate Pedley.
Agreed unanimously by members present.

6. Treasurer's Report and presentation of Annual Accounts

Mary Kendall presented the Treasurer's Report and accounts for the year ended 31 March 2014. A round of applause was proposed to Mary for all her hard work.

Acceptance & adoption of Treasurer's Report:

Proposed by Michael Baldry, seconded by Jeff Bashton
Agreed unanimously by members present.

The Reader Service is grateful to Hill and Burgess Accountants in Leighton Buzzard who checked the accounts and kindly provided their services free of charge.

7. Chairman's Report

Paula Suchy thanked Karen Preece for all her hard work and proposed a round of applause. Paula also expressed thanks to the Management Committee and Development Committees for their hard work and to Philip Ward. Thanks also to the Events committee, who are assisting Paula and Karen, also to the Talks Project, who are raising the profile of the Reader Service. Thanks also go to all our funders.

8. Election of Chairperson and Committee

Election of Chairperson

Paula Suchy handed over to Philip Ward for the election of the Chair.

Philip Ward nominated Paula Suchy.

There were no other nominations.

Formal election of Paula Suchy as Chairperson:

Proposed by Jane Burdon, seconded by Liz Le Voi.

Agreed unanimously by members present.

Paula Suchy then took over as chair of the meeting.

Election of Committee

Service Users:

There were four candidates for the four Service User places on the committee:

- Michael Baldry
- Paula Varey
- Jeff Bashton
- Caroline Pearson.

Formally nominated as a group

by Paula Suchy, seconded by Helen Richards.

Election of the four nominated Service Users was agreed unanimously by members present.

Volunteers:

There were four candidates for four places on the committee:

- Philip Ward
- Lynn Bovis
- Rose Haigh
- Stephen Harrison.

Formally nominated as a group
by Jeff Bashton, seconded by Paula Varey.

Election of the four nominated Service Volunteers was
agreed unanimously by members present.

9. Questions and Suggestions

There were no questions and suggestions.

10. Chairman's closing remarks

Paula Suchy thanked everyone and said the raffle had
raised £131. She reminded them that after the
Extraordinary General Meeting refreshments would be
available.

The meeting closed at 10.44am.

Appendix A –Present at the AGM 2014

Service Users

Margaret Balchin
Jeff Bashton
Jane Burdon
Bill Grimes
John Hearne
Philip Kent
Kate Pedley
Liz Roe
Alan Smith
George Smith
Peter Tavener
Margery Wilson

Michael Baldry
Ksenia Blake
Gill Dunne
Mike Gurney
Carla Jones
Caroline Pearson
Diana Rattan
Pauline Shears
Judy Smith
Paula Suchy
Paula Varey

Volunteers

Richard Baker
John Brown
Barbara Burgess
Alan Coomber
Rabinder Dawett
Sally Easton
Maria Ghansah
Rose Haigh
Stephen Harrison
Linda Krelle
Vanessa Jones
Mary Kendall
Elizabeth Le Voi
Elizabeth Maxey
John O'Neill
Mike Pearson
Hilary Robertson
Millie Rowe

Lynn Bovis
Sandra Buckley
Terry Calvert
Alan Cooper
Frederique Dupont
Jan English
Marcia Gleeson
Anluise Hamilton Bruce
Christine Husband
Tricia Jolly
Michael Kearney
Linda Krelle
Martyn Lycett
Karen Murphy
John Pawsey
Helen Richards
Linda Round
Anne Rudolfo

Emma Sewell
Alison Statham
Eve Tigano

Jenny Shann
Madeline Stewart
Philip Ward

Other

Jan Lloyd
Nicki Griffiths
Barbara Pym

Maggie Weston
David Dobson
Pam Cavill

Appendix B – Apologies

Service Users

John Andrews
Lynda Cantor
Derek Child
Delphine Faddy
Barry Mook

Eileen Bembow-Gilbey
Padma Cheriyan
Veronica Dry
Sarah Fortescue
Steve Neale

Volunteers

Trevor Adams
James Clifton
Natalie Crossman
Janagi Fernandei
Velma Haslam
Alison Hunt
Emma Lunn
Susan O'Connor
Margaret Rondo
Jeanne Speed
Lindsay Wren

Michelle Chum
Shirley Coulson
Jackie Cuthbert
Ernie Gregg
Charmian Hayes
Rama Kavan
Tim O'Brien
Maira Onley
Wendy Sale
Arnold Starkie