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MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Held at the Brighthelm Centre on Friday 25th March 2022 at 5:45pm

Present:

Organisational Members: Craven Vale Community Association (Alan Cooke), Due East – (Chris El Shabba), Woodingdean Wilderness group (Clare Millett Hopkins), Whitehawk Utd FC (Marc Gorry), Albion Life (Peter Spence), BMWs (Poppy Lindsay), The Old Boat (Reyna Kothari), Community Works (proxy), Woodingdean Youth Centre (Dee Simpson), Moulsecomb Community Market (Jane Hunter), SIS (Vikki Gimson), Together Co. (Rachel Friggens), Phoenix Food Shop (Sarah McCarthy), HKP (Jo Martindale), BMECP 50+ Group (Yvonne Davy), Wellsbourne Healthcare CIC (Nora Mzaoui)

Individual Members: Adrian Burchell (proxy), Councillor Mo Marsh, Denis Byrne, Eileen O'Leary, John Homewood, Mike Pattinson, Miranda Allan , Robert Brown MBE, Shaun Kennedy, Tim Sayers, Val Cane, Geoff Heath (proxy) Rami Mansour, Angie Greany

The Trust for Developing Communities staff members: Yassin Hasan, Mathilda Gregort, Olivia Addington, Sayanti Banerjee, Athol Halle, Anke Thurm, Anita Doherty, Sure Sayers, Emma Reeves, Georgina Grant-Mills, Maha Mustafa, Kirsty Walker, Caroline Vitta, Kalishia Davey, Sara Fernee, Sur Feighery, Shamann Back, Polly Labanya, Kate Barker, Evie Beardmore, Rob Green, Cicely Lloyd, Cal Chester, Claire Burchell, Lisa Marshall, Sean Older, Joanna Rees, Hazel Hart, Jo Winyard, Tony Silsby, Abi May, Adam Muirhead

Non-members: Chiara Santin, Councillor Anne Pissaridou, Councillor Sue Shanks, Dawn Rennie, Hannah Sherman, John Kapp, Joss Jones, , Ricky Perrin, Sally Polanski, Tim Read, Colin Richardson, Councillor Phelim MacCafferty, Deagan Shepherd, Dez Clarke, Elouise Kinsey, Emma Richardson, Fran Holder, Gaston Mallia, Jacob Kinsey, Julie Wan, Kate Knight, Laura Brindle, Lauran Kinsey, Lauren La Pope, Michael Collett, Nawal Al Baraze, Nikki Jumaine, Pauline Clarke, , Sarah McConnell, Steve Knight, Val O'Dwye

1. Welcome and introductions

Mike Pattinson (MP) chair for the last 18 months, welcomed and thanked everyone for coming and for all of your support throughout the year. The AGM is a great opportunity for everyone to come together and share all of the amazing work that we do. It's also TDC's chance to be visible to everyone. Thank you for everyone's patience when we had to postpone twice due to covid restrictions, we really wanted to be able to do this in person and we are so pleased to be able to do this tonight. The agenda will start with the formal business, followed by dinner and mingling. There will be food, music and laughter.

If you would prefer not to be photographed, please let a member of staff know.

We are also doing a communications refresh and will be asking for your feedback on how you see TDC.

Apologies for absences will be recorded in the minutes.

2. Approval of the Minutes of the previous AGM held on Thursday 18th February 2021

These were circulated in advance of the AGM for everyone to read through. MP asked if anyone had any issues with the content. There were no issues.

The members voted, there were no objections and the minutes were formally approved. 22 in person votes. 6 proxy votes for Fabia Bates, Linda Saltwell, Paul Bramwell and Adrian Burchell, Geoff Heath and Tania Skae.

3. Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2021

An accounts presentation was given by Sarah McConnell (SM), the new trustee and treasurer at TDC. SM explained that she was a qualified accountant with a charity background.

The 2020-21 accounts had been on the TDC website for the past few months for everyone to read. The main headline is that it was another decent financial year for TDC and we had income of £1,354,000 income. This includes the Third Sector Commission contract of £520k. TDC was the lead partner and £200k was passed on. We also received £149K in youth grants and £130k for Brighton Streets. We played the lead in Brighton Streets so much of this funding was passed on. These projects made up 40% of our income.

Our outgoings were £1,317,000. Over half of our expense is on our staff wages – with the staff team growing to 45 people in the year. Our second biggest expense is payments to partners – which accounts to around a quarter of costs.

We had a surplus of £35k, most of which was unrestricted. This took us to £280k unrestricted reserves.

Regarding the current financial year 2021-22 – it looks like our income has grown again. In 2022-23 we will be looking at improving this further.

There were no questions or objections on the 20-21 Accounts and the Members unanimously approved them. 22 in person votes. 6 proxy votes.

4. Annual Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31st March 2021

Athol Halle (AH) presented the annual report. Firstly, he thanked everyone for joining us this evening. At the last AGM, we thought we would be past covid but it seems we will be in the midst for a little while yet. We've seen people looking out for each other like never before. We delivered over 50 projects over the year and we will aim to give you a flavour of these.

In our Neighbourhoods teams we launched the Inclusive Communities Partnership. The partnership engaged 4,500 people in neighbourhood activity and we reached a further 11,000 people facing exclusion. 70,000 community volunteer hours were given. We delivered 150,000 covid information letters. The Healthy Neighbourhood Fund reached 100 groups and 4000 people. We supported 48 community groups within buildings. We also supported a huge amount of older people and enhanced our support for older people during the Covid Pandemic to reduce loneliness and isolation. An intergenerational pen pals project and the Ageing Well festival were huge successes.

In our Equalities team, we ran an incredible range of projects supporting people from ethnically diverse communities. Highlights were the Community Roots project which involved 400 people and won the Sussex Community Star and Care Award in the mental health category.

In our Youth team the incredible Brighton streets project won the Children and Young People Now Magazine Award for Partnership Working. Brighton streets detached youth project made 1,836 interventions with young people. We offered a full summer programme for families on low incomes, continued Curiosity Club and developed a new youth leadership programme.

We would like to thank everyone that has been responsible. Our community members are inspirational and we couldn't do this without you. Our funders and supporters mean we can actually do our work. Our partners mean we can achieve what we want to deliver on an even greater scale, so thank you. Also thank you to the people that make up TDC and to our wonderful volunteer trustees. And to all of the TDC staff, thank you!

Covid has highlighted and exacerbated the structural inequalities within our society. We need to be reducing the gaps within the city. The way that we think we can do that is the community development way, bringing people together to further impact social change and we will continue to do this.

There were no questions on the Annual Report, but AH asked everyone to please get in touch afterwards if you have any questions.

The members unanimously agreed the Annual Report. 22 in person votes. 6 proxy votes.

5. Appointment of Auditors

The proposal is to reappoint the auditors – Kreston Reeves. There were no objections and the members unanimously approved. 22 in person votes. 6 proxy votes.

6. Election of Trustees

The new trustees Sarah McConnell and Rowan Hillier were voted for during dinner with members putting their paper votes into a box.

The new trustees were unanimously voted in. 22 members voted in person. 6 proxy votes.

It was noted that Emma Haughton had stepped down as a Trustee during Autumn 2020. Eileen O'Leary is also stepping down as a Trustee at this AGM and we thanked her for all the work she has done for TDC and presented her with a gift.

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