

TRINITY WINCHESTER

Minutes of Annual General Meeting



Held on Thursday 9 November 2017 at Bradbury House, Durngate, Winchester.

Welcome

Peter North, Chair of Trustees opened the meeting at 7.30pm by welcoming all, especially Trinity's Patron, the Lord Lieutenant, Nigel Atkinson, and his wife Christine and the Mayor, Cllr David McLean, and Mrs McLean.

Opening remarks

Nigel Atkinson thanked everyone for coming. He said that homelessness is on the increase and that Winchester is fortunate to have Trinity to help local homeless people on their journey. He singled out Peter North and Sue McKenna for special thanks.

Apologies

Fourteen apologies were received.

Minutes of 2016 AGM

The minutes were reviewed and adopted without amendment on a motion proposed by Leanne Smith and seconded by Gerry O'Keefe.

Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

Chairman's Report

Peter North welcomed Tom and Sylvie Blythe, who had been instrumental in arranging the generous £500k donation to Trinity during the last financial year.

The financial year to 31 March 2017 was a good one for Trinity. The fundraising team was working well and has in fact already, four months early, achieved its target for the year to March 2018. Lucy Tennant and Paul Williams deserve our thanks for doing a great job.

Sue McKenna is leading a good team. He thanked Hannah Scott and her operations team, who are doing a fantastic job delivering great support to our clients. Trinity has a great board. There is a real buzz in Trinity at the moment.

We are looking to use the above-mentioned £500k donation to address the problem of the long-term chaotic homeless, backed by appropriate services. We have two separate outline plans, both of which require further fundraising. We shall announce our plans in due course.

We are lucky to have great support from Winchester City Council and a good group other stakeholders, including the Nightshelter. Peter especially thanked our great group of volunteers without whom we could not work.

Peter thanked our patron, Nigel Atkinson, for his excellent support, and mentioned too the wonderful support given by his predecessor, Mary Fagan.

We face challenges and risks but we are confident that working together with our stakeholders we shall have a positive future.

Finance Director's Report

Gerry O'Keefe told the meeting that that in the year to 31 March 2016 Trinity had incurred a financial loss of £130k and this had changed in the year to 31 March 2017 to a surplus of £491k. A significant contribution to this turnaround came from the £500k donation, which is restricted to use in a building project,

Even without this Trinity would have almost broken even, thanks to two factors. Firstly our fundraising team increased income by £70k – an excellent result. Secondly our costs have been reduced by £73k following a restructure. Our staff deserves credit for continuing to deliver our services on this lower cost base.

We still have a loan on the building, with £328k outstanding at the year-end. This is offset by £748k cash, being the £500k donation plus £248k we keep to cushion ourselves against financial vicissitudes.

We expect this year to have a similar breakeven result to last year.

Election of officers and directors

Leanne Smith, Vice Chair, temporarily took over as chair of the meeting for the re-election of Peter North as Chair/director. Nigel Atkinson proposed and David Walton seconded and the meeting approved *nem con*.

David Walton proposed and Leanne Smith seconded that Gerry O'Keefe be confirmed as Finance director, and the meeting approved *nem con*.

Leanne Smith proposed and David Walton seconded that Paul Murray be confirmed as a director, and the meeting approved *nem con*.

Gerry O'Keefe proposed and David Walton seconded that Sue Broadbent be confirmed as a director, and the meeting approved *nem con*.

Paul Murray proposed and David Walton seconded that Alex Fitzgerald-Barron be confirmed as a director, and the meeting approved *nem con*.

Election of auditors

Gerry O'Keefe proposed and Leanne Smith seconded the re-appointment of the auditors, Wilkins Kennedy, at a reasonable remuneration to be approved by the board, and the meeting approved *nem con*.

Presentations

There were presentations by Sue McKenna on the achievement of Trinity in the last year and the journey of our clients, by Hannah Scott on the support we give (including and interview with one of our clients), by Prof Emma Clery on our literature discussion group, by Jo Major on our women's service and by Niamh Penman on our learning and engagement programme. During this last presentation a representative of Tesco presented a cheque for £4000 towards the gardening programme.

Vote of thanks

Leanne Smith thanked all for attending and the presenters for their presentations. The meeting was formally closed at 8.30 p.m.