

## TRINITY WINCHESTER

### Minutes of Annual General Meeting



Held on Thursday 8 November 2018 at Bradbury House, Durngate, Winchester.

#### **Welcome**

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

#### **Opening Remarks**

Nigel Atkinson thanked everyone for coming. He said that homelessness is still 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**

Twenty-two apologies were received.

#### **Minutes of 2017 AGM**

The minutes were reviewed and adopted without amendment on a motion proposed by Tom Watson and seconded by Caroline Horrill.

#### **Matters arising**

There were no matters arising.

#### **Chairman's Report**

The Chairman reported that 2017-18 had been a particularly good year and said the focus of this year's AGM would be a celebration of the hard work by volunteers and staff. He said it was humbling to see such a joyful culture, skill, patience, understanding and non-judgemental trust signposting service-users to change and aspire. He praised the support given locally to Trinity, mentioning particularly Winchester City Council (WCC) and its Leader, Caroline Horrill, and thanked everyone who helps Trinity thrive in so many ways.

#### **Finance Director's Report**

Gerry O'Keefe told the meeting that income in the financial year of £480,000 had helped Trinity to spend on maintenance. Trinity depends on income from WCC, Hampshire County Council, Grants, Trusts and Community Fund-raising. Careful budget management meant it had broken even and overall there is a surplus of £30,000. A helpful source of income, which covered the cost of the mezzanine project was office and meeting space rent from external organisations. He praised the fundraising team's efforts and highlighted the need to raise more money within the Community. In mentioning the '120 Club' he invited Sharnna Carter to speak about this initiative. She explained what it is hoping it will achieve, asked everyone to spread the word and those present to consider joining.

#### **Election of Officers and Directors**

Proposed by Leanne Smith and seconded by Nigel Atkinson David Walton was re-appointed as a Trustee after the meeting approved *nem.con.* Nigel Atkinson paid tribute to David's skills, dedication and commitment to Trinity.

## **Auditors**

Gerry O’Keefe proposed and ??? seconded that the board be authorized to conduct a review of the existing and potential new auditors and to appoint auditors at a reasonable remuneration to be approved by the board, and the meeting approved *nem con*.

## **Presentations**

Sue McKenna gave an overview of the year highlighting the close collaboration with other local agencies helping homeless and vulnerable people in Winchester, and thanking all the volunteers, Project Workers and her team. Trinity works hard to bring independence to its service users, through the Job Clubs and medical help. She said that working with them successfully brings joy to everyone.

Hannah Scott spoke about the success of the Co-Production Board from which the shape of the service is evolving. She thanked Trustees, staff and volunteers for their unstinting efforts. The support, change and aspire model helps those in crisis, those who need guidance and those who are moving on.

The Trinity Choir, assisted with musical direction and a recording by the University of Winchester, had written and performed a moving song called The Journey, which was played to the meeting.

The meeting then heard from three service-users whose brave telling of their heart-warming success stories were an absolute inspiration. All three received well-deserved applause and praise from everyone present.

The Chairman gave a short presentation about the progress of the Housing Project, proposed by Trustee Paul Murray and being designed on Housing First Principles, to meet the needs of the hardest to house, those in crisis and those caught in the revolving circle. With the introduction of a ground-breaking psychotherapeutic framework, led by Trustee and GP Alex Fitzgerald-Barron, he described how this would become embedded in all aspects of support to help those with challenging health conditions.

A short, heart-warming film was shown about Trinity’s work, made and sponsored by Aviva.

## **Presentation of The Queen’s Award for Voluntary Service**

Nigel Atkinson, thanking all the fantastic staff and exemplary volunteers, said it was a huge honour to present the Award to Trinity Winchester. He described the rigorous process where verification was first carried out by Deputy Lieutenant Joan Ferrer, followed by a report prepared for the Cabinet and Prime Minister’s Offices and the Palace to give their consideration. Along with Winchester Nightshelter, a recipient last year, only 38 of these Awards have been made since 2002.

He said he was thrilled to see Trinity win the Award, congratulated everyone warmly and praised the non-judgemental, inclusive culture which Trinity fosters to bring positive changes to people’s lives. He urged everyone to look at Trinity’s Five-Year Plan, commented on close inter-agency working, an impressive list of partners and the excellent evidence of Trinity’s success in supporting over 600 people a year.

Several proud volunteers stepped forward to receive the Award and Scroll on behalf of everyone who supports Trinity Winchester.

## **Vote of Thanks**

Leanne Smith warmly thanked all our supporters for attending and the presenters for their presentations.

The meeting was formally closed at 8.45 p.m.