

TRINITY WINCHESTER

Minutes of Annual General Meeting



Held on Wednesday 20 November 2019 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, his wife Christine who is a Trinity Advocate and Mrs. Eleanor Bell, Mayor of Winchester and thanked everyone for attending the 33rd Trinity AGM.

Apologies

Twenty-seven apologies were received.

Minutes of 2017 AGM

The minutes were reviewed and adopted without amendment on a motion proposed by Sue Broadbent seconded by Amelia Ashton.

Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

Chairman's Report

The Chairman reported 2018-19 had been a great year, particularly financially, for which he gave credit to Finance Director Gerry O'Keefe and his Team for keeping Trinity on track. Trinity's main focus this year is *Under One Roof*, a £1.5 million project to provide 12 flatlets offering accommodation to homeless people, with intense support services from the Day Centre. This exciting development is an ambitious but achievable target supported in close collaboration with Winchester City Council (WCC) and the Winchester Churches Nightshelter, and involves fundraising led by Trustee Paul Murray, focussing on grant applications, corporate and community support. The total raised to date is £600,000. The build is expected to start next Spring. Meanwhile another project in the City, launched by the former High Sheriff Mark Thistlethwayte, has seen development of Alleyne House in Hythe into accommodation for ex-prisoners and homeless people, with which Trinity is working closely.

One of the highlights of the year was the hugely successful collaboration for the Trinity Service Users Art Group led by Ali Eales at a Tate Gallery Workshop with Winchester Art College. He Chairman also praised Sue McKenna, Hannah Scott and all their team for their hard work, the great culture and atmosphere at Bradbury House, and the excellent working relationships with all our stakeholders. He thanked the Advocates for their increasing involvement with Trinity, the Trustees for their contributions and in particular retiring Trustee David Walton for his friendship, wit, enthusiasm, and huge commitment to where Trinity is today.

Finance Director's Report

Gerry O'Keefe paid tribute to David Walton for his wise corporate and personal counsel over ten years, through challenging times for Trinity. He told the meeting this year's income of £504,000 has helped Trinity to break even again with a small surplus. He described the tough, challenging fund-raising environment where public attitudes and competition have affected giving. He reassured the AGM that 85p in every £1 donated goes directly to support the service, compared

with an average 74p in the £1 across other charities. Trinity's key financial targets are to avoid borrowing or digging deep into reserves, and to remain fully funded.

Election of Officers and Directors

Proposed by Tony Boas Sailor and seconded by Gerry O'Keefe, Frances Griffiths was appointed as the Trust Board Secretary and Leanne Smith reappointed to the Board. Proposed by Nigel Atkinson and seconded by Gerry O'Keefe, Amelia Ashton was appointed as a Trustee.

Election of Auditors

Proposed by Sue Broadbent and seconded by Caroline Horrill, HWB Accountants were appointed as Trinity Winchester's Auditors.

Patron's Address

Nigel Atkinson, Lord Lieutenant of Hampshire, told everyone how delighted he is to be Trinity Winchester's Patron and particularly to be involved in *Under One Roof*. He said Trinity is well respected and well known for supporting the most vulnerable people in the City in a wholly non-judgemental environment, many of whose journeys were due to unforeseeable issues, with long roads to travel. He praised the amazing work done by the Team, volunteers, and supporters, mentioning Trinity's Autumn Dinner, which raised over £20,000, and what an enjoyable evening it was. After thanking Peter North for the enormous amount of energy and effort he puts into Trinity, our Patron announced the David Walton Award for Exceptional Service to Trinity and said he was honoured to present it to its very worthy first recipient, David Walton, for his commitment, dedication and huge amount of work in the ten years he has served Trinity.

In thanking the Patron David Walton said the Award was terrific, there was never a good time to leave any organisation

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.

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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.