

# TRINITY WINCHESTER

## Minutes of Annual General Meeting



Held on Wednesday 20 November 2019 at Bradbury House, Winchester.

### **Welcome**

Peter North, Chairman of Trustees opened the meeting at 7.30pm welcoming all, especially Trinity's Patron, the Lord Lieutenant Nigel Atkinson, his wife Christine, a Trinity Advocate and Mrs. Eleanor Bell, Mayor of Winchester and he thanked everyone for attending the 33<sup>rd</sup> Trinity AGM.

### **Apologies**

Twenty-seven apologies were received.

### **Minutes of 2017 AGM**

The minutes were reviewed and adopted by Sue Broadbent, seconded by Amelia Ashton.

### **Matters arising**

There were no matters arising.

### **Chairman's Report**

The Chairman said 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 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, launched by the former High Sheriff Mark Thistlethwayte, with which Trinity is working closely, has seen Alleyne House in Hythe developed into accommodation for ex-prisoners and homeless people.

One of the highlights of the year was a hugely successful collaboration for the Trinity Service Users Art Group, led by Ali Eales, at a Tate Gallery Workshop with Winchester Art College. The Chairman praised Sue McKenna, Hannah Scott and all the team for their hard work, great culture and atmosphere at Bradbury House, and excellent working relationships with all our stakeholders. He thanked the Advocates for their increasing involvement at 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 first 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, seconded by Gerry O'Keefe, Frances Griffiths was appointed as the Trust Board Secretary. Proposed by Nigel Atkinson and seconded by Gerry O'Keefe, Amelia Ashton was appointed as a Trustee.

### **Election of Auditors**

Proposed by Sue Broadbent, 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, particularly being involved in *Under One Roof*. He said Trinity is well respected and well known for supporting in a wholly non-judgemental environment the most vulnerable people in the City, 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, and mentioned what an enjoyable evening he enjoyed at Trinity's Autumn Dinner, which raised over £20,000. After thanking Peter North for the enormous amount of energy and effort he puts into Trinity, he 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 for the Award, David Walton said it was terrific. There was never a good time to leave any organisation you love, but he was glad that Trinity is in such good order, with a lovely team of staff, great management, and a fantastic Chairman. The Chairman also thanked David, said our door is always open and looked forward to his continuing support as an Advocate.

### **Presentations**

Chief Executive Sue McKenna gave a warm welcome to our Patron and the Mayor. She spoke of the clients, thanking them for letting Trinity be part of their journey in spite of their challenging lives, the success for many in achieving employment and housing, growing confidence in new learning programmes and the calm welcome and safe environment always afforded by the team. She praised Hannah Scott and her team, wished Davina good luck as she moves on after five years at Trinity, and welcomed newcomers Tania, Emily and Sharnna. She also thanked all our volunteers, particularly Jenny Farthing, and our partner agencies in the city, highlighting Making Every Adult Matter (MEAM) as a successful joint agency initiative taking a timely approach to preventative measures. On behalf of everyone she was proud that Trinity had achieved the Social Enterprise Award and the High Sheriff's Award.

Hannah Scott also spoke about the safe environment for clients, the change model for their next steps after achieving the basics of support into housing and employment, 1:1 counselling for the majority who have achieved trauma which helps clients regain control over their lives, and the Aspire programme, a model for those in crisis, those needing guidance and those moving on.

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

Ali Eales gave an up-beat, enthusiastic talk about the Art Group, the success of many projects throughout the year, highlighting the Tate Gallery visit and future prospects for the Group's continuing success with invaluable support from the Art College.

Paul Williams and Sharnna Carter both gave inspiring reports about the success of their fund-raising work in the challenging environment in which many charities find themselves today. They thanked and praised Trinity's corporate partners and community supporters and appealed to anyone knowing someone with access to core funding to come forward.

### **Vote of Thanks**

Paul Williams warmly thanked the presenters, particularly the clients, the Trinity family of volunteers, staff, Trustees, supporters, funders, and distinguished guests.

The meeting was formally closed at 8.30 p.m.