

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of  
The Blackpool Wyre & Fylde Council for Voluntary Service  
held on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2018 at 11am in  
The World Healing Centre Lytham Road, Blackpool

Jed Sullivan, BWF CVS Chair, opened the meeting by welcoming attendees and thanking everyone for coming along to the AGM. Evacuation routine and assembly points were pointed out.

1. **Apologies** were received from Chris Bates and Martin Goldman
2. **Minutes** from the 2017 AGM were read and agreed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

### 3. **Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising from the Minutes

### 4. **Chairs Report**

It had been a turbulent and challenging year financially; the trustees had had to cut their cloth accordingly. Old staff had moved on to pastures new; thanks were expressed to Simon Lawton, Angela Glass and Wendy Jackson. A new member of staff had been appointed and a welcome was given to Bev Wells who had joined the CVS Team. There were no building expenses as the office in Abingdon Street had been vacated. The Trustees had temporary use of the World Healing Centre for meetings. New contracts were being looked into for the future development of BWF CVS.

The Mina Group had been contracted to overhaul the CVS website and communications strategy. Members and organisations were encouraged to use the website to publicise their events, share good news, resources, room hire etc. 970 emails were being sent out each week with information pertinent to the voluntary sector.

The Chair thanked his fellow trustees and encouraged those present to consider becoming trustees to strengthen the Board.

Organisational support in Fylde and Wyre was presently funded through the Lancashire Association of CVS's contract with LCC. It was noted that no direct funding was coming from Blackpool to support Blackpool organisations, but there was a commitment from the Board to continue to cover the cost of offering support in that area from its reserves. To continue the work of the CVS the members were encouraged to talk to the electoral member.

Questions were invited from the floor.

1. From last year's AGM agenda, it was noted that the AGM for 2018 was to be held in Wyre. Why had that not happened?

Response. The cost of venues was found to be too expensive but there was a commitment from the Board to hold 2019 AGM in Wyre.

## **5. Annual Report**

The Treasurer presented the annual report

## **6. Financial Reports to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2018**

The Treasurer reported on the financial accounts

A question was asked

1. Not including the Revoelution finances where did the £28,000 come from?

Response. Included in the £28,000 - £9,500 were management fees for the Revoelution project and the rest were through the contract with LACVS / LCC for organisational support in Fylde and Wyre only not Blackpool.

Comment was made that the accounts were not made easily available prior to the AGM nor hard copies available at the meeting. This is something the trustees agreed to remedy for next year.

## **7. Appointment of External Examiner for 2018-2019**

It was put to the meeting that Whitehead and Howarth be appointed as the External Examiner for 2018 -2019.

Due to the high fees of H&W a proposal was put forward to the Board to consider changing the EE for next year.

## **8. Resignation/Retirement of Council Board Directors**

There were no resignations or retirements from the Board of Trustees.

## **9. Appointment of Directors**

- a) No re-appointments were made
- b) No new appointments were made

Two people put themselves forward to discuss potential appointment to the Board.

The meeting closed at 11.30am