

LINKS: THE CHESTERFIELD AND NORTH EAST DERBYSHIRE COUNCIL FOR VOLUNTARY SERVICE AND ACTION LIMITED

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 28TH MARCH 2023 at CR 1 & 2, CHESTERFIELD TOWN HALL.

PART 1: AGM

Present:

Stephen Wright (Chair)	Temple Normanton Playscheme
Keith Clarke	African & Caribbean Community Association
Rita King	Chesterfield 50+ Inspired Forum
Shruti Vispute	Asian Association of Chesterfield and North Derbyshire
Ann Monk	Bright Life/Age Concern Chesterfield and District
Dawn Evans	Clay Cross Mental Health Carers' Support Group
Teresa Waldron	Deaf-Initely Women
Rachel Priest	Derbyshire Law Centre
Mick S Crossley	Dora
Barbara Arrandale	Friends of Eastwood Park
Christopher Newton	Hasland Big Local
Barbara Sansome	North Derbyshire Refugee Support
Joe Roberts	SAFEvents Association
Margaret Hersee	Transition Chesterfield
Lorraine Dung (Treasurer)	Clay Cross Mental Health Carers Support Group
Nadia Ishchuk	Verba
Colin Mitchell	Chesterfield Shopmobility

In attendance:

James Lee	Chief Executive
Sandra Pink	Advice & Project Manager
Martin Conlan	ICT Support Worker
Jon Wynn	Group Support Worker
Helen Scattergood	Freelance Publicity & Social Media Worker
Gail Wagstaff	Administrative Worker

Apologies:

Christopher Newton	Hasland Big Local
Steve Wright	Chesterfield Care Group
Mick Evans	Derbyshire County Council
Christine Mitchell	MAAF – (Midland Association Amputee & Friends)
Philip Arrandale	GHBL SCWG
Jeannie Robinson	Stand up to Racism

1. Welcome and apologies

Stephen Wright welcomed everyone to the Links CVS Annual General Meeting held on Tuesday 28th March 2023. The meeting was attended by people representing various community groups and voluntary organisations. Stephen Wright serving as Chair and Joe Roberts as a board director had to step down due to the rule listed in Links' Articles of Association, Clause 26, "No Board Member shall hold office for more than six consecutive years. On the expiration of such period one further year must elapse before any such member shall be eligible for re-election."

2. Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting

The minutes were declared as accurate.

Proposed: Joe Roberts

Seconded: Barbara Arrandale

3. Directors' (Trustees') Annual Report and Annual Accounts 2021-22

Stephen Wright (Chair) pointed out that the gap between this year's AGM and the previous one has been slightly longer than usual, but still in compliance with the rule listed in Links' Articles of Association, Clause 5, "The Charity shall hold an Annual General Meeting each year in addition to any other meetings in that year, and shall specify the meeting as such in the notices calling it; and not more than fifteen months shall elapse between the date of one Annual General Meeting of the Charity and that of the next". Stephen Wright presented the Annual Report to the meeting and highlighted the key challenges and achievements during the year.

Lorraine Dung (Treasurer) presented Accounts and advised that Links is currently in a good position regarding income as despite the pandemic, Links still managed to sustain just under £160,000 in its reserves. She highlighted that some of the key activities Links undertook to support the local voluntary and community sector. For instance, Links secured funding including that which was used to set up the BME sitting service for BME carers who were isolated and not receiving other forms of support during the pandemic. In addition, Links also managed to secure various other sources of funding including funding from Foundation Derbyshire to support generic frontline groups during the pandemic and its immediate aftermath in meeting the unprecedented challenges posed by Covid-19.

4. Motion from the Board to Appoint Derby Community Accountancy Service as Links' Independent Examiners

Proposed Barbara Arrandale

Seconded Teresa Waldron

This motion was unanimously passed by all those present at the meeting.

5. Election of Directors 1:00pm – 1:30pm

Nomination forms were received from: -

Teresa Waldron	Deaf-Initely Women
Rita King	Chesterfield 50+ Inspired
Rachel Priest	Derbyshire Law Centre
Ann Monk	Brightlife/Age Concern Chesterfield & District
Lorraine Dung	Clay Cross Mental Health Carers Support Group

Rita King and Lorraine Dung have been on the board for three years; and are happy to re-stand.

James Lee (Links CEO and Company Secretary) informed the meeting that as a result of the number of vacancies available is more than the number of nominations received, thus the meeting doesn't require to go through the election voting process. All were elected.

The full list of Links' new Board of Directors is below with the new board members highlighted in bold:

Lorraine Dung	Clay Cross Mental Health Carers' Support Group
Rita King	Chesterfield 50+ Inspired
Rachel Priest	Derbyshire Law Centre
Teresa Waldron (Chair)	Deaf-Initely Women
Ann Monk	Age Concern Chesterfield and District
Barbara Arrandale	Friends of Eastwood Park
Shruti Vispute	Asian Association of Chesterfield and North Derbyshire
Keith Clarke	African & Caribbean Community Association

The official business closed at 1:30pm.