

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

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 26th MARCH 2024

PART 1: AGM

Present:

Teresa Waldron (Chair) + 2 Captioners	Deaf-Initely Women
Stephen Wright	Temple Normanton Playscheme
Sushri Wells	Asian Association of Chesterfield and North Derbyshire
Jessica Smith	Asian Association of Chesterfield and North Derbyshire
Rita King	Chesterfield 50+ Inspired Forum
Ann Monk	Bright Life/Age Concern Chesterfield and District
Habib Kah	Chesterfield Senegambia Association
Joanne Frost	Derbyshire Community Transport
Anna Watson	Derbyshire Police - Hate Crime Co-Ordinator
Emma McGovern	Derbyshire Police - Hate Crime Co-Ordinator
Anand Birju	Building Bridges in the Community
Glynn Cooke	Derbyshire Veterans Group HQ
Rachel Priest	Derbyshire Law Centre
Mick S Crossley	Chesterfield Bipolar UK Peer Support Group
Barbara Arrandale	Friends of Eastwood Park
Colin Mitchell	Shop Mobility
Joe Roberts	SAFEvents Association
Andy Priestly Ryan Daffin Fran Wood	Our Vision Our Future
Colin Mitchell	Chesterfield Shopmobility
Adrian Rimington	National Pensioners Convention
Darren Sharrod	Accompanied Adrian Rimington
Nisar Suleman	Chesterfield Muslim Association
Zuhor Hamza	Chesterfield Muslim Women's Group
Lud Ramsey	ACCA
Iullia Lermachenko +2	Verba – Ukrainian Social Group of Chesterfield Derbyshire
Piotr Danek	Polonia Chesterfield
Daniel Botham	Hope House Chesterfield
Jacqui Willis	DVA

In attendance:

James Lee	Chief Executive
Sandra Pink	Advice & Project Manager
Martin Conlan	ICT Support Worker
Jon Wynn	Group Support Worker
Helen Scattergood	Marketing, Communications and Events Organiser
Shruti Vispute	Partnership Engagement Manager
Gail Wagstaff	Administrative Worker

Apologies:

Jo Marples	Derbyshire County Council
Barbara Sansome	North Derbyshire Refugee Support Group Member
Lisa Briddon	Chinese Elders Group - Member
Siobhan Spencer	Derbyshire Gypsy Liaison Group - Member
James Starky	Derbyshire Gypsy Liaison Group - Member
Lorraine Dung (Treasurer)	Clay Cross Mental Health Carers Support Group
Mick Crossley	Chesterfield Senegambia Association

1. Welcome & Apologies

James welcomed everyone to the Links CVS Annual General Meeting for 2024.

The meeting was chaired by Teresa Waldron.

Gail Wagstaff, Links CVS, Administrative Worker provided the list of apologies as above.

The meeting was well attended by persons representing various community groups and organisations.

2. Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting held on 28th March 2023

The minutes were declared as accurate which was proposed by Barbara Arrandale and seconded by Joe Roberts.

3. Directors' (Trustees') Annual Report and Annual Accounts 2022-23

Stephen Wright, (Community Ambassador and Chair of Links Board during the financial year 01/04/2022 -31/03/2023) stood in for Lorraine Dung (Treasurer) who was absent, due to illness.

Stephen pointed out on behalf of Lorraine, that It is important to note that the accounts show the true balance as at the end of the financial year, 31st March 2023 and not as at today's date.

Stephen advised that funds being carried forward came to £173,127, cash in hand and in bank were £178,693 and that there were creditors of £5,566.

There was no bank interest during the financial year.

As numbers of Links CVS employees have increased, payroll costs naturally increased.

Stephen explained that the Chesterfield Borough Council's funding will be reduced from £16K to £8K for 2024/25 and 2025/26. After this point, there will be no more funding available from Chesterfield Borough Council. This will create an additional challenge in finding a way to make up the shortfall.

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

The motion was passed to re-appoint Derby Community Accounting Service.

This was Proposed by Barbara Arrandale and seconded by Joe Roberts.

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

James Lee (the Company Secretary) reported that no nomination forms were received for the election of Directors. However, he pointed out that after the AGM, Links Board has the power to co-opt members who are deemed as being complementary to the board in relation to their particular skills, knowledge, experience and their reflection of different sections of the community such as BME or other equality groups.

In addition, Sandra explained that Chesterfield Borough Council had expressed an interest in nominating a member of the council (Cllr Peter Innes) to be on Links' board. James explained that Cllr Innes will need to become an individual member of Links (the charitable company) in order to be eligible to join as a co-opted board member.

The official business closed at 1:30pm.