

Warrington Voluntary Action AGM, Thursday 5th December 2019.

Present:

Lynne Bennett, Alison Cullen, Stef Griffiths, Bryan Dargie, Mary Barbour, Lisa Leonard, Helen Parker Keith Inman, Dave Barlow, Derek Jones, Matt Davenport, Katie Horan, Eleanor Blackburn, Clare Jones, Tom OMara, Angela Richardson, Chris Todd, Roz Coleman, Peter Hampson

Apologies:

Jo Jackson, John Lees, Jo Taylor, Steve Cullen, Dida Goode, Sarah Blackie, Alan Domville

Item	
1. Welcome & apologies	LB welcomed everyone to the AGM. The apologies were read out as above
2. Minutes of the last AGM December 2018	It was agreed that these minutes were a true record; proposed approval by Mary Barbour and seconded by Keith Inman. All were in favour to propose approval.
3. Matters arising from the minutes	There were no matters arising from the minutes.
4. Overview from the Chair	<p>Yet another year has passed and we can look back at what has been achieved with satisfaction. We have been flexible and resilient and adjusted our working practises to face the challenges of reduced funding and it is a tribute to our team that we have been able to continue to serve our members.</p> <p>In terms of our objectives :</p> <p>1) A key role of WVA is to support and develop volunteering This is our second year of delivering the Warrington Volunteer Strategy, and during 18/19 we provided volunteering information and advice to 1493 individuals. Including increased activity to engage with men. Our face to face brokerage service continues to offer advice on opportunities to individuals and we have been able to significantly expand this area of work over the last 2 years with the help of our New Leaf contract. We have worked with WBC to deliver a volunteer recruitment fair (Vol Con 2019). The event was a real success with almost all 23 organisations involved recruiting new volunteers. Towards the end of the year we were funded to deliver consultation and engagement activities with young people. The focus of the project is to give young people a voice and make positive change. This work continue into the new financial year.</p>

	<p>2) Development Work Over the past year 134 organisations received face to face support and advice to help manage and develop their group. This has included the development of an organisational Health check – Review and Reflect We continue to access funds for adult community learning, This has enabled us to deliver free training and to facilitate funding surgeries and workshops.</p> <p>3) Voice and Representation Our public profile continues to increase – social media followers has reached over 2500, we’ve had an increase in visitors to our website, and this year we have connected with over 1400 community and voluntary organisations registered on our website. Members of the team continue to represent the sector and various boards and forums across the borough.</p> <p>I would just like to say a big thank you to Alison, the team and to our volunteers (all been as brilliant as ever !)</p>
5.	<p>WVA highlights Alison Cullen presented the Social Action Timeline exhibited in the Gateway and thoughts for the future extension of the Timeline. Alison also presented on the document highlighting services and activities delivered over the most recent 18 months and feedback on a positive service user feedback survey carried out earlier in the year.</p>
6. Appointment of Directors	<p>Retiring: John Lees Retiring by rotation and re-appointment of: Jo Jackson Clare Jones Continuing trustees: Lynne Bennett Katie Horan Mary Barbour</p> <p>Unanimous vote from members. There were no objections or abstentions.</p>
7. Presentation and adoption of the Trustees Annual Report and Accounts, for the period April 2018 to March 2019	<p>Audited Accounts The Chair was pleased to say that the combination of additional funding and careful financial management has seen us record a surplus this year. The steps we have taken over the last few years have successfully secured our financial stability. We are moving in to 19/20 with new part-time staff and a streamlined service. We continue to work to ensure our reserves stay at an acceptable level.</p> <p>All were in favour to approve the Annual Report and Accounts, there were no objections or abstentions. LB was pleased to comment on WVA’s second year with a surplus of funds.</p>

8. Appointment of independent examiner.	All members approved appointment of Voisey & Co. There were no objections or abstentions.
9. CIO	Alison Cullen gave a brief overview of a CIO and the benefit of WVA converting to a CIO. Due to an inqorate number of members it was agreed that members would be emailed and given the opportunity to agree/disagree the process.
10. AOB	Lynne presented Alison with a gift from WVA to recognise and thank her for 20 years of service.

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