

Broomhall Centre

Annual General Meeting 3rd November 2020

Minutes

Present:

Alice Collins, Alison Norris, Andrew Woodhead, Avril Grant, Cllr Angela Argenzio, Dilys Noble, Farah Alkhayat, Ian Cooke, Imran Ahmed, Jillian Creasy, Maggie Wykes, Margaret Fall, Margaret Phipps, Nura Suleiman, Pete Sacker, Polly Blacker, Rafik Al Sakkaf, Saima Rehman, Samira Hamid, Sue Hammersley, Tony Cornah

Apologies:

Brian Holmshaw, Charlie Illingworth, Claire Brooks, Duncan Lennox, Jeremy Ritchie, Mavis Hamilton, Nesar Miah, Ruth Oxley, Rosie Chitty

Minutes of 2018/19 AGM (held on Jan 23rd 2020)

Minutes agreed. There were no matters arising.

Finance Report

Margaret Phipps (Treasurer) presented a summary of the key points in the accounts (attached). The full Accounts are available on our website.

The meeting approved the appointment of VAS as our independent examiners again for next year.

Prior to Covid the centre was breaking even but Covid has put severe strain on our finances as our prime income comes from bookings which are limited with the lockdown. We have cash flow to last us into next year, but the board is keeping our finances under constant review.

Chair's Report

Jillian Creasy (chair) presented the main activities and involvements of workers and volunteers (attached). The formal report is in the Annual Accounts.

This was welcomed.

Local Giving

Pete Sacker (Secretary) explained that the centre has now teamed up with Local Giving which means we now have a site that can be used by anyone who wishes to make donations to the centre. For our initial campaign we are asking for support for the Homework and Coding club. Both one off and continuing donations can be set up there and Local Giving manage claiming Gift Aid. He reported that due to our naivety we have missed out on their current round of matched funding, but we will know how to play it for the future.

Pete promised that an invite to contribute would be sent to our mailing list.

It was suggested that all group leaders should be encouraged to ask their members to contribute as well.

Continued University support for the homework club was raised. Pete reported that we continue to seek this funding, but we need more to ensure support for both homework and coding sessions.

Election of Board members

All current members are required to stand down but can offer themselves for re-election.

- Willing to serve again: Jillian Creasy (as chair), Margaret Phipps (as treasurer), Pete Sacker (as secretary), Ian Cooke, Maggie Wykes, Duncan Lennox, Mavis Hamilton, Andrew Woodhead.

All proposed and agreed unanimously.

Jillian stated that the board can and will co-opt additional members if people decide they would like to serve in future.

Any Other Business

A number of questions were raised:

Food Bank and children's meals: The S6 bank (based at the centre) is not involved in this but Shipshape at Sharrow is involved.

Food Bank storage: Concern was expressed about the shipping container would affect the ball games area which is very well used now. Rafik was able to reassure that the container will be paced on the raised part of the yard so would not affect usage.

Tia Chi group stated that they could not yet come back as they move around and breath heavily. Jillian stated that we are trying to get the hall ventilation system working again. Also we recognise that Covid may mean smaller numbers in any session so we are willing to consider reduced rents so groups can remain viable.

The Centre was thanked for what we are doing and for the AGM meeting.

Meeting ended at 7:00.