

Minutes Broomhall Centre AGM 22/10/2024

Present: Abdi Ahmed, Amanda Smith, Anne Logan, Annette Whiteley, Christine Shann, Cllr Angela Argenzio, Deacan Testa Teferi, Grace Davis, Imran Ahmed, Jennifer Nwachukwu, Jillian Creasy, Jim Cowley, Joey Tung, John Ilean(?), John Moore, Kate Hobbs, Katie Burtenshaw, Leilah Hammoudi, Lila Peppiatt, Maggie Wykes, Margaret & John Fall, Margaret Phipps, Maryam Shahpouri, Mavis Hamilton, Max N, Mia Megarry, Mike Fitter, Millie Beck, Nathan Mahalona, Nur Ali, Pauline Norton, Peter Burrige, Polly Blacker, Revd Beth Keith, Sam Wilbor, Sergei Sokolnikoc, Shelly Burrell, Shirley Cameron, Sophie Aoun, Stuart Williams, Sylvia Hammoud, Tanya Basharat, Tony Cornah , Vic Lyne, Walaa Muharib

Apologies: Rafik Al Sakkaf, Abtisam Mohamed MP, Alice Collins, Anabella Araujo, Duncan Lennox, Pete Sacker, Emma Turnbull, Jack de Aguilar, Paul Harvey

Minutes: Maggie Wykes

Agenda:

1. Welcome, introductions and apologies:

Jillian Creasy, Chair BHC, welcomed everyone to the event and noted apologies. She explained that the Manager, Rafik, had fallen from a ladder and was currently in hospital. He will be off work for some weeks. Kate Hobbs is taking on some of his work, but the Centre will be running at reduced capacity for some time.

2. Celebration of Broomhall people:

Kate Hobbs (Activities and Support Manager) explained that user groups had been asked to nominate volunteers who had made special contributions to the activities of the group. She had homemade jam and flowers to present them with and a certificate recognising their contributions.

- a) Kate from the Homework Club explained the work of the club and thanked the workers/volunteers for nominating her.
- b) 2 Nominees were named from the Girls Club - Sara and Aisha
- c) Pete from the Yoga class praised the tutor Ann for her kindness and support. Ann received her gift and certificate and thanked everyone.
- d) Jim introduced the Conversation Club which encourages English speaking discussion amongst women who are non-English speakers. He was very pleased to accept his award.
- e) Tony won an award for his volunteering for the monthly Broomhall Cinema club.

- f) Polly Blacker introduced HERB which engages volunteers to encourage and support bio-diversity in Broomhall. Lila Peppiatt was awarded the prize for all her hard work.
- g) Annette introduced the Women's Sewing group which has members from 18 different nationalities. Maryam collected her prize and certificate.
- h) Kate Hobbs introduced the Wednesday Welcome Space and Thursday support Drop-in. Pauline was awarded the prize and certificate for Welcome Space and Leilah was recognized for her support work on Thursdays.
- i) Sophie introduced the Community Meal run by Food Cycle and Milly and Ollie were awarded prizes and certificates on behalf of the regular volunteers (which also include Mary, Kate, Rachel and Tariq).
- j) Max accepted the award for everyone involved with S6 Food Bank.
- k) Jillian presented the award for Group of Groups to Elizabeth Draper who praised the close collaboration between BHC and other groups and thanked Jillian for her hard work.

3. Accounts: BHC 2023 24

Margaret Phipps (Treasurer) presented the BHC accounts for 2023-24. These are available in hard copy and on the BHC website. She showed some slides for income and spending. The balance at the close March 2024 was healthy and a large grant from Cadent was supporting Citizen's Advice sessions and paying Support Workers. The meeting agreed that the current auditors be retained for 2024-25

4. Chair's Report

The Chair, Jillian Creasy, reported on activities at the Centre during 2023-24. Ppts and the report are available on the BHC website. Jillian's report:

- a) Delineated the aims of the charity
- b) Introduced the Board members present at the AGM
- c) Explained the maintenance of the building over the year which included new double-glazed windows supplied and fitted, all funded by SCC whom she thanked. The classroom hall and stairs had been decorated during the year and extra cleaning had been put in place.
- d) Showed regular bookings at the building were the biggest source of unrestricted funds. Some of these are run BHC others run themselves independently.
- e) Showed the Calendar to explain how busy BHC can be. With a wide variety of bookings such as Citizen's Advice, support Groups, Women's Health, Welcome Space, HERB, Broomhall film and Homework Club, Foodbank, Food cycle and Youth Groups.

5. Conclusion to Report:

The aims of the BHC deliver far more than just the sum of each part with much cross-fertilisation and interactivity. The building is very embedded in the community and thrives thanks to the work many people paid and unpaid and Rafik's skill at bringing in people and income by thoughtful use of all the spaces.

Kate Hobbs thanked Jillian who received a round of applause.

6. Election of the Board:

The current Board stood down. Everyone was happy serve a further year and the meeting approved that by show of hands Several people indicated they would like to join the Board and they will be contacted at a later date and can be co-opted during the year if they wish to get more involved

7. AOB:

Shirley Cameron (ex-Manager BHC) recommended the Meditative Yoga Club on Wednesdays at 6.30pm

Margaret from St. Andrews said they viewed BHC as a great community centre and were trying to follow its example,

A new Dementia Information Hub is starting soon on the first Wednesday of every month at 2.30.

Meeting Closed