

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Community Council for Somerset held on Thursday 25 October 2018 – 12 noon at Horton Village Hall

Present

29 individuals were officially recorded as present; in addition Mrs Jane Sedgman, DL, JP, 8 trustees and 5 members of staff were in attendance. 1 proxy form was received.

Chair's Welcome and Highlights of the year

Jim Claydon, Chair of Trustees, welcomed those present to the AGM. He highlighted the organisation's achievements in what has been a good year. He mentioned that a business strategy for the period 2018 -2021 has been developed and will be implemented. The range of activities and funding for those activities has increased. More people have been helped through the work of the Village and Community Agents and the Chair reported that 1400 clients have been supported with 1700 different issues. CCS also took over the Carers Service contract in October 2017 and to date the Carers Agents have supported 500 different carers.

The Chair reiterated CCS' longstanding commitment to Community Buildings, celebrated today at the Hallmark awards.

A new area of work in the past year is the Diverse Communities Project which has already supported 400 individuals. The Positive People programme, another project new to CCS, is working to support people who are furthest from the workplace and helping them to move towards employment. The Bishop Fox Education Foundation has donated over £70,000 to support young people from Taunton Deane. Surviving Winter Grants totalling £24,000 were given to people in need of support.

All of this was achieved in the current adverse context, with huge issues around public services in the County. The Chair thanked the CEO and her staff for their hard work and dedication

Apologies for Absence

There were 5 apologies for absence including 2 Trustees.

Minutes of the Last Meeting

The minutes of the last meeting, held on 19 October 2017 were approved and formally adopted.

Proposed by Michael Harvey, Milverton Victoria Rooms

Seconded by Eileen Zoers, Comeytrowe Village Hall

Matters Arising

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

Formal Presentation of the Annual Report and Accounts for the year to 31 March 2018

The Chair requested formal adoption of the Accounts.

Proposed by Peter Gatenby, Henton Village Hall

Seconded by Val Boxall, Stogursey Village Hall

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Election of Trustees/ Directors

Election of Steve Wilcox

The Chair asked for formal approval for Steve Wilcox to be elected to the Board of Trustees of CCS.

Proposed by Denise Dunford, Odcombe Village Hall

Seconded by Peter Gatenby, Henton Village Hall

Election of Eilleen Tipper

The Chair asked for formal approval for Eilleen Tipper to be elected to the Board of Trustees of CCS.

Proposed by Barbara King, Barton St David Village Hall

Seconded by Patricia Priest, Otterhampton Village Hall

Election of Sarah Blackburn

The Chair asked for formal approval for Sarah Blackburn to be elected to the Board of Trustees of CCS.

Proposed by Liz Middleton, Caryford Hall

Seconded by Valerie Boxall, Stogursey Village Hall

The Chair made a presentation to Tess Gill, former Chair, retiring as a trustee after serving on the Board for 7 years.

Appointment of Auditors

The Chair, Jim Claydon, asked for the formal approval of A.C. Mole & Sons as auditors, as recommended by the Board. This appointment was:

Proposed by Michael Harvey, Milverton Victoria Rooms

Seconded by Pat Adamson, Othery Village Hall

Any Other Business

There was no other notified business.

Closing

The formal business of the meeting concluded at 12.25pm.