

Healthwatch North Somerset Annual General Meeting

Tuesday 13th October 2015

at

Hans Price Building, Knightstone Road, Weston BS23 2AL

MINUTES

Present: Directors

Georgie Bigg (GB) [Chair]
Dick Whittington (DW) [Treasurer]
Celia Henshall (CH)
Tim Evans
Lance Allen

Staff

Eileen Jacques
Janice Walsh
Tamar Sutton
Sophia Jones
Karen MacVean

Public

Natalie Field - Speaker
Shaun Fitzpatrick (North Somerset Council)
Rae Care
David Jolley
Jill Iles
Peter Ball
Karen Morledge
Amy Nicol
Anne Skinner
Lorna Cryer
Donald Davies
Mark Graham
Roy Chancellor
Richard Knowles
Connie Neale
C Kelloway
C Cave

Members

P J Godfrey - Speaker
Mary Adams
Bob Skinner
Cathy Mousden
Cath Williams
V Hatfield
J Harris
Sue Robinson
Mike Lyall
Rosemary Dowie
Jill Panes
Heather Woods
John Rose
Anthea Makepeace
W R Esland
Gia Hancock
S Boswell
Cara MacMahon
Joe Spitzer
Debbie Marriner
Brian Kemmish
Gloria Ingham
Rob Nicholls
Dr M Kellaway-Marriot

01-15 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from:

Dawn Payne Cllr
Delyth Lloyd-Evans
Kyla Dawe
John Gower
Mary Backhouse
Di Maggs
Krys Lane
Martin Fackrell
Mike Bell
Ursula Marks SCL
David Greenwood
Jackie Oxley
Elaine Smith
Jacqui Justice
Esme Woodman
V Douglas
Mavis Downs
D E Warford
Dilys Morgan
M Pollard

Rayna Knight Cllr
Skye Reid Smith
Alun Davies
Roger Allen
Anne Hawkings
Tony Hawkings
Penny Brown
Barbara Seaton
E M Hazeldine
Val Denton

02-15 Minutes of General Meeting of 3rd October 2014

The Minutes of 3rd October 2014 were agreed as accurate apart from a small spelling error. GB proposed they be approved which was seconded by Mary Adams and Donald Davies. There being no objection they were signed by the Chair.

03-15 Receipt of Healthwatch North Somerset Annual Report 2014/2015

Presentation by GB and EJ.

GB and EJ gave details of activities undertaken over the past year, current HWNS activities and representation at meetings. GB highlighted the importance of our volunteer community.

Questions were invited from the attendees:-

- Q1. Did I hear that you were involved in the reconfiguration of children's services?
A. No. GB clarified what has been done with children and young people. Mary Adams from CCG confirmed that they would welcome views during consultation period and that there is a consultation drop in event planned for 19th November at Clevedon Community Centre. Details on CCG website.

04-15 Receipt and Adoption of the Annual Statement of Accounts

DW presented the draft annual statement of accounts, produced in accordance with company law and independently examined. DW stated that these were the first set of account since becoming a charity.

The accounts will be sent to the Charity Commission as is required for all charities.

Questions were invited from the attendees:-

- Q1. What did Healthwatch North Somerset do for the SCLs that cost so much?
A. DW gave overview of expenditure and agreed to speak with attendee after the official AGM had ended and provide a thorough breakdown of costs.
- Q2. Has anyone from the SCLs actually seen the figures for managing the SCLs as going forward they are going to have to become self-funding And these would be useful.
A. Healthwatch North Somerset is not directly involved in supporting the SCL groups and the SCL groups would be advised to go to their Curo contact who should be able to support them.
- Q3. Presumably the website costs will be less in future?
A. Yes, there were development and set up costs in the first year. The ongoing costs will be much lower.
- Q4. Now that Healthwatch North Somerset is a charity are you looking at being able to take donations from supporters and apply for grants?
A. We are not currently seeking individual donations. We're looking at small grants for specific projects.

05-15 Resolutions Received

No resolutions received.

06-15 Election of Directors

Proxy votes from members who were unable to attend the AGM were invited and 5 were received.

A total of 17 attendees voted for the re-election of existing Directors. No attendees were against the re-election of existing Directors. Two Directors nominated for election chose to not stand.

The following six existing Directors were re-elected as per HWNS Articles of Association which states that at least three Directors must be re-elected (in alphabetical order) at each AGM:-

Lance Allen
Georgie Bigg
Craig Eddy
Tim Evans
Celia Henshall
Dick Whittington

07-15 Response to Written Questions Submitted by Members

Attached

08-15 Close of AGM

09-15 Presentation from Tricia Godfrey, Healthwatch North Somerset Volunteer

TG gave a presentation on her experiences as a Healthwatch North Somerset volunteer.

GB thanked Tricia for her presentation and all those who volunteer for HWNS.

10-15 Presentation from Natalie Field, Interim Director Public Health North Somerset

Overview of the ABCD approach to community support.

Q1. Do the figures on life expectancy in regions of North Somerset also take into account of the type of job they do?

A. No, they don't, they are the 'life expectancy at birth' figures.

Q2. Is there any possibility of North Somerset Council working with Weston Town Council on the Central Ward project as it would be of benefit for us all to come together?

A Natalie confirmed details of Central Ward event on 25th November and that Weston Town Council would be invited to attend.

Q3. I feel that we need to work together with the housing association and harness the knowledge and expertise they have built up around the Central Ward.

A Natalie agreed.

Q4. What can we do to get new housing into the Central Ward?

A The Regeneration Officer at NS Council is part of the steering group for the Central Ward project.

GB thanked Natalie for her presentation and closed the meeting.

11-15 Date of Next Meeting

To be confirmed.