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YVC Annual General Meeting

Venue : Ystradgynlais Volunteer Centre

Date: Thursday, 18 February 2021

Times: 6.00pm until 6.30pm

AGENDA

1. Welcome
2. Minutes of the previous AGM meeting
3. Reports and accounts for the year ended 31 March 2020.

Appointment of charity trustees:

- To re-appoint Ian Hawkins for a second period from 6/11/19
- To re-appoint Donna Davies for a second period from 8/10/19
- To re-appoint Peter Thomas for a second period from 3/10/19
- To confirm the appointment of Sally Speedy who joined the Board on the 8/8/20
- To confirm the appointment of Paul Emmanuel who joined the Board on the 25/8/20
- To confirm the appointment of Mr Hywel Jopling who applied to join the Board on the 30/11/20
- To confirm the appointment of Alison Rodwell who applied to join the Board on the 1/12/20
- To confirm the appointment of Ollie Gordon-Rump who applied to join the Board on the 25/8/20

4. Members resolutions [If relevant]
5. Where we are today
6. AOB



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Minutes

Present

I. Hawkins (Chairman), Ali Rodwell (Secretary), Liz Davies, Paul Emmanuel, Emma Garland, Carol Gordon, Sam Howard, Hywel Jopling, Caroline Massey, Steve Rump, Peter Thomas, Sally Speedy, Craig Whitney

Apologies

Josie Bailey, Donna Davies, Karl Lewis

Approval of Previous Minutes

The minutes from the previous AGM were accepted with no comments.

Annual Accounts – YVC Finances for 2019/20

The accounts from the financial year 2019 to 2020 were accepted with no comments.

Donna, who has acted as de-facto Treasurer since Glyn's resignation was not able to attend the meeting. However she had ensured copies were circulated to members. Key points made:

- financial pressure had meant limited investment in the building, reduction in staffing through redundancies
- financial position for 2019/20 is more favourable with tighter controls.

Annual Report by the Chair - members were provided with copies prior to the meeting

Owing to technical issues, the Secretary discussed the Chairman's report with the members and trustees.

Using the community space as planned were impacted by the Covid 19 pandemic which began in March and resulted in 3 separate lockdowns during 2020. However the initial signs were good that this is something which the local community feels they can get behind and support, taking the bookings onto the pre Covid lockdowns as an example.

The year has been a challenging one where a great deal of progress has been made on improving the infrastructure of the building, maximising the resources available. Plans are in place to resurrect the Woodshop and streamline the goods in and goods out processes in the Recycling Centre.

Partnerships have already been identified with Swansea University, DVLA and Principality Building Society to receive office furniture, electricals and IT equipment left over from upgrades. Similar partnerships are in place to sell on glass, clothing, electrical items and books that we cannot sell. Recycling resulted in sales of over £46,000 during 2019/20

The Foodbank was set up in record time to respond to those in need during the Covid 19 crisis. Food parcels were taken to those in need and regular slots were set up for those who wished to collect their parcels.

E-Bay continues to bring in funds whilst the centre is currently on lockdown. It is an important part of the YVC revenue.

Volunteer placement was up exponentially with 124 volunteers being placed. That represents a 200% increase on the previous year.

Where we are Now & Future Direction

Challenges still remain at YVC and this is entirely in keeping with the tougher financial situation resulting from the Covid 19 pandemic and the impact that has had on the economy. Areas already made headway include; better governance and operational processes that need to be in. 2020 provided an opportunity to review where we are and set fresh objectives.

High level vision -

- greater use of the centre as a local resource offering a diverse range of services for all age groups;
- greater concentration on creating curricula for youths who can be seen to be “falling through the net”. Offering a wide range of artistic and vocational, accredited courses (working with the Agored), partnering with youth groups and youth charities to provide skill building courses to enhance confidence and provide recognised certifications (The YVC is now an accredited and approved trainer for the DWP. A £5k grant has been secured to begin this work
- re-introduction of the workshop, a place where people can also come to train and learn new skills, socialise and be involved;

Action :

- Trustee Board to continue engagement with staff, members and local partners in shaping the future of YVC;
- Centre manager to be appointed to ensure staff and volunteers views/ contributions are communicated to the BOARD.
- Chairman to contact Trustees to follow up on and points not covered in these minutes.

Resolutions - Appointment of Trustees – Voting Outcome

The Secretary announced the outcomes of the ballot as below. She confirmed all resolutions had been approved by attendee member's votes.

Appointment of charity trustees:

Resolution 1 To re-appoint Ian Hawkins for a second period from 6/11/19. **APPROVED**

Resolution 2 To re-appoint Donna Davies for a second period from 8/10/19. **Donna resigned from the board of Trustees prior to the meeting**

Resolution 3 To re-appoint Peter Thomas for a second period from 3/10/19 **APPROVED**

Resolution 4 To confirm the appointment of Sally Speedy who joined the Board on the 8/8/20 **APPROVED**

Resolution 5 To confirm the appointment of Paul Emmanuel who joined the Board on the 25/8/20 **APPROVED**

Resolution 6 To confirm the appointment of Mr Hywel Jopling who applied to join the Board on the 30/11/20 **APPROVED**

Resolution 7 To confirm the appointment of Alison Rodwell who applied to join the Board on the 1/12/20 **APPROVED**

Resolution 8 To confirm the appointment of Ollie Gordon-Rump who applied to join the Board on the 25/8/20 **APPROVED**

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None

Publication of AGM & Reports

Copies of the minutes, annual report and report of accounts will be published on the YVC website. Copies will also be displayed for public inspection on the YVC notice Board.