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Finding Scotland's Real Heroes - Carer of the Year

Minutes of Annual General Meeting – 15th August 2016, in 157 Pine Cresc, Greenhills, East Kilbride

Present

Suzanne Bennie, Susan Bennie, Sadie Young, Janette Sime, Margaret McNab, Christine Montgomery, Denise McTernan, Carol Richards, Kevin Richards, Archie Buchanan, Elizabeth Hossack, Brian Doig, Liz Craig, Bill McSporran, Bill Craig, Michelle Campbell (EK C.A.B.), Mark Campbell, Linda Fabiani MSP, Alan Cunningham (Alexander Sloan).

1. Welcome

Archie Buchanan welcomed everyone to the 24th Annual General Meeting, his second since assuming the position of Chairman. He thanked all those present for their attendance and support.

Before proceeding further, a list of apologies was given:

Lisa Cameron MP, Harry Stevenson (Exec Director of SL Social Work), Ray Porrelli, Maureen McManus, Donna Liddiard, Liz Gallacher.

2. Minutes of Annual General Meeting, 2015

The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 17th August 2015 were approved as accurate by Sadie Young and seconded by Margaret McNab.

3. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

4. Chairperson's Report / Co-ordinator's Report

Chairman Archie Buchanan gave a vote of thanks to Brian, Donna, the staff, Volunteers and Committee Members for their commitment and support, praising the consistently high standard of care and support provided. He then read through some of the key points contained in the 2016 Annual Report, which had been presented to all those present at the meeting. Archie highlighted the need to recruit new volunteers onto the Management Committee. He concluded by inviting questions from those present at the meeting. There were no questions and he handed over to Brian Doig.

Brian thanked the Management Committee for their leadership and the staff and volunteers for their support and commitment, He then spoke about the way in which our lives impact one another, often unknown to ourselves. Like the Robert Frost poem says, "Way leads to way". Brian urged all present to keep doing all they can to impact positively upon the lives of others and never to underestimate the outcome even if we do not see the results. He concluded by quoting a line from a song by Billy Eckstine which had been shared to him many a year ago by Bill; a gentleman who had impacted positively upon Brian despite his own struggles with a terminal illness. "If I can help somebody as I pass along the way, then my living will not be in vain".

Brian invited questions from those present at the meeting. There were no questions arising.

6. Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Sadie Young passed the presentation the Treasurer's Report for the year 1st April 2015 to 31st March 2016 to Alan Cunningham of Accountants Alexander Sloan, who had independently examined and approved the accounts.

Alan Cunningham gave an overview of accounts for the period 1st April 2015 to 31st March 2016. He stated that the system of accounting had changed; facing its biggest upheaval in 30 years. Alan confirmed that the Groups accounts all Scottish legislative and Companies requirements. He then gave an overview of the Income and Expenditure.

Income had increased by £14,000, with care generated revenue up £9,000 and fundraising up by £2,500. Expenditure had risen by £11,000, with staffing up £6,500 due to Sunday opening (which had also increased some running costs).

The accounts showed a deficit of £8,748 down from last years £12,159. Of the £8,748 deficit, £8,417 was minibus depreciation. That meant a trading deficit of just £331.

In the current financial climate and given the total funds of £52,036 which equated to around 5 months running costs, Alan felt it was a good annual report and set of accounts which he was happy to commend. He said the accounts tell a positive story in challenging times and show great work.

The Annual Accounts have been prepared, approved by the Directors, and will now be submitted to the relevant regulatory bodies (Companies House and O.S.C.R.).

Archie invited questions from those present at the meeting, either on the Annual Report or on Alan's report.

There were no questions.

7. Election of Committee

No Committee Members were due to stand for re-election, so the Management Committee going into the next term would be as follows:

- The Directors of the Company remained: Archie Buchanan (Chairman); Carole Richards (Secretary); Sarah Young (Treasurer); Christine Montgomery (Vice-Chair).
- The Committee Members of the Group remained: Susan Bennie, John Cardno, Liz Craig, Elizabeth Hossack, Margaret McNab, Denise McTernan, Ray Porrelli, Janette Sime plus the four directors.

8. Any Other Competent Business

The Group is keen to recruit new blood onto the Management Committee, adding new ideas and new skills.

Archie Buchanan then closed the meeting by thanking everyone for attending. He said that the Group has a small but dedicated team of volunteers who make up the fundraising group, and gave details of a number of events they had planned.

Archie then closed the meeting and invited everyone to remain behind for refreshments and a chat.