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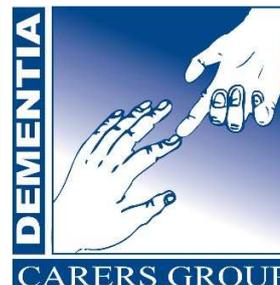
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Finding Scotland's Real Heroes - Carer of the Year

Minutes of Annual General Meeting – 20th August 2018, in 157 Pine Cresc, Greenhills, East Kilbride

Present

Denise McTernan, Sally McSherry, Christine Montgomery, Margaret McNab, Susan Bennie, Michelle Campbell (EK CAB), Mark Campbell, Doreen Richardson, Ann Ferguson, Kay Whitehead, Caroline Belch and James Logan (Representing Linda Fabiani MSP), Elizabeth Hossack, Brian Doig, Alan Cunningham (Alexander Sloan).

Apologies

Donna Liddiard, Linda Fabiani MSP, Lisa Cameron MP, Bill McSparran, Carole Richards, Sadie Young.

1. Welcome

Archie Buchanan welcomed everyone to the 26th Annual General Meeting, his fourth as Chairman. He thanked all those present for their attendance and support.

2. Minutes of Annual General Meeting, 2016

The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 21st August 2017 were approved as accurate by Elizabeth Hossack and seconded by Christine Montgomery.

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 all Committee Members for their hard work and support. He thanked the Committee members for their commitment, regular attendance and sterling fundraising efforts. This year had seen our fundraising target increased to include covering the cost of a new minibus, and thanks to the incredible work of all those concerned, £15,000 had been set aside towards a new bus.

Archie said that serving the Group is great fun and that he has really been enjoying it. More recently, he has been able to assist by driving the minibus and this had given him the opportunity to spend time with the Service Users; something he not only enjoyed, but recommends to all Committee members.

Lastly, looking ahead, Archie said that he was looking forward to the challenges of the new year, and as we moved forward, more volunteers would be a very welcome addition to the team.

He concluded by inviting questions from those present at the meeting. There were no questions and he handed over to Brian Doig.

Brian shared the following report:

As I considered how to start my report, I came across the following quote by the author Bob Gass:

*“People forget how fast you did a job, they just remember how well you did it... Talent is important, but it is not enough. You need **a strong work ethic.***

The poet Henry Wadsworth Longfellow wrote:

*‘The heights by great men reached and kept, were not attained by sudden flight.
But they, while their companions slept, were toiling upward in the night.’”*

Going on to speak about commitment, he continues: *“Each choice is a crossroad: one that will either confirm or compromise your commitment.*

When you come to a crossroad you can recognise it because:

- a) a personal decision is required***
- b) the decision will cost you something***
- c) others will likely be influenced by it.***

Gass concludes: *“You cannot control your circumstances, nor can you control others. But by focusing on your choices and making them with integrity, **you control your commitment.** And that is what separates success from failure!”* (Source: Word for Today).

In reviewing the last year within the Group, I was immediately struck by the truth and relevance in those words.

The commitment of the Management Committee, staff and volunteers has been inspirational to me. For many, it has been through some very challenging personal times and at a cost, but still the commitment has not wavered. Through family issues; through health issues; through competing demands and pressures; at times maybe even when it has all felt too much!

a personal decision has been required; the decision has often cost something; but others have certainly been influenced by it.

Those personal decisions to remain committed to the Group have resulted in the job being done well... very well ... a successful year for the Group in which we have, I believe, pushed our standards of care higher still and supported many people through their own difficulties serving others ahead of self.

My personal thanks to everyone connected with the Group for showing such commitment, but especially to the Committee for their support and leadership, and to the staff & volunteers for their incredible work.

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

6. Treasurer’s Report

Alan Cunningham of Accountants Alexander Sloan, who had independently examined and approved the accounts, gave a report on behalf of the Treasurer.

Alan gave an overview of accounts for the period 1st April 2017 to 31st March 2018. He then gave an overview of the Income and Expenditure and highlighted the Groups Balance Sheet figure of £70,713, up from £57,764 which he said represented the good work of the Directors who have a significant responsibility in their often unseen work and an incredible achievement.

He felt the real value of the Group is not in the figures, but in the work the Group carries out.

Alan highlighted that although the accounts showed a surplus of £12,949, £15,000 had been set aside in designated funds for the purchase of a new minibus. Alan commended the directors and fundraising team for enabling this to happen.

The report has been submitted to Companies House and O.S.C.R., and the accounts comply with all current regulations for Companies and for Charities.

Archie invited questions from those present at the meeting on Alan’s report. There were no questions.

7. Election of Committee

Five Members had completed their term and were due to stand for re-election: Archie Buchanan, Susan Bennie, Margaret McNab, Elizabeth Hossack, Sadie Young.

Sadie Young was not seeking re-election to the Management Committee, creating a vacancy for Treasurer / Company Director. All four others were willing to stand for re-election.

Vice Chair Christine Montgomery assumed chair of the meeting for the duration of the elections.

Archie Buchanan was proposed as Chairman by Suzanne Bennie and seconded by Kay Whitehead. Susan Bennie was proposed as Treasurer by Margaret McNab and seconded by Elizabeth Hossack. Margaret McNab was proposed as Committee member by Susan Bennie and seconded by Denise McTernan. Elizabeth Hossack was proposed as Committee member by Susan Bennie and seconded by Margaret McNab.

All were duly re-elected to the Management Committee.

Standing for election to the Management Committee was Sally McSherry, who was proposed by Denise McTernan and seconded by Elizabeth Hossack. She was duly elected.

The Management Committee going into the next term was therefore as follows:

- The Directors of the Company: Archie Buchanan (Chairman); Carole Richards (Secretary); Susan Bennie (Treasurer); Christine Montgomery (Vice-Chair).
- The Committee Members of the Group are now: Elizabeth Hossack, Margaret McNab, Sally McSherry, Denise McTernan, Ashling Mooney plus the four directors.

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

8. Any Other Competent Business

None.

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