

**DEVON SENIOR VOICE**  
**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD IN THE**  
**ISCA CENTRE EXETER EX4 8NT ON WEDNESDAY 31<sup>ST</sup> OCTOBER 2012 AT 10.30AM**

1. Welcome and apologies

Gillie Newcombe (GN) welcomed all to the meeting with a short speech. She thanked all the Directors who were retiring – Margaret Coles, Jean Daley and Yvonne Wardrop. GN also announced John Stedman's apologies for not attending the meeting and his withdrawal from the Board members' election and his resignation as Treasurer. GN thanked him on behalf of the members for all of the hard work he had carried out on behalf of the organisation. Margaret Woolacott (MW) thanked GN who was also retiring, for all she had done for DSV since being the Chairman.

2. Approval of the minutes of the AGM held on 25<sup>th</sup> October 2011

Proposal by Richard Ashby (RA) and seconded by MW to approve the minutes. All in favour.

3. Matters Arising from the 2011 AGM minutes

There were no matters arising.

4. Annual Report of the Board

Proposed Ken Crawford (KC) and seconded by JD. All in favour.

5. Approval of Annual Accounts

In the absence of John Stedman (JS) the Treasurer, Sally Lougher (SL) gave a short breakdown of the accounts. Jim Corben (JC) asked if there was a reserve fund policy. SL pointed him to pages 8 and 9 of the full copy of the accounts. Roy Lucas (RL) proposed and KC seconded. All in favour.

6. Appointment of Wortham Jacques as Auditors

It was suggested that the appointment of auditors be made following the appointment of a new Treasurer as they would be involved in the decision. Roger Trapani (RT) confirmed that the Articles would allow this. All in favour to allow the Board to make the decision regarding the appointment of the auditors.

7. Motions – both proposed by the Board

Motion 1 This AGM hereby replaces the number of contiguous annual periods to which reference is made in Article 24(3) with the figure 6 in place of the figure currently extant. Carried.

Motion 2 For the period from the day after the 2012 AGM until the day before that set for the 2013 AGM the maximum number of Directors to which reference is made in Article 35 shall be twelve rather than the extant figure of ten. Ron Roberts (RR) proposed the amendment that there be no time limit on the change in the number of Directors. Seconded by JC. Amendment carried.

Motion 2 amended The maximum number of Directors to which reference is made in Article 35 shall be twelve rather than the extant figure of ten. Seconded by Francis Canning (FC). Carried.

8. HealthWatch

KC gave an outline of what had been happening and future developments regarding the tender procedure as far as he was able. DSV were asked by Fusion to be part of their bid when the tender first came out. DSV also showed on the tender portal that we would be interested in working with other organisations as the older persons partner.

9. **Election of Directors**

Elected: James Bradley, Roy Lucas, Ann McClements and Roger Trapani. It was agreed that the Board would appoint two additional Directors to make the full complement of 12.

10. **Speakers**

- i) Michael Giddings and Roz Dunwell – The Threshold Centre, Gillingham, Dorset – Co-housing project. MG assisted by RD gave an extremely interesting presentation on how their co-housing project worked and the benefits to the residents.
- ii) Celia Atherton – Director Social Justice, Dartington, Abundant Life Project. This is a new project that is being undertaken and CA outlined the proposal, the type of housing that is being built as well as other community facilities that will be available on the site.
- iii) Amanda Bowen – Extra Care and Supported Housing. CB had sent her apologies and Amanda Bowen attended on her behalf. She explained how the system worked, the benefits that were available and the difference it makes to people's lives.
- iv) Jill Elson, Cabinet Member for Sustainable Homes and Communities East Devon District Council. JE gave a précis of her role within EDDC and what they had been doing to build and make accessible more affordable housing to local people, as well as other housing issues that are being resolved at the present time and in the future.

A short Q&A session followed and GN thanked all of the speakers for their very informative and interesting presentations.

11. **Any Other Business**

- i) There was concern about benefit claims only being able to be claimed online. This would isolate many older people who do not have access to a computer. GN asked that the new Board take this forward.
- ii) GN suggested that Advocacy is something that branches could look at in the future.
- iii) The Tavistock branch reported that the town had been successful in obtaining a grant for £7,500 to set up a befriending service.

GN thanked everyone for attending and wished the new Board every success. She hoped to meet everyone at future events, asked members to send information to the Board and to SL for Everyone's Tomorrow. The meeting closed at 15.00.

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**In attendance:**

Axminster	Ann Collins Margaret Spencer Brown Rita Brickill	Holsworthy	Jeremy Dixon Margaret Coles Mick Stanton
Barnstaple	Brian Clifton Carol McCormack-Hole Roy Lucas	Honiton	Evelyn Assey June Brown Pam Prior
Crediton	Barbara Whiting Cecily Easden Margaret Steer Neil Easden Paula Kovacs Pauline Thomas Ron Cuthbertson	Ivybridge	Vic Bowsher John Montgomery Liz Hitchins Alan Bowen
Culm Valley	Ann McClements Eleanor Attfield	LINK	Donald Polman Nigel Childs
Dawlish	Janet Garland Peter Spackman	Newton Abbot	Ann Crawford Derek Woolacott James Bradley Ken Crawford Margaret Woolacott
Exeter	Abdul Choudhary Elaine Legg Frances Canning Ilona Pragay Janet Crocker Jean Daley John Taverner Joyce Smith Kathleen Mayne Lucy Langemead Mary Cox Maureen Dunn Molly Walker Peter Dunning Raymond Sum T W Pang	Okehampton	Mary Morse Michael Morse Michael Morse Richard Ashby Robert McKnight Bob Buskin Roger Trapani Tina Trapani
		Seaton	Christopher Kerwin Jenny Dennis Michael Dennis Jim Corben John Vaughan Mary Awcock Mrs A King Pam Martin
		Tavistock	Ian Kimber Jose Kimber Sally McVickers Elli Pang
Exmouth	Tony Langmead Bill Jordan Gillie Newcombe Jane Jordan John Edwards Ron Roberts Tony Siddall Yvonne Wardrop	Teignmouth	Sally Lougher
Great Torrington	Brian Coleshill	Tiverton	Tim Hall Andrea Chick
		UK Connect Devon Wide Executive Administrator Publicity & Development Officer Administrator	

**Apologies:**

Axminster	David Johnson Pam Johnson
Barnstaple	Leslie King
Bideford	Alan Rayner Gaston Dezart
Braunton	Marguerite Shapland
Crediton	George Palin Mary Collins
Cullompton	David Regardsoe L E Sherlock M Billingham Pat Regardsoe
Exeter	Jean Palin Majorie Keogh Tom Reardon
Exmouth	Bob Bryant Diana Budgen
Honiton	Margaret Hilsden
Kingsbridge	Ann Cowling John Cowling Sheila Hall
Okehampton	David Tarbox-Cooper Peter Flick
Seaton	Irving Roberts
Teignmouth	Frank Hartley