

DEVON SENIOR VOICE
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD IN THE
ISCA CENTRE EXETER EX4 8NT ON WEDNESDAY 23RD OCTOBER 2013 AT 10.30AM

1. Welcome and apologies

Welcome from the Chairman Ken Crawford. Attendees and apologies see appendix 1. Apologies were accepted. KC thanked all those members who have been taking out the shows and events over the last three years, especially this year which has been extremely busy, he specifically thanked Margaret and Derek Woolacott who have steadfastly done this work. Derek has done almost several double shifts and it is one of those things that need to be recognised. They are both now stepping down and they have done a sterling job. Gifts were presented and Derek thanked the meeting. KC spoke about the highs and lows on the last year which can be read in the Annual Report.

Ann McClements, Vice-Chairman and Lead of the Health and Social Care group asked members to complete the questionnaire on prioritising Health and Social Care issues. She also flagged up two other items. One was an online consultation "Caring for our future" which ends on Friday 25th October. This is a follow up from the Dilnot commission report. Extracts were up on the board and printed summaries available. The other issue was that GP practices should be giving people information about their data being sold. Patients can opt out if they don't want their medical records passed around. The leaflets that the NHS have been handing out are not clear as they are not in Braille, large print etc and she will be questioning them as the information is not getting across.

2. Approval of the minutes of the AGM held on 31st October 2012

Proposal by Jim Corben (JC) and seconded by Tom Reardon (TR) to approve the minutes. All in favour.

3. Matters Arising from the 2012 AGM minutes

There were no matters arising.

4. Director Nominees

A short presentation was given by the three nominees, Bob Buskin, Ann Crawford and Pauline Thomas.

5. Annual Report of the Board

Proposed TR and seconded by JB. All in favour.

6. Approval of Annual Accounts

JC proposed and DP seconded. None against, three abstentions, rest in favour.

7. Appointment of Wortham Jacques as Auditors

TR proposed and BB seconded. None against, one abstention, rest in favour.

8. Councillor John Hart, Leader of Devon County Council

Councillor Hart gave a short presentation which was followed by a Q&S session. See appendix 2.

9. Election of Directors

Bob Buskin, Ann Crawford and Pauline Thomas were all elected to the Board.

10. Motions

Motion 1 proposed by David Tarbox-Cooper and seconded by Margaret Woolacott This AGM wishes to clarify that self-nomination as a Director is not intended and that henceforth any person nominated for election at a General Meeting after this one shall be proposed by a Member other than her or his self. Accordingly this Meeting amends Article 32(2) of our constitution as follows:

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In Article 32(2)(b) insert the words "other than her/his self" after the word "person" and before the word "as" - so that it reads: "(b) states the member's intention to propose the appointment of a person other than her/his self as a director;"

For avoidance of doubt, we note that the provisions of Article 32(2) as amended will apply to any Director who has been appointed under Article 34 (co-option) and who seeks re-election at the succeeding AGM. Voting: Two against, one abstention, rest in favour. Motion passed.

Motion 2 proposed by the Board of Directors This AGM expresses its approval of the Board's intention to amend the strap-line of Devon Senior Voice to 'The Voice for Older People' and looks forward to the new phrase being used publicly in the near future." Voting: Six against, four abstentions, rest in favour. Motion passed.

11. HealthWatch

KC gave a short update on Healthwatch Devon. SL thanked the branches and individuals who had sent in details of what they had been doing for monitoring purposes and asked for a HWD branch co-ordinator volunteer for each local group. She will contact branches with a proposal of what this would entail. Tony Siddall has put in a complaint to HWD to see if the system works but doesn't feel that at the moment it is. SL reported that a member she assisted in completing a Speak Out form had a very positive experience which SL had fed-back to HWD and felt that the system needed a bit longer to test as it was so new.

12. Operation Henry – David Snelling

David gave an excellent presentation about his experience of walking 2000 kilometres over the Pyrenees to Santiago de Compostela with Henry the hinny (father a horse, mother a donkey) following in the footsteps of St James. It had been planned as a millennium celebration project to record for his family but ended up being postponed for two years due to David having a stroke and the foot and mouth disease. Following this epic walk, David set up a charity called the Operation Henry Trust which raises funds for respite and support for sufferers of pancreatic cancer and their families.

13. Any Other Business

There was no other business to discuss.

14. Close of meeting

KC thanked everyone for attending and the meeting closed at 15.45.

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In attendance:

Barnstaple: Carol McCormack-Hole
Ruth Diggle

Crediton: Barbara Whiting
Bernard Endacott
Linda Elt
Pauline Thomas

Culm Valley: Eleanor Attfield
Ann McClements

Dawlish: Peter Spackman

Exeter: Chiv Chan
David Cardy
Elaine Legg
Frances Canning
Janet Crocker
John Holman
John Taverner
Mary Cox
Mr Pang
Mr Sum
Peter Dunning
Paul Gibbons
Tom Reardon

Exmouth: Beryl Lambert
Bill Jordan
Jane Jordan
Joanne Price
Ron Roberts
Tony Siddall
Yvonne Wardrop

Holsworthy: Margaret Coles

Honiton: Jean Payton
Ron Payton
Tony Simpson
Vic Bowsher

Ivybridge: David Snelling
John Montgomery
Pam Ryder
Tony Cannon

Newton Abbot: Donald Polman
Nancy Polman
Nigel Childs

Okehampton: Ann Crawford
James Bradley
Ken Crawford
Margaret Woolacott
David Tarbox-Cooper
Derek Woolacott
Mary Morse

Seaton: Bob Buskin
Roger Trapani

Seaton: Tina Trapani

Tavistock: Jenny Dennis
Martin Taylor
Michael Dennis

Teignmouth: Frank Hartley
Jim Corben
Pam Martin
Sandra King
William Tampion

Tiverton: Ian Kimber
Jose Kimber
Elli Pang
Cllr John Hart

DCC
Executive
Administrator
Administrator
Publicity &
Development

Sally Lougher
Andrea Chick
Tim Hall

Apologies:

Bideford: Alan Rayner

Axminster: David Johnson
Pam Johnson

Barnstaple: Roy Lucas

Bideford: Derek Drake
Joscelyn Thomas

Crediton: Cecily Easden
Hazel Underwood
Margaret Steer
Neil Easden
Pamela Healey
Paula Kovacs
Rita Hills
Ron Cuthbertson

Exeter: Barbara Van Santen
Betty Rogers
Colin Silverton
Connie Dobbs
Gladys Jenkins
Josephine Welham
Maureen Houston
Mr & Mrs Bonfield-Turner
Pamela Wilson
Sheila Ford

Exmouth: Diana Budgen
Susan Mendham

Gt Torrington: Graham Bowen

Holsworthy: Jeremy Dickson

Honiton: Evelyn Assey
June Brown

Kingsbridge: Sheila Hall

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Okehampton: Lynn Lane
Seaton: Angela Kulukundis
Sidmouth: Joan Bougard
Marilyn Sherlock
Tavistock: Alison Clish-Green
Christopher Kirwin
David Rogers
Teignmouth: Irving Roberts
John Vaughan
Marjorie Keogh
Totnes: Malcolm Coiley

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