

SENIOR COUNCIL FOR DEVON
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD IN THE
ISCA CENTRE EXETER EX4 8NT ON TUESDAY 25TH OCTOBER 2011 AT 10.30AM

1. Welcome and apologies

Gillie Newcombe (GN) welcomed all to the meeting with a short speech.

2. Approval of the minutes of the 2010 AGM held on 4th March 2011

Proposal by Tom Reardon (TR) and seconded by Yvonne Wardrop (YW) to approve the minutes. All in favour.

3. Matters Arising from the 2010 AGM minutes

It was agreed that in future the minutes will contain no personal statements but decisions only.

4. Annual Report of the Board

Ron Cuthbertson (RC) - error on page 8 in the Treasurer's report. To be amended.

RC – Constitutional Group report – penultimate paragraph doesn't include a motion passed at last year's AGM. Alan Rayner (AR) – this is on the Agenda for the next CG meeting.

RC – omission from the Report of Director's attendances at meetings and their expenses. GN showed the meeting the newly designed forms that all Directors would be using in future to record these details and other information on meeting attendance.

GN – thanked Ken Crawford (KC) for all of his hard work on Dementia and Mental Health.

Proposed Richard Ashby (RA) and seconded by Mary Morse (MM). All in favour.

5. Approval of Annual Accounts

John Stedman (JS) the Treasurer gave a short breakdown of the accounts which showed that the SCfD had a strong balance sheet which put us in a strong position. TR proposed and YW seconded. All in favour.

6. Appointment of Wortham Jacques as Auditors

KC asked if Wortham Jacques are capable of auditing to Charity standards. JS confirmed they were. TR proposed and RA seconded. All in favour.

7. Fiona Wedderburn Project Development Manager from National Energy Action (NEA)

Fiona gave an interesting and informative presentation on energy efficiency services to tackle the heating and insulation problems of low-income households. NEA works in partnership with central and local government; with fuel utilities, housing providers and health services; and with consumer organisations. NEA aims to eradicate fuel poverty and campaigns for greater investment in energy efficiency to help those who are poor or vulnerable.

Fiona then answered questions from the floor. Copies of the NEA's literature is available from SCfD's Administrator or from NEA's website www.nea.org.uk

8. Ray Jones, Plymouth University – E-Health

Ray explained about their research into people using the internet as sources of information on health and long term health conditions, and the use of discussion forums, chat rooms and videos as well as supporting GPs to use the internet in terms of treatment for allergies.

GN thanked Ray for attending and speaking to the meeting.

9. Motions

Motion 1 This AGM assents to the Board considering acceptance of external funding that includes a requirement for SCfD to undertake specific projects but asks the Board to consult with the local groups before accepting any funding which would place obligations on our membership to participate in such projects. Carried.

Motion 2 This AGM requests the Board to call at least three meetings each year of the SCfD Assembly in addition to the AGM. Further it requests the Board to call a General Meeting under Article 11 if requested to do so in writing (which may be in e-mail format) by at least twenty members associated with at least three different local groups. Carried.

Motion 3 This AGM requests the Board to review the branch structure established by PFA in 2007 and the continued merit in basing groups on Market and Coastal Towns which was the method of sectoring the county used by DCC at that time. It is asked in particular that the idea of basing groups on District Council boundaries (plus Exeter) be considered but that no changes be made until there has been full consultation with all local groups and a special Assembly Meeting on the topic. Carried.

Motion 4 This AGM notes the themes that emerged from the special conference on 16th September 2011 concerning the future of SCfD and asks the Board to develop ideas for establishing a distinctive identity for SCfD with an appropriate re-branding campaign to inspire increases in both membership numbers and active involvement. However no substantive changes to name or brand should be introduced until there has been full consultation with all local groups and a special Assembly Meeting on the topic. Carried.

Additional Motion from AR: Following the constitutional motion passed on 4th March 2011 concerning the maximum length of contiguous service, this AGM directs that any service as a Director prior to the 2010 AGM held on that day be disregarded - so that only service for the 2010/2011 years or later be taken into account. This is to avoid the previous motion having a retrospective effect. Not carried.

10. Election of Directors

Prior to the announcement of the results of the election John Stedman withdrew his candidature. Following a short debate the meeting agreed to appoint the person who had come 7th in the election. Elected: Margaret Coles, Ken Crawford, Ron Cuthbertson, Tony Langmead, Carol McCormack-Hole and Yvonne Wardrop.

11. Any Other Business

- i) The Constitution Group to look at matters before the next AGM.
- ii) Bob Buskin (BB) thanked the Publicity and Development Officer Tim Hall (TH) for his excellent Future Direction report and considered it to be the best thing that had come out of the Senior Council so far. BB invited TH to the next meeting in Seaton. GN said that TH would be invited to attend many other branches to discuss his report.
- iii) GN thanked John Crowter-Jones for all of his hard work whilst on the Board and hoped that he would still continue to support the Senior Council.
- iv) GN also thanked JS for all of his hard work as a Board member as well as Treasurer of the Senior Council. She hoped that he would continue as Treasurer and financial advisor.
- v) Tony Langmead thanked GN for Chairing the meeting and that hopefully she would continue to do so in the future.
- vi) GN thanked AR for his expert advice during the meeting and everyone for attending.

The meeting closed at 15.00.

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In attendance: Axminster - Ann Collins, Rita Brickill: Barnstaple - Brian Clifton, Carol McCormack-Hole: Bideford - Alan Rayner, Maggie Durkin, Mike Durkin: Crediton - Barbara Whiting, Cecily Easden, George Palin, Neil Easden, Pauline Thomas, Ron Cuthbertson: Culm Valley - Ann McClements, Eleanor Attfield: Dawlish - Dr Geraldine Leach, Peter Spackman: Exeter - Abdul Choudhary, Brian Beadle, Elaine Legg, Jean Daley, Joan Howard-Smith, Joan Mundy, John Crowter-Jones, John Paterson, John Taverner, Lucy Langmead, Margaret Breading, Margaret Stimson, Mary Cox, Mr & Mrs Keene, Peter Dunning, Sandra Paterson, Sheila Ford, Tom Reardon, Tony Langmead, Victor Bowsher, Victor Kemp, Mr & Mrs Pang, Mr & Mrs Wong: Exmouth - Beryl Lambert, Bill Jordan, Gillie Newcombe, Jane Jordan, Tony Siddall, Yvonne Wardrop: Holsworthy - Margaret Coles, Mike Stanton: Honiton - Don Davis, Ethel Davis, Pam Prior, Tony Smith: Ivybridge - David Snelling, Graham Rogers, John Montgomery: Okehampton - Ann Crawford, Derek Woolcott, James Bradley, Ken Crawford, Margaret Woolcott, Mary Morse, Richard Ashby: Seaton - Bob Buskin: Tavistock - Christopher Kirwin, Jenny Dennis, Martin Taylor, Michael Dennis: Teignmouth - Frank Hartley, Jim Corben, John Vaughan, Mary Awcock, Paul Fluck: Tiverton - Ian Kimber, John Stedman, Jose Kimber: Devon Wide - Elli Pang: Guest - Anne Richardson.

Apologies: Barnstaple - Cliff Bell, Lorraine Capon: Bideford - Pat Davey, Sylvia Allcock, Marjorie Bartley: Braunton - Marguerite Shapland: Crediton - Mary Collins: Dawlish - Colin White: Exeter - Jean Palin, Mrs K Mayne, Molly Walker, Robert Leaper, Roy Deekes: Exmouth - Diana Budgen, Rowena Middle, John Edwards, Stella Newcombe: Great Torrington - Graham Bowen, Mrs Bowen: Honiton - Evelyn Assey: Ivybridge - Brian Thomas: Newton Abbot - Nigel Child: Okehampton - John Love, Michael Morse: Seaton - Tina Trapani, Roger Trapani: Sidmouth - Shelagh Morse: Teignmouth - Molly Jenkinson.