



The Blackdown Support Group Annual General Meeting

Tuesday, 14th June 2016 at 7.00pm

At Churchinford Village Hall, Churchinford

THOSE PRESENT: Sarah Folland (Chairman) David Corden (Vice Chairman), Barbara Starkiss (Co-ordinator), David Gollin (Treasurer), Alec Smith, Gloria Dobinson, Heather Stallard, Doreen Perrott, Tony Durbin, Alice Hodges, Brain Simpson, Ros Channon (Minutes Secretary).

Also: Jane Corden, Kathleen Gollin, David Dobinson, Barbara Simpson, Karen Button, Brenda Bryant, Ann Smith, Judith Ward, David and Marian Redwood, Chris Poole, Vicky Norton, Margaret Blackmore, Barbara England, Pam Lowman, Witek and Linda Nowosielski, Diana Morris, Jocelyn Pritchard.

Apologies: Doug Dyke, Judith Major, Nick Milton, Elizabeth Carroll, Sandra Groves, Mr and Mrs Cooper, Roger Lambert, Mrs Luscombe, Joan Fewtrell, Mr and Mrs Cook, Mr & Mrs Grabham, Barry and Viv Haylings, Ann Sworn.

Minutes of the last AGM

The minutes were signed as an accurate record of the previous year's meeting.

Proposed: Gloria Dobinson; Seconded Heather Stallard

Matters Arising

Co-ordinator's Report

The Co-ordinator, Barbara Starkiss, presented her report and thanked everyone for their support over the past year – Sarah Folland, David Gollin, Ros, Sandra, the trustees, volunteers, friends, Karen Button and the staff and all the partners at the surgery.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer, David Gollin, presented his report. There was a question on whether there was going to be any movement of monetary assets in the next couple of months, with the uncertainty of the approaching referendum. There would be no movement. There were no further points raised and the accounts were accepted.

Proposed by: Alec Smith; Seconded: David Corden.

Thanks were given to David Major for examining the accounts.

Chairman's Report

The Chairman, Sarah Folland, presented her report. It has been a privilege to take on the role of Chairman and to learn more and witness the valued and diverse services and activities that are offered to our local communities.

This year the charity celebrates its 25th Anniversary and congratulations and thanks went to those founder members and volunteers for sowing the seeds and also to all those who have joined in over the years to establish its important role in providing a network of support.

Despite the greater unpredictability in grant funding, it has been a busy and successful year and we have maintained services without increasing cost to the client.

Our major investment was the new computer software system which will be of great benefit in demonstrating our activity and statistics in greater detail to funding bodies as well as reducing paperwork.

The committee would like to thank those organisations and individuals who have provided financial or practical support to us over the last year. We particularly appreciate the close working and co-operation we enjoy with the Blackdown Medical Practice.

During this anniversary year, as well as celebration the committee also felt it would be timely to take 'stock' and to take a look at our services. We have started on this work and will progress this in the months ahead. Thanks went to the fellow committee members, especially to David Corden for his guidance, help and support over the last year after the swap in roles. His years as Chair and subsequently Vice Chair have provided wise leadership and stability. Thanks went to David Gollin for sustaining the financial health of the charity and Barbara, Ros and Sandra for their efficient running of the service.

Elections

Elections of Hon. Treasurer and Minutes Secretary for the Management Committee

Nominated: David Gollin, Treasurer and Ros Channon, Minutes Secretary.

Proposed : Gloria Dobinson; Seconded: Alice Hodges

Election of the Board of Trustees (and Management Committee)

The Chairman advised that, Alec Smith and Judith Major would be standing down from the committee. Acknowledgement was made of the long standing contribution made by Alec and Ann Smith over the years and more recently by Judith and David Major and the value of their expertise. A small presentation was made on behalf of the trustees .

Two new trustees were nominated and agreed to stand for the committee.

Witek Nowosielski Proposed : David Corden; Seconded: Heather Stallard

Vicky Norton

Proposed: Alice Hodges; Seconded: David Corden

Blackdown Practice Manager

Karen Button spoke and thanked Barbara and all at Blackdown Support Group.

With the closure of more community hospital, Health & Wellbeing hubs are being introduced. The Blackdown Practice and the Blackdown Support Group are already a shining example of how well, health care and the voluntary sector can work together.

The meeting was then closed by the chairman, who thanked all who attended.

Entertainment was then provided by Ken Atherton. Cheese and wine provided by Heather Stallard were also enjoyed.