

## **The Blackdown Support Group Annual General Meeting**

**Tuesday, 13th June 2017 at 7.00pm**

**At Smeatharpe Village Hall, Smeatharpe**

**THOSE PRESENT:** Sarah Folland (Chairman) Heather Stallard (Vice Chairman), Barbara Starkiss (Co-ordinator), David Gollin (Treasurer), David Corden, Gloria Dobinson, Doreen Perrott, Alice Hodges, Witek Nowosielski, Vicky Norton, Ros Channon (Minutes Secretary).

**Also:** Linda Nowosielska, Kathleen Gollin, , Brenda Bryant, Judith Ward, David and Marian Redwood, Chris Poole, Patrick Deuchar, Victoria Southcott, Sue Lambert, Carol Gill, Paul Bate, Alan Sealey, Irene Pym, Richard Jeffery, Sadie Potts, Shirley Prout, Jon Davies, Deric Hattrell, Jacqueline Cave, Geoffery and Janet Hayes, Tom and Josie Williams and Helen Perry .

**Apologies:** Doug and Jean Dyke, Brian and Barbara Simpson, Tony Durbin, David Berkley, Mr and Mrs Lewer, Anne Sworn, Nick Thompson, Maureen Kennard, Sandra Groves, Roger Lambert, Ann & David Wyatt Smith, Joyce Baker, Daphne Symes, Olive Burston, Mrs Loughton, Barbara England, Mrs Pritchard, Audrey Gardner, Jonathan and Christine Meads, Charlotte Roff Sylvester, Karen Button, Margaret Blackmore, David Dobinson.

### **Minutes of the last AGM**

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

Proposed: David Corden ; Seconded: Gloria Dobinson

### **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, volunteer, friends, Karen Button and the staff and all the partners at the surgery.

#### **Treasurer's Report**

The Treasurer, David Gollin, presented his report. The accounts were accepted.

Proposed by: Witek Nowosielski; Seconded: Judith Ward.

Thanks were given to David Major for examining the accounts for the last 7 years.

#### **Chairman's Report**

The Chairman, Sarah Folland, presented her report. On behalf of the BSG committee sincere thanks went to the many volunteers and staff for their commitment and loyalty to the charity.

This year had been about looking at how the charity can maintain and sustain our services over the next 25 years. The BSG face a very challenging period and we now expect to see cuts in statutory funding. Therefore, we may need to find new ways of generating income and sustaining our reserves. This year has been greatly helped by the income from a very generous legacy and by a good return on our reserves. Special thanks went to the Honorary Treasurer for his wise guidance and care of our reserves. Thanks also went to David Major for his generous contribution over the years in being the 'examiner' to the accounts.

The BSG website has been redesigned and updated with the support of Ben Corden and assisted by David Corden. Contributions of stories/photos about BSG activities are welcomed.

Thanks went to the committee members for their continuing work in many ways and especially for the contributions made by those leaving the committee this year. Brian Simpson, Doug Dyke, Gloria Dobinson and Tony Durbin. There were 2 nominated for Committee membership, Jackie Cave and David Major. Other potential committee members are considering this.

The GPs and Karen Button were thanked for their supported and encouragement in the last year. The BSG were proud to be nominated for the NHS (SW) award and the committee were looking forward to supporting Barbara with a project on social prescribing in conjunction with the practice.

Finally, thanks went to staff members Ros and Sandra for their good cheer and helpfulness at matching clients with drivers and helpers and to Barbara for her support and advice to clients and volunteers and promoting the work of the BSG to the wider community.

## **Elections**

### **Elections of Hon. Treasurer for the Management Committee**

**Nominated:** David Gollin, Treasurer

Proposed: Gloria Dobinson; Seconded: Linda Nowosielska

### **Election of Minutes Secretary for the Management Committee**

**Nominated:** Ros Channon, Minutes Secretary

Proposed: Alice Hodges; Seconded: Gloria Dobinson

### **Election of the Board of Trustees (and Management Committee)**

Proposed: Gloria Dobinson; Seconded: Rene Pym

## **Bishopswood Chapel**

A cheque was presented on behalf of the chapel .

## **Blackdown Practice**

Helen Perry spoke and thanked the Blackdown Support Group volunteers for all the work they do for the practice.

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

Entertainment was then provided by Stick the Fiddle. Cheese and wine provided by Heather Stallard were also enjoyed.