

CHES Homeless (Chelmsford CHES)

Minutes of the Annual General meeting held at Christ Church United Reformed Church, 164 New London Road, Chelmsford Essex CM2 0AW on 21 October 2019 at 8pm

Present: David Hodgkinson (Chair), David Brinkley (Company Secretary), Rob Saggs (CEO)

Brian Cooper, Brian Lawrence, Jane Shelley, Michelle Brown, John Ansell, Pat Bruguier, Peter Watchorn, Helen Poulter, Peter Farrell, Richard Young (Proxy)

In attendance: Lynne Dejoedt, Barbara Buxton

Apologies: David Hodgkinson welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies were received from 4 persons.

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting – The members approved the minutes of the annual general meeting held on 8 October 2018, and David Hodgkinson signed them as a correct record.

Trustees Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2019 – David Hodgkinson introduced the trustees' annual report and raised the following key points:

- The CHES Constitution states that at least 10 persons should be present to form a quorum for an Annual General Meeting and although CHES has 200 people on its membership list only 10 members were present this evening.(with 1 proxy vote). This makes it very difficult to conduct business and so the trustees were considering changes to the Constitution so that the Trustees become and members and others become associates. A proposal will be brought to the next CHES AGM.
- A proposal was brought to the meeting to change the name of CHES from Chelmsford CHES to CHES Homeless to reflect the wider outreach of the charity into other Essex towns. This change was AGREED with none against.
- The value of our volunteers cannot be underestimated. Without the 89 people who give up their time to help the homeless in all manner of ways, from administration to supporting our night staff, CHES would not be able to function. The Trustees wish to record sincere thanks to them all.

The members received the Trustees' report with approval.

Lynne Dejoedt gave a presentation on future publicity campaigns and showed a video tour of the Hub facilities.

Rob Saggs gave a report on the successes of the year including the raising of nearly £750,000 of funding which enabled 111 homeless people to benefit from accommodation, with 52% moving to independent living in a positive way. The Winter Project (December-March) saw a record number of users, 76 in total. CHES would like to see the Winter Project evolve into an all-year project to support rough sleepers, and to develop training opportunities for all homeless people.

Reappointment of auditors – The members approved the reappointment of Peyton Tyler Mears as auditors.

Appointment of Trustees – Helen Poulter wished to stand down as a Trustee and was warmly thanked for her significant contribution over many years. Members unanimously RESOLVED THAT Bob Pearson be appointed a Trustee of CHES.

Any Other Business After giving another heartfelt thanks to all volunteers, who are the lynch-pin of CHES Homeless, and thanking members for their attendance, Michelle Brown (Vice Chair) closed the meeting at 9pm.