



## **Minutes of the Annual General Meeting 2008**

*4:30 p.m., 30th October,  
Michael Young Building, Restore, Manzil Way, Oxford*

### **Present:**

Trustees:

Harry Dickinson (Chair); Maggie Dent; Kam Raval (Vice-Chair); Dave Pearson; Jane Binyon;

Staff:

Keith Birnie; Jon Hyslop; Katrina Horne; Kat Moore; Susan Weavers (Minutes); Bushra Rehman; Jon Hyslop; Amanda Smith;

In attendance:

Gordon Baile; Gail Barwell; Adrian Bastable; Emma Bossom; Pam Brooks; David Bryceland; Nigel Carter; Martin Childs; Liz Courakis; Jed Dale; Helen Durdy; Conroy Harris; Hilay Heaney; Gill Howe; Jackie Hruby; David Jones; Sarah Lasenby; Jeremy Lavender; Jonathan Leach; Benedict Leigh; Catherine Needham; Carlyne Mabesa Newall; Sarah Partridge; Maria Rahimi; Tracey Rees; Jean Salter; C Saverimuttu; Anton Saverimuttu; Imelda Sharkey; Patrick Taylor; Sue Taylor; Fenella Trevillion; Ken Weavers; Jon Williams; Elizabeth Winder; Pat Wood; Michelle Lennon; Chikako Mita.

### **Apologies:**

Tony Spackman; Liz Clarke; Aimee Evans; Sheila Furlong; Jane Harrington; Carol Pickett; Nisha Prakash; Paul Purnell; Alan Steer; Nick Welch; Jonathan Halbery; Nigel Parsons.

### **1. Minutes of the AGM 2007**

Harry Dickinson pointed out that Maggie Dent's name had been omitted from the list of Trustees. Otherwise Minutes the were agreed, seconded and signed as a true record.

### **2. Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising.

### **3. Approval of new members for the year 2008/2009**

The following applications were approved:

- Kevin Gardner
- James Lazenby
- Jackie Hruby
- Ken Weavers
- Catherine Needham

### **4. Chair's Address**

Harry Dickinson summarised the events of the last year (April 2007- March 2008); these included the move to Manzil Way; the launch of the OMHI (Oxfordshire Mental Health Information) Website and staff changes. Although the staff team had experienced much change, it has achieved stability in the latter months of the year. Positive examples of collaborative working were quoted, including ongoing work with Restore and Mind. Harry expressed the sincere hope that these links continue well into the future.

One additional change has been the move of the Manager to the Old Music Hall, which gives the organisation secure core premises.

Harry expressed the Trustees thanks to staff, volunteers and the Manager.

Harry congratulated Jon Hyslop on his research secondment. Keith Birnie has been seconded into the management position and Harry thanked him for being such a capable and thoughtful manager.

At this point, Harry led on to the main point of the meeting – the three year strategy. Highlighted areas included community advocacy and self-directed support.

Harry highlighted that the organisation is in a position to meet needs via the interlinking and mutually supportive information and advocacy services.

### **5. Manager's Report**

Keith Birnie saw the various roles of Oxfordshire Mental Health Matters as working with individuals, co-operative working and shared learning.

Keith offered his thanks to the staff, volunteers, Trustees and Jon Hyslop.

The strategy for 2009-2012 had been discussed and thought through in the Oxfordshire Mental health Matters team and now outside views are being sought. We already have much feedback from service users and professionals, all of which is very positive. The three areas for discussion, following the main part of the AGM are:

- Independent Mental Health Advocacy under the Mental Health Act 2007
- Brokerage for managing social care budgets
- Training.

## **6. Presentation of Accounts**

Jane Binyon presented the accounts, which were approved and seconded.

## **7. Appointment of Auditors**

A. J. Carter & Co. (Witney) are currently auditors; Harry proposed this continues and this was seconded and agreed.

## **8. Election of Board of Trustees**

Harry explained Trustees can be Board members for three of years and then has to be re-appointed. The following Board members were duly reappointed unopposed.

- Nikki Loughborough
- Harry Dickinson

The following Honorary Officers we nominated and duly appointed unopposed:

- Harry Dickinson (Chair)
- Kam Raval (Vice Chair)
- Jane Binyon (Treasurer)

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