WYMONDHAM DEMENTIA SUPPORT GROUP

Registered Charity No: 1143347

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting for the year 2023/24

held at Fairland Church Centre, Wymondham

on Friday 25th October 2024 commencing at 09.00am

Our patron, The Lady Dannatt, addressed the meeting and noted how quickly they seemed to come round. She emphasised how much this Group means to her personally. The Trustees were thanked for their dedication and work in ensuring the continued success of the Group. Particular thanks were given to all the volunteers who are the bedrock of the organisation and an immense debt of gratitude to our organisers, Deborah and Sarah, for helping to raise the Group to a different level.

1. Apologies received from: Kathy Liversidge and Pippa Chapman.
2. The minutes of the last Annual General Meeting held on Friday 13th October 2023 were approved, proposed by Maz Mattholie, seconded by Mike Coe and signed by the Chairman.
3. Matters arising from those minutes: None.
4. Chair's Report: The written report had been distributed with the Notice of the Meeting and Agenda and was available on the website. The Chair gave an overview of her report and highlighted the contribution of the volunteers, trustees, our organisers and the Patron to the success of our Group.
5. Treasurer's Report and approval of the Annual Accounts: The accounts and the Independent Examiner's report for the year ending 31st March 2024 were distributed with the Notice of the Meeting and Agenda and were available on the website. The Treasurer gave a brief overview of the accounts noting that there was a reduction of funds of £21.8k over the year, but this was not of concern and was in accordance with our plans reducing the previous overlarge surplus that had accumulated due to a previous generous inheritance. The current balance of £68k will still need to be reduced further. Most of our regular running costs do not vary much from year to year but this year we had exceptional costs due to the Happiness Garden upgrade and the defibrillator installation. We still hold £1,080 funds for the Admiral Nurses. Approval of the accounts was proposed by Mike Gibbins, seconded by Andy Rackham and carried by the meeting.
6. Re-appointment of Philip Goddard, FCCA, as the Independent Examiner for the year 2024/2025 was proposed by Gill Jeffery, seconded by Sharon Roebuck and carried by the meeting.
7. Joint Organiser's Report: The written report had been distributed with the Notice of the Meeting and Agenda and was available on the website. Deborah Anstee highlighted the main events of the year – particularly enjoyable were the Coronation celebration, Vintage Cars and the Bressingham Gallopers. Looking forward to the next year strengthening the links with other organisations such as Dereham Golf Club. Deborah noted how Sarah's imminent retirement as an organiser will leave a massive void in the Group.

8. Re-election of Sallie Colk for a period of 3 years from 25th October 2024 as a Trustee (Para 17(3) of the Constitution) proposed by Stephen Kerrison, seconded by Linda Templeton and carried unanimously by the meeting.
9. Election of Michael Gibbins for a period of 3 years from 25th October 2024 as a Trustee (Mr Gibbins has indicated his willingness to serve again as a Trustee) (Para 17(1) of the Constitution) and had previously been proposed by Ann Achilles, seconded by Pippa Chapman and carried unanimously by the meeting.
10. Election of Joanne Shorrock as a Trustee (previously co-opted by the board of trustees) (Para 17(1) of the Constitution) had previously been proposed by Philip Whiscombe, seconded by Sallie Colk and carried unanimously.
11. Election of Kenneth Shorrock as a Trustee (previously co-opted by the board of trustees) (Para 17(1) of the Constitution) had previously been proposed by Philip Whiscombe, seconded by Sallie Colk and carried unanimously by the meeting.
12. Election of Andrew Rackham as the new Chair (Para 16(2) of the Constitution) had previously been proposed by Trevor Brown, seconded by Stephen Kerrison and carried unanimously by the meeting.

    Andy thanked the meeting for electing him as the new chair. He had been introduced to the Group in its very early days and he considers it to be a real honour to be elected as its chair. He thanked Ann for the fantastic job she has done in her six years as chair and presented her with a bouquet of flowers.
13. Any Other Business – Andy took over the Chair for the remainder of the meeting
    a. Maz Mattholie asked that the Group advertise for more and hopefully some younger volunteers. It was suggested that a leaflet drop could be organised around the new estates in Wymondham in particular and contact could be made with other local churches to see if there are volunteers amongst their groups that might be interested.
    b. There was a request that volunteers' meetings be held once a month to encourage communication.
    c. It was confirmed that the Group would be recruiting a new organiser to replace Sarah.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 09.35 am.

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