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**Disability Sheffield Centre for Independent Living**

**Annual General Meeting Thursday 3rd December 2015**

**St Mary’s Conference Centre, Bramall Lane Sheffield**

**Present**

**Trustees**

Kate Whittaker, Matt Gibson, Samantha Spain, Lynne Newark, Tony Purcell, Natalie Yarrow, Neil Simpson, Lee Harker, John Fuller, Brian Hodges, Geoff Pick

**Staff and Volunteers**

Emily Morton, Lucy Davies, Anastasia Kelly, Keith Campbell, Val Bowen, Kathryn Littlewood, Jonathon Earle, Jake Green, Tess Daly

**Members and other attendees**

Lee Bottomly, Mary Baker, Gill Price, Simon Fisher-Becker, Matthew Campbell, Rosie Christiansen, Sophie Lovering, Grace Parry, Gill Price, Olivia Blake, Ian Jones, Aoife O’Sullivan, John Quinn, Dorothy Cook, Jan Tippet, Martin Barrott,

Clare Cooper Stickland, Elizabeth Hinchliffe, Phil Holmes, Liz Johnson, Shannon Kennedy, Kathy Markwick, Liz McGrael, Callum Morris, Suzanne Rutter, Rachel Sanchez, Jean Sowey, John Taylor

**Apologies**

Sandra Marshall, Darren Lee

**Celebration of Disability Sheffield**

Prior to the formal AGM there was a celebration including:

* Kate Whittaker, Chair Disability Sheffield looking back over the year
* Callum Morris, Magician Magic-CAL
* Kathryn Littlewood, Author reading the Wibbly Wobbly Women
* Showing of Sheffield Voices Hate Crime DVD
* Esme Cleall, University of Sheffield talking about the History of Disability
* Simon Fisher-Becker , Stage, TV and film actor talking about Living and working with disability within the arts

**Formal AGM Welcome**

Kate Whittaker, acting chair welcomed everyone to the meeting

**Approval of previous AGM minutes**

All members agreed that the minutes from the AGM held on 25th March 2015 were a true and correct record to be signed by the Chair. There were no matters arising.

**Acting chair’s report**

Kate Whittaker, Acting Chair gave an overview of the previous year. She talked about the difficult wider context for disabled people and the impact it was having on the work of disabled people’s organisations.

The presentation can be found here:



Kate summed up by talking about the financial challenges facing Disability Sheffield with grant funding disappearing and demand increasing. She urged people to think about new approaches to fundraising including pursuing donations more.

**Company Secretary’s report**

Anastasia Kelly, Director of Finance and Funding, and Company Secretary talked about the services the organisation had delivered over the past year and the impact of the work.

**Presentation of Accounts**

Matt Gibson, treasurer presented the accounts for 2014/15. Approval of the accounts was approved and seconded.

**Appointment of Independent Examiners**

The reappointment of Hewitt Card Chartered Certified Accountants as Independent Examiners 2015/16 was proposed and seconded.

**Election of Trustees**

In accordance with the Memorandum and Articles, all directors retire each year and all the current directors, have indicated their willingness to stand for a further year and all were re-elected. George Lindars-Hammond, Samantha Spain, Lynne Newark, Tony Purcell were all nominated and duly elected to the Board of Trustees

**Close**

The Meeting closed at 4.45pm