

AGM Tues 14th Nov 2017, 4.15 at St Wilfrid's Centre

Present: Pete Herbert (Chair), Jo Lidster (Secretary), Marc Lawton (Treasurer), Jayne Kerr, Janet Pryke, Julie Roberts, Phil Thomas (Trustees)

Minutes: Julie Roberts

1. **Introduction and apologies**-apologies received from Liz Grasso (Project Manager) and Joan Jones. Best wishes were passed on to Liz.
2. **Minutes of the AGM** held 1/11/16 were approved and accepted by Jo Lidster and seconded by Ruth Grayson
Points of accuracy-none
Matters arising-none
3. **Chair's report and key achievements 2016-2017**
 - a. Annual report due in Dec 2017. This will be submitted to the charities commission and available to view on line after this date
 - b. HARC provided over 2000 meals during the project last year, 500 volunteer shifts were completed over a 8 ½ day period
 - c. 3 years ago, 3 rings website was introduced to make booking a shift as a volunteer easier this has been successful and has also reduced costs.
 - d. Entertainment and services that are provided for guests e.g. clothing store and hairdresser are particularly popular
 - e. There has been an input from CRISIS this year to help with training volunteers. Volunteers from CRISIS will also be helping with activities during the programme this year. Thanks to Emma Vizer, CRISIS Volunteer Co-ordinator, for her help with this.
 - f. Cleaning of the venue and collection/ sorting of clothing donations will be provided this year by the Archer Project Employability project, Just Works.
 - g. 4 more community ambassadors have been recruited to help promote HARC in the community.
 - h. Fundraising (2016) The bag pack at Waitrose, retiring collection from the reading of 'A Christmas Carol' at the Upper Chapel, Norfolk Row, Sharrow Xmas Market and the event at King Egbert School were particularly successful in raising money.
 - i. £5000 was given to Ben's Centre and £3000 to the Sunday Centre, partner charities that support similar people to HARC
4. **Election of officers and trustees.**

Pete Herbert was returned unopposed as Chair, nominated by Ruth Grayson and seconded by Janet Pryke. Marc Lawton indicated that he wanted to stand down from the position of Treasurer and he is to be replaced by Janet Pryke, proposed by Julie Roberts, seconded by Jo Lidster. Marc will continue as a trustee. The following trustees indicated that they wished to continue in the role: Jo Lidster (Secretary) Joan Jones, Jayne Kerr, Phil Taylor, Julie Roberts
5. **Financial report and accounts (Marc Lawton)**
 - Accounts waiting to be audited in Dec
 - Income £36.5K similar to the previous year, interest on money in bank down
 - Difficulties that arise are due to most of the income and expenditure occurs at the end of the year and towards the end of the financial year
 - Similar expenditure to previous year despite price increases
 - Accounts look healthy and this means that we can consider further donations to partner charities.

6. **Guest Speaker-** Jason Marriot, Framework

Rough Sleeping in Sheffield

- Jason is new in post (June 2017) but has worked in other cities
 - Rough sleeping has increased since 2010
 - Rough sleeping is the sharp end of homelessness
 - Referrals can come from anywhere across Sheffield and through the outreach service
 - The reasons why people sleep on the streets is complex and are different for each individual.
 - Official number of rough sleepers in Sheffield is 15. This is an average
 - Outreach workers are on the streets every day and funding is being sought for a weekend service as there is a gap here.
 - Framework receive a referral one day and will be working with the person the next
 - Hoping for a 24-hour phone line to be available next year
 - 404 people were supported over the last year, 200 of which were identified as rough sleepers
 - Framework go out on the streets at 4 a.m. once a month to the usual sites where people sleep rough. There has been a decrease from 32 to 20 people sleeping rough but this is still up on the official figure of 15 last year.
 - Sheffield has lower numbers of people sleeping rough than other similar cities (Nottingham, Manchester, Newcastle)
 - More homes/hostel places is not the answer, prevention would be much better. Stop Gap helps with this.
 - Framework is based in Nottingham and employs 900 staff across the region (Nottinghamshire, Lincolnshire, South Yorkshire & Derbyshire)
 - There will be an outreach service available over the Xmas period for the first time this year.
 - Most rough sleepers are white British males in the 35-50 age group
 - Women are a hidden and vulnerable group
 - There has been a slight age reduction in those that are sleeping rough
 - Jason hopes that numbers sleeping rough will decrease to zero and he will be out of a job but he foresees that thing will only get worse unless more money is put into prevention.
7. **AOB** A question was asked about what was being done to take the pressure from Liz Grasso at this time. PH reassured that meeting that with Ann McGolrick now employed to support Liz, and the programme having a catering manager there should be less pressure on Liz than last year. Pete said that the trustees will help to do whatever they can in this respect

The meeting was closed with a vote of thanks by Ruth Grayson (Stop Gap) at 5.30