

The Courtyard (Petersfield) trading as the King's Arms Youth Project
Charity Number: 1087176; Company Number: 04107491

The Annual General Meeting for the year ended 31 March 2009

Wednesday 24 February 2010 at 4:30pm

Present: John Callaghan, Chairman of Trustees, and Member
 Heather Malcherczyk, Trustee, Company Secretary and Member
 Rob Baggaley, Trustee
 Bob Greenhill, Trustee and Member
 Steve Field, Trustee
 Anne Deakin-Hyde, Treasurer (volunteer)
 Helen Simons, Child Protection Officer (volunteer and Member)
 Imogen Lowe, employee, Hannah Turner, employee and Member, Tom Grant, employee and Member, Bill Pearce, employee and Member
 Becky Farr, Kerrie Muslon, Velia Peacock (Member), Patsy Robinson, Chris Tully (Member), Charlotte Turrell, Jill Watts (Member), Richard Bull (Member), Stephen Pearce (Member), Edward Sheehan, and Lee Turner.

1. An introduction of the Trustees, Officers, and employees was undertaken by John Callaghan, who then welcomed Members of the Charity and other interested people who were attending.
2. The meeting started in prayer, with Bob Greenhill giving thanks to God for the last ten years, and in the hope for as successful a future.
3. Apologies were received: from Sue Farr (Member), Mike Kirby from Antrobus Accountants Limited, from Anderson Marsh, the Curate from Saint Mary Magdalene Sheet, and from John Owen, the Vicar of Steep and Froxfield.
4. The minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting of 21 October 2008 were presented for approval by John, seconded by Steve Field, and accepted as an accurate record by the Members. No matters arose from these previous minutes.
5. Bill Pearce then introduced his son, Stephen, and Ed Sheehan. Both had been associated with the King's Arms for many years as attendees, and latterly as Junior Leaders, and were able to share their positive experiences of the organisation with those attending.
6. Hannah Turner then gave a report on the operations and youth activities of the King's Arms Youth Project. Hannah is the prospective Operations Manager of the project, and this occasion was used to introduce her in that role to the Members and general public. She shared about the impact of the fire that had gutted the charity's home at the Courtyard Building in June 2009; and expressed her thanks to the Petersfield Football Club and the Petersfield Social Club for providing temporary accommodation within a week of the fire, and to PSC for continuing to provide that support. Hannah shared about the organisations involvement with the Petersfield Area Churches Together Holiday Club, with a gardening project for a local family in hardship, and with the new project that the King's Arms is overseeing in Froxfield, all as examples of the continuing reputation of the organisation and the youth work taking place. Hannah introduced Imogen Lowe, a junior member of staff, who spoke about the positive aspects of her job, and then introduced Charlotte Turrell who is voluntarily running the Froxfield out-reach. Charlotte thanked the King's Arms for the support she was receiving, and was pleased to report that 28 young people attended the recent first evening. Hannah then concluded her talk by looking forward to the future back in the Courtyard Buildings, which she hoped would be within three months. She spoke of it being a time of

change and a blank canvas, and that she hoped that under her stewardship the organisation would stir up its passion to serve young people, value the volunteers more, and become increasingly involved in the community as a whole.

7. John then introduced and thanked Bill Pearce, who is imminently retiring from his role as Operations Manager, having reached his target retirement age.
Bill spoke of the difficulties of constantly seeking funds to keep the Charity afloat, but how much he had enjoyed the contact and development of the estimated 5000 different young people who had used the project since the opening.
He thanked his colleagues for taking on more administrative duties since Christmas, in line with the four-month handover to Hannah, and expressed his pleasure that John had taken on the mantle of Chief Executive to help Hannah in her new role.
Bill apologised that there were just too many people and organisations to thank, but stressed his gratitude to all the volunteers who had helped the project and him over the years. He most of all expressed his thanks to God for the opportunity to serve.
Bill finished by expressing his thanks to the Trustees for allowing him to continue mentoring in the Petersfield School.
8. John used his Chairman's Report to appeal for more financial supporters, also about the need for more Members to join the organisation, and to share about the requirement of a Treasurer to take over from Anne. The occasion was also used to introduce every member of the Board of Trustees, who in turn spoke about their involvement and roles.
9. John then invited Heather Malcherczyk, as the Company Secretary, to introduce two new prospective Trustee/Directors.
Steve Field spoke of his commitment to the organisation and desire to serve, and was then proposed as a Trustee/Director by Heather, seconded by John Callaghan, and warmly approved by the Members.
Bob Greenhill, a volunteer evening Leader for many years, gave a few anecdotes from his time with the young people, and was then proposed as a Trustee/Director by Heather, seconded by Richard Bull, and accepted by the Members.
Heather took the opportunity in conclusion to thank Anne Deakin-Hyde and Richard Bull for all their help in her new role as Company secretary.
10. John then introduced Anne Deakin-Hyde, the volunteer Treasurer of the organisation, to take the Members and others through the Financial Statements for the period in question. This she expertly and concisely achieved; thanking those bodies that had financially supported us; stressing the importance of continued support from local individuals and the need for all donations to be 'Gift-Aided'; and thanking Richard Bull for building up such a healthy reserve when he was Treasurer, which had helped us overcome the present situation of the 'credit crunch', low interest, and reduced donations.
John then urged the Members to adopt the Accounts for the period to the year ended 31 March 2009, which was seconded by Steve Field, and duly adopted by the Members.
11. There was then a proposal by John that Antrobus Accountants Limited of Petersfield be appointed as Independent Examiners of our Financial Accounts for the period ending March 31 2010. This proposal was seconded by Richard Bull, and affirmed by the rest of the Members.
12. Under Any Other Business, Helen Simons in her role as Child Protection Officer, informed the meeting that the Criminal Record Bureau checks needed doing every five years, and that we should be vigilant in renewing. She also asked that at least ten volunteers or employees attend a training session on 'Safeguarding' which is being held on May 27th, and Tom Grant responded as the person responsible for training that this would be organised.
Richard Bull then thanked John on behalf of the Members for so expertly managing the transition from Bill to Hannah.
There being no more questions and comments, John closed the meeting at 5:30pm.