



Council for Voluntary Service, Rochdale Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) - Thursday 28th August 2014

In attendance:

Vicki Devonport – Groundwork Oldham & Rochdale
Sohail Ahmed – Deelish Community Centre
Mohammed Sarwar – Multicultural Arts & Media
Simon Horsfall – Individual Member
Harry Alldritt – Middleton Community Training Centre
Norman Warwick – Can Dance Cant (formally Spiral Dance)
Yasar Zahid – Individual Member
Anthony Burke – Young at Heart
Mavis Scholes – Young at Heart

Michelle Warburton – CVSR Acting CEO
Stuart Golding – Financial Management Support Officer

1. Welcome & Introductions

Michelle Warburton welcomed everyone to the EGM, those present then introduced themselves.

2. Apologies:

Apologies were received and accepted from the following;

Sam Mitchell –
Denis Skelton – Petrus
John Beasley –
Zulf Ahmed – KYP
Stephanie Thornton – Individual Member

3. Presentation of the Annual Report and Financial Statements for the period 1 April 2012 to 30 September 2013

Yasar Zahid presented the accounts, by explaining the reason for the extended reporting period and highlighting the major points within the statements.

The adoption of the accounts was proposed by Yasar and seconded by Sohail Ahmed and carried unanimously.

4. Proposition to change the legal status of the organisation.

Michelle Warburton explained the current legal status of CVS Rochdale, namely that it is both a Registered Charity and a Company Limited by Guarantee. This means that CVS Rochdale has to comply with both company and charity laws / regulations including reporting to both Companies House and The Charity Commission.

The Charities Act 2011 created the new legal status of a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) which would only report to The Charity Commission.

It is not currently possible to convert from a company limited by guarantee to a CIO due to delays at the Office for Civil Society, however the purpose of seeking approval at this EGM is, so that when the Charity Commission announce the opening of applications CVS Rochdale can proceed without further delay.

Following discussion it was approved by Sohail Ahmed and seconded by Harry Alldritt. The proposition was approved with a majority of 6 for and 2 against.

5. Election to Board of Directors

Michelle Warburton explained that CVS Rochdale Board of Directors currently has a co-opted member and that this member needs to be voted to the board as a full member by this EGM.

The proposition that Stephanie Thornton be elected to the Board of Directors was carried unanimously.

6. Close of Meeting

Simon Horsfall (Chair of CVS Rochdale) formally closed the meeting and thanked everyone for their attendance.