Greater Manchester Coalition of Disabled People

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting relating to 2018-2019, held from 7:30- 8:00pm on Thursday 23rd January 2020 at International Anthony Burgess Foundation, 3 Cambridge Street, Manchester M1 5BY.

Attendance:

Present

Anne Tober, Anustan Rajasegaran, Audrey Stanton, Caron Blake, Clare Cochrane (Bonetree, Chris Dwyer, Dennis Cashman, Dennis Queen, Derek Broadbent, Edie, Fatima Haroom, Flick Harris, Gemma Nash, Hannah Ross, Harry Sherwood,

Heather Davidson, Inga Reichelt, Jeani Packer, Joe Stevenson, Kelvin Hanratty, Kevin Greenan, Leah Phillips, Maggie Griffiths, Mathias Warrington,

Maureen Day, Muriel Bell, Nicola McDonagh, Orla Judge, Paul Doyle, Phil Samphire, Rick Burgess, Shabaz Mohammed, Steve Graby, Tony Baldwinson, Wayne Davidson.

Apologies

Deborah Bhatti, Jane Bevan, Joe Whittaker, Linda Marsh, Michael Carpenter, Pauline Coltman, Tara Flood, Will Case.

1. Chairperson’s welcome and apologies.

Chairperson Heather Davidson welcomed everyone and made a speech in which she thanked the rest of the executive council team, staff, funders and in particular Caron Blake who finished working at GMCDP after 15 years of service.

Tony Baldwinson was appointed as a teller to count votes.

2. Minutes of Annual General Meeting held on 6th December 2018

Mathias Warrington proposed an amendment as some of the figures on the minutes were incorrect: Item 3b should read “expenditure £212,701, surplus £4,958”.

Vote to accept the minutes: In favour, 19; against, 0; abstentions, 1.

3. To receive, consider and approve:

(a.) 2018 - 2019 Annual Report

Annual report proposed by Maggie Griffiths, seconded by Dennis Queen.

Vote to accept the annual report: In favour, 21; against, 0: abstentions, 3.

(b.) 2018 – 2019 Audited Accounts

Proposed by Clare Cochrane (Bonetree), seconded by Kelvin Hanratty

Vote to accept the audited accounts: In favour, 22; against, 0; abstentions, 1.

4. Appointment of Auditors.

The GMCDP Executive Council proposed the reappointment of Slade and Cooper as auditors.

Vote on reappointing Slade and Cooper: In favour, 21; against, 0; abstentions, 0.

5. Open floor for questions

Several members commented that the voting procedure is not very clear or accessible and could be improved. Specific suggestions included:

- Looking into whether the voting in the room can be done differently.

- Someone could point at a large version of the agenda as it is being said.

- There could be a facilitator rather than the exec trying to run the meeting.

Exec will note suggestions. Heather commented that exec will look at making the next AGM more accessible, as well as already looking at how exec meetings are run.

Question: Do members who join after the final AGM mail-out get sent the papers or is there a cut off?

Response: no, but could be in done in future.

Suggestion that members could volunteer to support staff in the office with putting AGM paperwork into accessible formats.

Members can also get involved in campaigning, membership, and young disabled people's sub groups. Those interested should speak to Phil, Rick or Fatima.

6. Announcement of election of executive council members

The following people were elected onto the GMCDP executive council:

Anne Tober, Audrey Stanton, Deborah Bhatti, Dennis Queen, Heather Davidson, Inga Reichelt, Joe Whittaker, Kevin Greenan, Maggie Griffiths, Mathias Warrington, Paul Doyle, Peter Marshall, Stephen Kingsberry, Steve Graby.

Dennis welcomed all the new exec members.

Caron thanked Wadiha, Mohammed and Brian, who did not stand for re-election, for their work on the exec over the past year.

The meeting ended.