

**Minutes of Hastings Voluntary Action's AGM
Held on Friday 2nd December 2022
East Sussex College Hastings**

1. Welcomes and Apologies

Mary Carter acting as Chairperson opened the meeting.

2. Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting held on 16th November 2021

The minutes had been circulated to members prior to the meeting and published on the HVA website. No corrections or comment were raised by the meeting.

Meeting voted unanimous to accept the minutes of the AGM of the 16th November 2021 as a true copy of the notes of the meeting with no abstentions or votes against the proposal.

Proposed: Dawn Poole

Seconded: Helen Barraclough

3. Consideration and Adoption of the Annual Report for the year to 31st March 2022

Steve Manwaring Director of HVA, presented an overview of the annual report. Whilst it was good to be back to holding a live event, this was also a time tinged with sadness following the death of 3 HVA colleagues Joselyn Tilbrook, Pat Weaver and Louise South. Steve paid tribute to these colleagues and remembered their work and contributions to past AGM's.

In the middle of a worldwide pandemic the sector adapted to not being able to work in a normal way and learned from this experience. Finance colleagues met challenges and supported community groups in drawing down c£1.5m to sustain jobs and learning strands and were commended for this work.

Excellent communications work continued via the fortnightly bulletin and new social media like Instagram, with more videos of themed work relevant to the sector.

The Links project provided its clients with a unique and excellent one stop shop service made more challenging due to Brexit and the Ukrainian refugee crisis.

HVA is based on community development principle at a local neighbourhood level working across a diverse range of initiatives and projects i.e. The Big Local, Making it Happen, Food Network, Men's Health. Work to support the Covid19 Community Response Hub was recognised as one of the best responses nationally.

A remarkable piece of collaboration and activity between older people and partners resulted in the opening of the Isabel Blackman Centre on 1st December, a further step in aspiring to an age friendly community.

HVA now moving into a new set of challenges and has undertaken a collaborative piece of work with partners to pull out and draw together trends and issues affecting Hastings resulting in the Face to Face report.

Volunteering changing post Covid and consultants are carrying out research around volunteering which has culminated in a draft voluntary strategy.

None of this work would be possible without the HVA Team.

Meeting unanimously agreed to adopt the annual report for the year to 31st March 2022 with no abstentions or votes against the proposal.

Proposed: Shelley Feldman

Seconded: Nigel Sinden

4. Consideration and Adoption of the Independently Examined Accounts for the year to 31st March 2022

Treasurer Graham Goode presented the accounts and gave an overview of HVA's financial position to the meeting. Tribute was paid to the Finance Team and Graham particularly wished to remember Pat Weaver for her dedicated and helpful guidance. Noted with regret that Keith Miller, HVA's current Finance & Payroll Officer, would be retiring shortly.

No questions or queries were forthcoming from the meeting on the accounts.

Meeting unanimously agreed to adopt the independently examined accounts for the year to 31st March 2022 with no abstentions or votes against the proposal.

Proposed: Julia Wells

Seconded: Helen Barraclough

5. Appointment of Independent Examiners for 2022/2023

The Management Committee nominated Ashdown Hurrey as independent examiners.

Meeting unanimously agreed to accept the nomination of Ashdown Hurrey as independent examiners for 2022/2023.

Proposed: Alex Francis

Seconded: Julia Wells

6. Announcement and Election of HVA Board of Directors

The Chairperson stepped down for this section of the meeting. Steve Manwaring assumed the position of Chairperson for the en-bloc nomination and acceptance of the proposals for the Executive Committee as: -

Sue Adey

Mike Cornish

Helen Barraclough

Graham Goode

Mary Carter

James Johnson

Dr Nell Chang

Dawn Poole

Meeting unanimously agreed to elect en block the HVA Board of Directors as nominated at the meeting with no abstentions or votes against the proposal.

Proposed: Jackie Everard

Seconded: Lord Brett McLean

Formal part of AGM Closed

Questions - The meeting was opened for any questions: -

Question: What community assets were being transferred by the Charity Commissioners from Friends Of The Old People to HVA?

Response: Following extensive consultation, disposal of some investments and property underway re 4 Middle Street. HVA working with Charity Commission and will publish a set of accounts. Beneficiaries of funds are older people, including IBC in Hastings Old Town.

Question: Was HVA represented at recent NHS workshops at Azur?

Response: HVA was on the design team for the Azur event and attended the event

Steve Hare wanted to express thanks to the HVA team for their work.