

Minutes of Hastings Voluntary Action's AGM held Tuesday 21st November 2017 at Sussex Coast College, Station Plaza, Hastings.

Welcome and Apologies:

Mike Cornish as Chair of Hastings Voluntary Action opened the event by welcoming those present.

Minutes of Previous Meeting held on 17th November 2016

The minutes had been circulated and were offered to the meeting for approval.

- Proposed: Graham Goode
- Seconded: Pam Brown
- Agreed: Unanimously

Consideration and Adoption of the Annual report for the Year to 31st March 2017

Steve Manwaring, Director of HVA explained that the work of HVA is a team effort with trustees, staff and volunteers working with partners. He highlighted the following areas in his presentation:

- The HVA AGM is a celebration event for the whole sector
- **HVA contributes to the Voluntary and Community Sector and to the regeneration of Hastings by :**
Narrowing the gap between planners and receivers of services
Enabling organisations, individuals and the sector to work in partnership
Support members of the community to take action on things that are important to them.
- **Hastings needs investment**
Levering in funding. This year HVA has helped to lever in £2,950,000 to support the community and voluntary sector. HVA's funding from Hastings Borough Councils for funding advice is £15,000. A good return on investment.
Protecting jobs. 29 jobs have been secured and protected.
Enabling collaboration.
Promoting philanthropy
- **Services need to be joined up**
HVA Supports groups to network – through Hastings Community Network and other channels
HVA Supports the Youth Partnership and other groups working with young people
HVA supports Links (a service for asylum seekers, refugees and migrants) – recognising that services can be made more accessible.
HVA has been and still is active in huge changes in Health and Social Care.
- **Communities know their own area best**
Narrowing the gap between those who plan services and those who receive services.
From street corner to County Hall
Community Consultation and engagement
Big Local
East Sussex Strategic Partnership – cross sector leadership
- **Communities can make an enormous contribution**

HVA supports volunteering; Community campaigns; Using Community Assets to achieve change; Community Champions

- **Local groups are vital assets**

Thousands of cases dealt with by HVA; HVA helps groups operate effectively; Develop skills through regular training opportunities; Protecting assets

- **Everything that matters involves risk**

Safeguarding support; Financial risk; GDPR – changes to data protection legislation; Legal; Contractual

- **Services need to be truly inclusive**

Supporting victims of crime; Supporting peer networks; ESRA; Family learning support

- **HVA 2017 and beyond**

New website; New strategic plan; A Hastings endowment fund; Place based Social Action; Ideas for HVA 30th Anniversary 2019

Questions: There were no questions

- Proposed: Teresa Hodge
- Seconded: Alex Francis
- Agreed: Unanimously

Consideration and Adoption of the Audited Accounts for the year to 31st March 2017

The accounts were explained to the meeting by Graham Morrow, HVA's Treasurer. A short version is printed on the HVA annual report provided to everyone, and a full set is available at any time from the finance team.

- Proposed: Graham Goode
- Seconded: Jackie Everard
- Agreed: Unanimously

Appointment of Accountants

Ashdown Hurrey have been proposed to continue as HVA's Independent Examiners.

- Proposed: by the HVA Board
- Seconded: Alex Francis and Graham Goode
- Agreed: Unanimously

Election of Hastings Voluntary Action Trustees/Directors

There are 10 places available with 9 nominations:

Mike Cornish – Winterbourne Close Residents Association

Graham Goode – Horizon Community Learning CIC

Kenneth Hales – Hastings and St Leonards Seniors Forum

James Johnson – Friends of Africa and the Caribbean

Ann Kramer – Womens Voice

Graham Morrow – Optivo Housing Association

Oliver Prandstaetter – Level Access CIC/Hastings Handicraft

Roger Sweetman – Southwater Community Centre

Mauricio Vincenzi – OcaBrazOka

The meeting agreed to block vote all the nominees onto the Committee unanimously.

Steve Manwaring gave his thanks for all the hard work of the Trustees.

The meeting closed at 10.15