

Minutes of Annual General Meeting
Held on 25th October at 12.15pm at Woodhill Evangelical Church, Bishopbriggs

In attendance:

Lynne Agnew, EDC	Gordan Low, EDC
Gillian Allan, ED Foodbank	Anne MacGregor, EDAMH
Gerri Baird, ED CAB/Trustee	Christine McCaulay, We are with You
Sharon Bairden, Ceartas	Peter McDade, ED Access Panel
Evonne Baurer, EDC	Mark McCann, EDC
Debbie Best, Differabled	Iain MacDonald, EDCAB
Pauline Bowers, EDVA	Anne McIlvain, ED Befriending Service
Graham Branscombe, EDVA	Lauren McKay
Errol Burchell, Kirkintilloch Horticultural Society/Trustee	Lorraine Moir, EDVA
Pam Campbell, EDC	Heather Montgomery
Claire Collins, Carers Link ED	Joni Mitchell, EDVA
Dianne Devin, EDAMH	Charlie Morton, EDC
Luke Emerton, EDVA	Hannah Murray, Creatovators
Katrina Fitzgerald, Bishopbriggs Community Council/Deputy Chair, Trustee	Susan Murray, CRED/EDC
Ashleigh Grant-Ng, EDC	Jacqueline Patrick, Creatovators
June Grindley, Creatovators	Ann Pert, Milton of Campsie Parish Church/Trustee
Andrew Grindley, Creatovators	Veronica Regan, Carers Link ED
Karen heath, TakeCtrl	Bob Rendall, Chair, Trustee
Elizabeth Ibbotson, Gavins Mill/Trustee	Robert Smith, GRACE
Ann Innes, EDVA	Alyson Softly, ED Befriending Service
Peter Jahn, Stand International	Patricia Welsh, Carers Link
Alison Laurence, EDC	Janice Young, EDVA
Carol Logan, EDC	Michelle Dickson
	Moohgouon Kamgan, Afric Alba

Apologies received from

Gordon Cox, Bearsden North Community Council/Trustee
Rhonda Geekie, Silver Birch Scotland/Trustee
Dr John Hinton, Milton of Campsie Festival
Councillor Collette McDiarmid, EDC

Opening Remarks and Welcome:

Bob Rendall, EDVA Chair, welcomed everyone to the 10th AGM. He introduced trustees in attendance and apologies tendered from the two trustees noted above.

Minutes of Previous meeting held via Zoom on 24th November 2021

The minutes were approved with no amendments
Proposed: Errol Burchell, Seconded: Katrina Fitzgerald

Chairman's Report

Bob Rendall thanked everyone for attending. He reported that the EDVA Board had met six times during the year using Zoom. Matters that were discussed included Company Risk Review, financial management, procedures relating to the distribution of government grants along with reports relating

to activities in which both EDVA and the Befriending Service were engaged. During the year the board also considered, approved and engaged with the transition process to enable ED Befriending Service to become an independent organisation. He went on to inform members that in February Alex Meikle retired and Ann Innes took up the post of Chief Officer and the board are delighted with the experience and leadership that she has provided to the staff and the board. Also, that Rhondda Geekie retired as Chairperson after many years in the role and he thanked both for their commitment and support to the organisation over the years as well as the additional years they gave to ensure continuity of leadership through the pandemic. Rhondda remained as a Trustee on the board. He thanked staff and trustees for the support he has received since taking up role as Chairperson. He spoke about the future of the organisation with its new constitution, growth in volunteering, EDBS now a separate service and being able to provide further support to the local third sector through the second round of the Communities Mental Health & Wellbeing Fund. He went on to commend the staff for their hard work throughout the year.

Presentation of the Financial Statements Year ended 31st March 2022

David Glassford, Stevenson & Kyles presented the accounts and referred to the allocation of funds. He reported that on page 14 monies received totalled £397K, slightly increased from 2021 of £383K and in terms of expenditure in 2021 was £357K and this year £368K which is very comparable and with a surplus of £30K this year but the way charity accounts are worked, two of the new projects, Young Person's Befriending and Youth Employability although the monies came in this year and projects lasted more than a year so will be spent in the current year so the restricted funds show the surplus will be eroded this year as the grant money is spent thus slightly misleading to say that EDVA made a surplus.

He reported on the Befriending Service that has just hived off into a separate entity, during the year when it was still part of EDVA, incurred a deficit of just under £20K. This was money received and money spent on wages and overheads therefore because the fund is in deficit and EDVA can't guarantee recoverability over the following 12 months then the deficit needs to be written off hence the transfer from Core Funding to the Befriending fund to re-settle that. He went on to emphasise that the money used to clear this debt is from other income generated and not from funding that EDVA gets to do its projects.

He moved on to the balance sheet on page 15 and pointed out that the main asset was cash including the Befriending Service legacy of £270K which has now been moved into the new entity so in terms of the balance sheet shows EDVA in a very healthy position with healthy cash reserves and with no foreseeable issues.

There were no questions therefore the accounts were accepted.

Proposed: Bob Rendell, Seconded Katrina Fitzgerald

Appointment of Auditors

The Chair proposed Stevenson & Kyles to inspect our books in the coming year.

Proposed: Bob Rendal, Seconded by Katrina Fitzgerald.

Election of Trustees

The Chair informed members that subject to approval this will be the last year where Trustees are elected every year. EDVA is moving to a 3-year plus 3-year system in the future, but this is what the rules are at the moment. All current Trustees have agreed to stand again and have been proposed and seconded as follows:

Katrina Fitzgerald
Gordon Cox
Ann Pert
Liz Ibbotson
Errol Burchell
Rhonda Geekie
Gerri Baird
Bob Rendall

Members agreed and the above were duly elected.

Approval of amendments/additions to Constitution:

The Chair referred to the Motion for members to approve routine amendments/additions to the Constitution as advised by OSCR and approved by the Board on 17th August 2022. He referred to the highlighted amendments in red with the amended constitution document sent out prior to the meeting and with a show of hands 16 members in attendance agreed to these changes. The new constitution will now be sent to OSCR.

Any other Competent Business

A trustee proposed a vote of thanks for the Chair.