



# London Voluntary Service Council Annual General Meeting 2015

Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2015, from 4.30 – 5 pm  
held at Ort House Conference Centre, 126 Albert Street, London NW1 7NE

## Minutes of Meeting

### **Trustees in attendance:**

Tessa Awe  
Paul Butler, Chair  
Gregory Donovan  
Bob Green  
Andy Gregg, Vice Chair  
Alex Whinnom  
Ian Yates

### **Members present in person:**

Black Training and Enterprise Group (BTEG)  
Community Action Southwark (CAS)  
Council of Somali Organisations (CSO)  
Enfield Voluntary Action (EVA)  
Greater London Volunteering (GLV)  
Groundwork London  
Irish in Britain  
Kensington & Chelsea Social Council (KCSC)  
Race on the Agenda (ROTA)  
Stonewall Housing  
Voluntary Action Islington (VAI)

### **Members present by proxy:**

None

### **Other attendees:**

Ali Aksoy, Hackney Refugee Forum  
Sophie Arup, School for Social Entrepreneurs  
Vicky Ball, SHP  
James Banks, GLV  
Sandra Beeton, AOPM  
Ian Beever, Consultant  
Berekhet Berakhy, University of Westminster  
Sarh Bird, Timebanking UK  
Phil Boye-Anawomah, VAI  
Nehal Bradley-Depani, LVSC  
Shirley Briggs, LVSC

Malcolm Cadman, Pepys Community Forum  
Karen Chillman, Croydon Voluntary Action  
Gemma Clemson, Samaritans  
Kirsty Cornell, THCVS  
Michelle Curtis, LVSC  
Jeffrey Doorn, Friends of Carnegie Library  
Kathleen Egan, Age UK London  
Kathy Evans, Children England  
David Farnsworth, City Bridge Trust  
Ruby Farr, Institute for Health & Human Development, UEL  
Graham Fisher, Toynbee Hall  
Cameron Fitzwilliam-Grey, GLV  
Deborah Forster, Blenheim  
John Gillespie, THCVS  
Christine Goodall, HEAR  
Ann Gould, Irish in Britain  
Lisa Greensill, LVSC  
Sarah Hannigan, Merton Voluntary Service Council  
Conrad Hollingsworth, Lambeth Voluntary Action Council  
Teresa Intavarant, Haringey Irish Cultural & Community Centre  
Cambyse Jafari-Pak, From Generation2Generation  
Elcena Jeffers, Elcena Jeffers Foundation  
Paula Jeffery, Enfield Voluntary Action  
John Knights, Sheila McKechnie Foundation  
Kashmit Kair, Redbridge Equalities Council  
Philippa Leary, LVSC  
Ruth Leonard, Macmillan Cancer Support  
Sarah Lyall, New Economics Foundation  
Jennifer Mahon, CommUnity Barnet  
Michelle Martin, GLV  
Caroline Masundire, Rocket Science  
Gordon McCullough, Community Action Southwark  
Deirdre McGrath, LVSC  
Barri McKenzie, Terence Higgins Trust  
Gail Mistlin, SkyWay Charity  
Joseph Morrell, Three Elements Volunteering  
Sarah Mulley, GLA  
Dermot Murphy, London Irish Centre  
Hilary Nightingale, Westminster Cardinal Hulme  
Sylvia Nissim, Kensington & Chelsea Social Council  
Nim Njuguna, NECT  
Kevin Nunan, Voluntary Action Camden  
Dan Paskins, Big Lottery Fund  
Dominic Pinkney, Volunteer Centre H&F and Camden  
Tebussum Rashid, Black Training and Enterprise Group  
Ian Redding, Community Action Southwark  
Ben Richardson, Groundwork London  
Evelyn Rodrigues, Volunteer Centre Tower Hamlets  
David Rodrigues, Greater London Volunteering  
Eithne Rynne, LVSC Chief Executive  
Debbi Sandiford, LVSC  
Ashok Shah, Ash & Co Accountants Ltd  
Chetna Shah, Enfield Asian Welfare Association  
Melanie Sheehan, ADVANCE  
Pat Stanley, Volunteer Centre Sutton  
Emma Taylor, PSU  
Sandra van der Feen, LVSC

Simon Wales, London Borough of Sutton  
Emma Walmsley, Groundwork London  
David Warner, London Funders  
Corinne Welsh, JustOutsource.it  
Alex Webber, Family Action  
Helen Wildbore, British Institute of Human Rights  
Richard Willis, Moore Stephens LLP  
Kristiana Wrixon, Suzy Lamplugh Trust  
Christine Wykes Driver, Voluntary Action Lewisham

**Apologies received from:**

Jenny Field, City Bridge Trust  
Shelley Hart, Havering Association of Voluntary & Community Organisations HA  
Mihir Patel, LVSC Treasurer  
Khadiru Mahdi, Merton Voluntary Service Council  
Anna Matveeva, Chantrey Vellacott DFK  
Fiona McKenzie, UCL Partners  
Norma Raynes, Intergen

**Welcome by Paul Butler, LVSC Chair**

Paul welcomed all delegates to the AGM and briefly ran through the agenda.

**1 LVSC Review 2014-15 by Eithne Rynne, LVSC Chief Executive**

Eithne started off by acknowledging the tenacity and resilience of the sector, particularly at this time of great change. She said the sector had risen to the challenges and continued to deliver services. She referred to LVSC's own funding challenges and how the organisation is looking at services that can be delivered within the funding constraints.

Eithne highlighted the work that LVSC has done in the last year by referring to the case studies included in the delegate pack. She also mentioned the LVSC membership form in the delegate pack and encouraged delegates to sign up for the free membership package.

LVSC is also looking at sustainability. The NCVO Change and Financial Sustainability Report, together with the support that City Bridge Trust is giving for corporate engagement work, means there will be resources we can share within the business sector that we can all benefit from.

Eithne emphasised the range of activities that LVSC had carried out during the year. Examples of these were shown in the case studies and Eithne read out comments received from The 999 Club and Hammersmith and Fulham CAB about the service they had received.

LVSC's e-comms has risen dramatically. The reach extended to 118 e-bulletins sent to over 8,000 people. The ability to consult with the VCS is central to the work we do and offers an opportunity to share views and expertise with us. Consultations were carried out on the Social Care Act and the MoPAC Hate Crime Act.

The PEACe HR Service has provided 650 hours of telephone advice and consultancy. The LEAH case study was an example of the excellent training and on-going support provided.

Eithne ended the review by saying she is very proud of the staff team and the way they dealt with the changes they have faced over the last year, particularly their fortitude in embracing new ways of working. It is a small, but robust and dedicated team. She also thanked the Trustees for the unfailing amount of time they have given to support her and the team and their help with the new strategic plan.

Finally, looking forward, Eithne said that funders continue to invest in LVSC and welcome our role as a conduit between themselves and VCS. We also eagerly await the findings of the City Bridge Trust report funded by London Councils. LVSC pledges more learning, sharing and opportunities to develop partnerships.

Paul thanked Eithne, the staff team and his fellow trustees.

## **2 Minutes of the AGM held on 12 November 2014**

**Motion 1:** that the minutes are agreed as a true record of that meeting was passed unanimously.

Proposer: ROTA

Secunder: GLV

## **3 Annual report and financial statements for the year ending 31 March 2015 presented by Ashok Shah, Ash & Co Accountants Ltd**

Eithne summarised LVSC's main activity as detailed in the annual report. Ashok presented the accounts for the year to 31st March 2014, highlighting that:

- a) Chantrey Vellacott DFK LLP have merged with Moore Stephens LLP.
- b) Incoming resources from generated funds totalled £890,272, a reduction on last year's figure of £1,879,166.
- c) There is a £138K deficit which will be funded from reserves of £194K.
- d) Total funds carried forward amounts to £194,400.

Malcolm Cadman, Pepys Community Forum asked if LVSC had an Investment Policy. Ashok responded that deposits are kept in long-term accounts as shown in the accounts and LVSC cannot look to tie up income for more than 90 days.

There were no further questions from the audience.

**Motion 2:** that the report of the trustees and the financial statements, including the audited accounts, are adopted was passed unanimously.

Proposer: KCSC

Secunder: GLV

## **4 Appointment of auditors for 2015-16**

**Motion 3:** that the members authorise the Executive Committee to appoint an auditor subject to a review process was passed unanimously.

Proposer: BTEG

Secunder: GLV

## **5 Election of honorary officers and members of the Executive Committee (Board of Trustees)**

**Motion 4**: that Paul Butler is re-elected as Chair was passed unanimously.

Proposer: VAI

Seconder: BTEG

**Motion 5**: that Andy Gregg is elected as Vice-Chair was passed unanimously.

Proposer: KCSC

Seconder: Stonewall Housing

**Motion 6**: that Mihir Patel is re-elected as Treasurer was passed unanimously.

Proposer: GLV

Seconder: Stonewall Housing

**Motion 7**: that Tessa Awe is re-elected as Trustee was passed unanimously.

Proposer: KCSC

Seconder: BTEG

**Motion 8**: that Gregory Donovan is re-elected as Trustee was passed unanimously.

Proposer: GLV

Seconder: ROTA

**Motion 9**: that Alex Whinnom is re-elected as Trustee was passed unanimously.

Proposer: GLV

Seconder: EVA

**Motion 10**: that Ian Yates is re-elected as Trustee was passed unanimously:

Proposer: BTEG

Seconder: EVA

**Motion 11**: that members' note the appointment under Article 32(c) of representatives of the networks hosted by LVSC was recorded:

- Bob Green, CEO, Stonewall Housing – Voluntary Sector Forum

Proposer: ROTA

Seconder: GLV

There being no other business, the meeting was closed.