

Draft Minutes of the 16th Annual General Meeting of PCN Britain held on 6th April 2019, at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital Birmingham

Members Present: Adrian Alker; Christine Alker; Pat Bailey, Elizabeth Bassant, Martin Bassant, Kate Berry, Catherine Burchell, Arthur Burgess, Michael Burns, Ann Burge, Janet Carpenter; Mike Carrick, Tessa Carrick, Dave Coaker, Simon Cross; Paul Dawson, George Drake, Colin Foxall, Maureen Foxall, Sally Foxall, Ian Geere; Howard Grace, Maria Grace, Norman Graham, Christine Graham, Sandra Griffiths; Julie Grove, Michael Hell, Peter Hill, Sue Hobley, Jeff Howell, David Ireson, Jenny Jacobs; Hazel Johnston, Mike Jones; Nigel Jones; Fran Lovett, Ian Lovett, Jane Lynds; Monty Lynds; Hugh McMichael, Valerie Mead, Mary McVay, Valerie Mead, Barbara Murphy, Paul Onslow, Thomas Pitkeathly, John Sharp, Robin Story; Joy Stribblehill; Peter Stribblehill; Janet Tanner, Richard Tetlow, Ruth Tetlow, Mark Thompson, David Tubb, Margaret Tubb, David Warrington, Jen Waterson, Robert Williams

1. Appointment of a chair for the AGM.

Paul Onslow, the vice-chair, had agreed to chair the meeting, and welcomed those present and received the apologies for absence: The meeting was quorate.

2. **Apologies for Absence:** Peter Bellenes, Ellie Blackwood, Ann Bird, Di and John Churcher, Margaret Dean, Jan Gladwell, John Hack; Jill Hollyman, Jim Hollyman, Tom Jackson, Mary Kenchington, Janis Knox, Ann Leck, Ian Leck, Pauline Marshall, Cliff Marshall, David Mead, Ros Murphy, Nicola Phelan, John Ramsbottom, Bob Reiss, Vivien Robinson, Tony Rutherford, Tony Sanchez, Joan Story, Andy Vivian, Briony White, Guy Whitehouse, Christine Whitworth; Mo Wills; Paul Wilson, Michael Wright

3. **Minutes of the 15th AGM** held on 17th March 2018 The minutes had been circulated prior to the meeting. No amendments were made and acceptance of the minutes was proposed by Sandra Griffiths and seconded by Richard Tetlow.

4. **Matters arising from the Minutes.** – none

5. Adoption of the Chair's Report, 1st January 2018 to 31st December 2018

Adrian Alker thanked Maxine Smith who had been our temporary administrator whilst Sarah was on maternity leave. He also thanked Sarah Guilfoyle who had only returned to work a week ago and had prepared papers etc for this meeting. Dave Coaker was thanked and congratulated on the quality of PV and there was some discussion about disseminating PV more widely. All the trustees and the new website team were also thanked as well as Janis Knox, our Social Media Editor. Adrian mentioned the sad passing of PCN members, Jack Dean, who wrote frequently for PV. The chair had sent condolences to Margaret Dean.

The acceptance of the chair's report was proposed by Martin Bassant and seconded by Sue Hobley.

6. **Adoption of the Financial Statements of PCN Britain, 1st January 2017 to 31st December 2017** Peter Stribblehill, the Treasurer, gave a presentation and overview of the 2018

accounts and thanked Monty Lynds for being the independent examiner for this year. Peter explained the reasoning behind the various headings in the accounts and stressed that whilst some events were promoted to at least run without a loss, other expenditure such as Greenbelt or Solas were considered part of our development work. In fact, two events in 2018, the Marcus Borg memorial conference and the Members Residential had both resulted in a financial surplus. Our publication sales were lower with the ending of the Together in Hope booklet production. The accounts have been independently examined and signed off, without qualification, by our independent examiner. The acceptance of the accounts was proposed by George Drake and seconded by Janet Carpenter and unanimously approved. Peter was thanked for all his splendid work.

A question was asked as to the ethical suitability of the Co-operative Bank as the PCN bank but there was a general view that it was better than most high street banks. Adrian agreed to put the matter to the trustees for discussion.

7. **Appointment of new Trustees.** On behalf of PCN Britain Paul Onslow thanked the outgoing Trustee Richard Tetlow.

Those seeking appointment were;

Dave Coaker - proposer Paul Onslow, seconder Adrian Alker

Tony Sanchez – proposer Alan Powell, seconder Janet Goodyear

There were no more nominations and so without election the appointments were confirmed by a show of hands.

This concluded the business of the AGM.