

Draft Minutes of the 14th Annual General Meeting of PCN Britain held on 1st April 2017, at Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Birmingham.

Members Present: Adrian Alker; Alison Baker; Keith Baker; John Barnabas; Jennifer Batchelor; Kate Berry; Nigel Blakey; Carol Brennand; Anne Burge; Dave Coaker; David Cotterell; Simon Cross; George Drake; Colin Foxall; Maureen Foxall; Pat Fuller; Anne Gardner; Ian Geere; Howard Grace; Maria Grace; Christine Graham; Norman Graham; Sandra Griffiths; Julie Grove; Amanda Harper; Michael Hell; Margaret Hill; Peter Hill; Sue Hobley; David Ireson; Mike Jones; Mary Kenchington; Andy Long; Clifford Marshall; Hugh McMichael; David Mead; Valerie Mead; Paul Onslow; Tim Parker; Brian Pearce; John Ramsbottom; Tony Rutherford; John Sharp; Robin Storey; Joy Stribblehill; Peter Stribblehill; Janet Tanner; Richard Tetlow; Ruth Tetlow; David Tubb; Margaret Tubb; Andy Vivian; Liz Vizard; Christine Whitworth; Julian Wood.

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: Arthur Burgess; John Churcher; Gillian Collins; Jean Dennett; Jan Gladwell; Frank Godfrey; Richard Gray; John Hack; David Hewlett; Gareth Hexter; Tom Hinds; Heather Jones; Jean Lakey; Janet Laming; Jane Lynds; Monty Lynds; Nicola Phelan; Robert Ramsay; Geraint Rees; Robert Reiss; Vivien Robinson; Val Turner; Christopher Wright; Michael Wright.
3. Minutes of the 14th AGM held on 12th March 2016.
The minutes had been circulated prior to the meeting. No amendments were made and acceptance of the minutes was proposed by Richard Tetlow and seconded by Robin Storey.
4. Matters arising from the Minutes. – none
5. Adoption of the Chair's Report, 1st January 2016 to 31st December 2016,
The Chair of trustees, Adrian Alker, wished to highlight a few points made in his report, emphasising how the need for improving communications is currently being addressed by the upgrading and expansion of the website and facebook page. He presented the 4 new PCN leaflets and told of a day spent with Christian Aid, looking at how best to present PCN to the public. The idea of a new learning course was then put forward to the meeting – the vision being of local groups making a short film, each presenting a topic of especial interest to them, which would stimulate thought, discussion and questions. Thanks were given to the editor of Progressive Voices, Dave Coaker and to the convenors of the local groups, for their dedication and work. The chair drew attention to last year's Brian McLaren tour, which had attracted many non-members and plenty of younger people. It had also generated a substantial profit. The first Marcus Borg Memorial Lecture, with Diana Butler Bass had also been very successful. This year's lecture at Bristol, on 13th May will welcome Robin Meyers as the guest speaker. The acceptance of the chair's report was proposed by Maureen Foxall and seconded by Liz Vizard.
6. Adoption of the Financial Statements of PCN Britain, 1st January 2016 to 31st December 2016 (prepared by Gareth Hexter, Treasurer and presented by Paul Onslow, Vice Chair, with further clarification given by Sarah Guilfoyle, Administrator.) These have been audited and signed off, without qualification, by an independent examiner.

A query was raised as to the items included under 'other costs'. The bulk of these costs are mainly composed of website development (£1,200), internet security and postage.

The acceptance of the accounts was proposed by David Cotterell and seconded by Pat Fuller.

7 Appointment of new Trustees. Heartfelt thanks were expressed by Adrian Alker, as Chairperson on behalf of PCN, to Trustees stepping down - Geraint Rees, Tony Rutherford and to Gareth Hexter as Treasurer. An appeal was made for a new Treasurer.

Those seeking appointment were;

Adrian Alker – proposer Pat Fuller, seconder Maureen Foxall.

Ian Geere – proposer Adrian Alker, seconder Paul Onslow.

Sandra Griffiths – proposer Margaret Webb, seconder Adrian Alker.

Susan Hopley – proposer Richard Gray, seconder Pat Fuller.

Paul Onslow – proposer Richard Gray, seconder Jenny Jacobs.

The acceptance of these appointments was made by George Drake and seconded by David Ireson and endorsed by all present.

The business meeting was then concluded and attendees dispersed into various discussion groups.