

**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting
of
Asperger's Children and Carers Together
held at
St Mary's Community Centre, Bramall Lane, Sheffield S2 4QZ
on Tuesday 21st January 2020, at 7pm.**

Present: Helen Gilder (Chair), Deborah Young, Claire Cruickshank, Sarah Tame, Margaret Kilner, Nicola Hough, Cherry Robin, Sara Bartlett Brown, Marie-Claire Warren, Stephen Staples, Bernice Jivan

In attendance: Kathryn Littlewood (Speaker), Mark Wilde (Visitor)

Apologies: Phillip Stevenson

1. Welcome

Helen Gilder (Chair) opened the meeting by welcoming trustees, member parents and carers, and staff members.

2. Minutes from the previous AGM (14th November 2018)

The minutes were accepted unanimously as a true and accurate record.

3. Presentation of the Annual Report

The Chair, Helen Gilder, gave an overview of the main strategic and operational milestones for ACCT during 2018-19, including:

- Changes to the trustees since the last AGM
 - the appointment of Philip Stevenson and Margaret Kilner
 - the resignation of Sylvia Johnson.
 - The appointment of Helen Gilder as Chair following her 3 years of involvement as Treasurer
 - The current trustees were thanked for their time and contributions to ACCT and Sylvia was thanked for steering the charity through a transformational period in her 3 years in the role of Chair.
- Reviewing and updating ACCT's policies.
- The commitment to continue to provide opportunities and support to ACCT members and their families.

4. Presentation of the Annual Accounts

Helen Gilder, ACCT's Treasurer, summarised the charity's 2018-19 financial accounts:

- Income over the year was £101,210, with expenditure of £122,979 giving a deficit for the year of £21,769.
- The deficit was expected as the trustees had agreed to invest more in staffing and activities following two very successful years stabilising the financial position of the charity.
- The total reserves at 31 March 2019 were £60,448.

- Helen stressed the importance of reserves, which have enabled ACCT to manage the uncertainty around Sheffield City Council's future funding of services such as ACCT.
- Helen reminded everyone that the SCC tender is currently underway, due to be submitted by 28 January and although the receipt of the tender had given more information the full impact of the tender is not yet clear.

5. Appointment of auditors

It was proposed that Mr AMJ Ball was reappointed as Auditor/Independent Examiner for the 2019/20 financial year. This was approved unanimously.

6. Election of Trustees

Helen Gilder resigned and was re-elected unanimously. Philip Stevenson and Margaret Kilner, who had been co-opted to the board, were unanimously elected.

7. Presentation of Achievements

Nicola Hough, ACCT's Manager, gave a presentation on the work of ACCT over the year, including data and quotes from our most recent outcomes questionnaire showing the positive impact ACCT has for lots of children and families how access services.

8. Any other business

Helen paid thanks to the ACCT staff and volunteers for the ongoing dedication, skills and expertise they bring to help ACCT meet its objectives.

Close of formal AGM

9. Speaker

Kathryn Littlewood, author of "Cultivating Mad Cow" described as an "insightful, richly diverse narrative which engages the reader into a deeper understanding of psychosis" gave an entertaining and insightful talk about her experiences.