

**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting
of
Asperger's Children and Carers Together
held via Zoom
on Wednesday 27th January 2021, at 7.30pm.**

Attendees: Helen Gilder (Chair), Claire Cruickshank, Margaret Kilner, Nicola Hough, Sara Bartlett Brown, Eleanor White, Alison Kerfoot, Danny Antrobus (minutes).

Apologies: Deborah Young, Sarah Tame

1. Welcome

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

Minutes from the previous AGM (20 January 2020)

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

2. Presentation of the Annual Report

ACCT's Manager, Nicola Hough, gave an overview of ACCT's activities and achievements during 2019-20, as well as how we operated during 2020-21 particularly the changes we made due to lockdowns and restrictions.

3. Presentation of the Annual Accounts

Danny Antrobus, ACCT's Fundraising and Finance Coordinator, summarised the charity's 2019-20 financial accounts:

- Income over the year was £154,473, with expenditure of £136,302 giving a surplus for the year of £18,171.
- The total unrestricted reserves at 31 March 2020 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 we are currently in process of applying to the local authority new tender framework for Activate and Teenage Club.

4. Appointment of auditors

A charity of ACCT's size is required to appoint a suitably qualified person to independently examine our annual accounts.

ACCT's long-standing Independent Examiner, Tony Ball, has retired this year. On behalf of everybody at ACCT, Danny thanked Tony for all his hard work and expertise over the years.

Danny has researched and received quotes from accountants and recommended to the members that ACCT should appoint Terry Scully to independently examine ACCT's 2020-21 accounts. This was approved unanimously.

5. Election of Trustees

Helen's expressed thanks on behalf of everybody at ACCT for Philip Stevenson's contribution to the board during his time as a trustee, and noted Phil's resignation from the board as of December 2020.

ACCT's constitution states that, at each AGM, the longest-serving one-third of trustees should resign and are eligible to stand for re-election. Claire Dyson and Deborah Young both stood for re-election and were unanimously elected.

There were no other prospective trustees standing for election.

6. Any other business

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

Close of AGM – 8.30pm