

Minutes of the People in Harmony AGM 15th October 2022 held on Zoom 1.30pm – 2.45pm

Present: Sue Adeyemo, Paul Egbers-Kane, Remi Fairweather, Elaine Giddens, Val Hoskins (trustee and chair), Amos Hurst (trustee), Marian Lewis, Dinah Morley (trustee), Chetna Pandya, Barbara Roymacaulay, Pauline Williams, Rachael Carden

Apologies: Michelle Balach-Ali (trustee), Molly Porter, Will Goble, Sarah Hurley

Welcome: Val welcomed the members to the 50th Anniversary and introduced the pictures and music that Remi had prepared as a background. Members were able to recognise children and colleagues past and present.

Minutes of the last AGM: these were read and agreed as a correct record.

Proposed: Val Hoskins **Seconded:** Amos Hurst

Annual report and annual accounts: These reports were presented by the chair. The accompanying Treasurer's Report, prepared by Mike Craig, showed that PIH was in a healthy financial position for a small charity. Acceptance of these reports, with one correction, Sue Adeyemo volunteer, name needed be included with volunteer names in report.

Proposed: Val Hoskins **Seconded:** Amos Hurst, and agreed by the members present. Marian Lewis had joined the Community Fundraising Circle and would advise on funding applications, which had to be very specific, if needed.

Independent Examiner:

Thanks were given for Pauline Miller's independent examination of accounts and it was agreed she should continue as the Independent Examiner for the following year.

Proposed: Val Hoskins **Seconded:** Amos Hurst

Plans for the coming Year: Val invited members to make suggestions. Recruitment was on the top of the agenda. Amos Hurst was adamant that the organisation needed to be outward looking, to become more visible. He questioned what PIH was doing for people. There was a discussion of the work that could be done with the caveat that PIH was not insured for such work and that people undertaking face to face work would need a DBS check. Some members had both as they were teachers. Marion Lewis agreed to check information on this for Val.

Sue Adeyemo suggested that members take more than one magazine to place in libraries etc. She had received no requests for copies of the last two magazines and would usually expect to send them out throughout the year to new members etc. Val explained that copies had been sent out digitally and it was agreed that those members who could take extra copies would let Val know. Val advised that because the magazine was labelled spring or autumn libraries did not leave them out for long. In future a numbering might be better. Amos Hurst asked that visiting cards be given to members to enable them to introduce themselves to more people. Val will pursue this. Amos and Barbara asked for copies of magazines Sue had to be sent to them. Sue agreed to do this.

Val reported that a sub section of Microsoft wanted PIH to facilitate a panel event. If no-one is available Val can do this. PIH had requested a donation.

The 0845 number PIH uses for incoming calls, with a diversion service, incurs an extra charge for callers by their provider. Due to a change in broadband provider meant a different set up was needed for the PIH diverted calls. VoIP, a low-cost digital service, could be used with an 0333 local cost number for incoming callers.

Committee/trustee elections: Amos Hurst wanted to ensure that Val did not do all the work. There was a need for a chair, a vice chair, a secretary and a treasurer. Marian Lewis and Elaine Gibbons expressed an interest in becoming trustees but wanted to know what was involved. Elaine was willing to meet with Amos to discuss. Dinah sent some details to Marian in the Chat. Rachael and Remi were also interested but needed further information. Chetna Pandya said that she found all this a bit intense as it was her first meeting. There was not enough time to discuss a large topic such as trustee positions. Amos apologised if he had been too forthright but he wanted to lighten the pressure on Val. Val, Amos and Michelle were nominated for re-election and Luke Stark, PIH member, was nominated to join committee. Dinah resigned from the committee

Proposed by: Val Hoskins **Seconded by:** Dinah Morley

The AGM ended at 2.45pm.