

Cross Gates & District Good Neighbours' Scheme

Working with and for older people

Minutes of AGM Tuesday 3rd December 2019

PRESENT	Bill Hyde	Chairman
	Jackie Lawrence	Vice Chairman
	Irene Midgley	Treasurer
	Anita Smith	
	Joe Birch	
	David Smith	
	Lynda Pitts	
	Cllr Pauleen Graham	Absent
	Hazel Watson	
	Jo Horsfall	Manager
	Janet Deighton	Minutes Secretary

CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME

Chair welcomes everyone to our 17th AGM, no one expected we would grow from a small group to the size of the organisation today, and special thanks to our Trustees as without them we wouldn't be this successful. Welcome to Liz who has helped our organisation over the past year with SWIFt funding over the last 2 years in particular and to LCC, voluntary organisations, funders and members who also participated in fundraising.

OPENING ADDRESS BY Liz Messenger Head of Public Health (older people)Leeds City Council

Just a few words about my role, we are based within LCC for the last 5 years after previously based with NHS. The Swift Project is 3 prong, promoting healthy lifestyle with nutrition and exercise, support people with mental health and wellbeing and helping people remain independent and live at home, it has been going since 2017 with LCC, Older Peoples Council and NHS to help people with long term frailty and home visits to get people's confidence up. We have a winter friends project-keep warm, eat well get flu vaccination etc. Leeds ambition is to be the best city to grow old in with better housing, better transport with a 5-year partnership with aging better. 4 organisations joined us including Good Neighbours, reducing social isolation having an impact on people, results are so good further funding is available expanding to 6 additional areas of the city. A big thank you to the work you do making a difference to people's lives.

Chairman

At last year's AGM Hazel was stepping down as a Trustee but she changed her mind and the Trustees agreed she could continue as a Trustee.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS AGM - Approved Ken Brace, Seconded Maureen McNalus

Show of hands to confirm we can submit our report-yes

Show of hands to confirm we can submit the report to Charity Commission – yes
No objections.

MANAGERS REPORT

Thanks to everyone for supporting us again, another successful year, we now have 1200 members with 113 volunteers who work 532 hours per week which is equivalent to 14 full time members of staff. Our staff has increased this year, Marion is doing befriending and outreach work to ensure that we can meet the needs of our most isolated, house bound members whilst working on our Living La Vida local Lottery funded project and Swift. We have expanded into other parts of our area with a Friday drop in at St Marys Whitkirk, Monthly drop in at Colton Methodist Church and the relocation of the Live Well Café to the Newman Centre, none of this would have been possible without the extra funding. Stephen runs our minibus trips, responsibility for minibus, short walks and responsible for our volunteering recruitment process including training for staff and volunteers. Samantha is responsible for our Digital Health hub helping our members to develop digital skills alongside the tech. team, this role was made possible through investment from 100% Digital Leeds and Good Things Foundation.

Thanks to our current staff who have adapted to the need of the scheme with the restructure of their roles. We are going to spend the next year embedding the new projects across the scheme ensuring the service is the best it can be, again a bit thank you to you all for supporting us and to our funders.

Please complete the Usage & Satisfaction survey as we really value your input and ideas to ensure we get it right as a scheme, it's your opportunity to let us know what is working well or if there is anything we can do better. All entries will be entered into a free prize draw.

We have accumulated some surplus funds that we will use to purchase a 9 seater minibus in the New Year and we were voted charity of the year to work in partnership with Cross Gates Shopping Centre, so look for what will be happening next year. A full set of accounts are on each table and also available on request. Please read the captions in the calendar to grasp the scale of what we offer and the difference it makes to people lives e.g. 1 member had a record attendance of 48 meals out last year which has made such a difference to his social life. A big thank you to all who helped with the Annual report at groups with feedback, quotes and photos, and last but not least to introduce you to Jane Robinson our communications worker. Jane explained her role with the newsletters, annual report and our new website which went live today which is better looking and more functions than the old one. Please all take time to look at the art work on the walls and to thank Amanda the tutor.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The rest of the Trustees were willing to stand again and were duly elected by a show of hands- none against, all in favour. Officers were all re-elected – Bill Hyde as Chair proposed by Bryan Flynn seconded by Sandra Gaunt. Bill said David Smith who was co-opted was now a Trustee

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Richard Freeman asked who Hilary was on the minutes of last year's AGM as the surname was omitted. Jo explained it was our guest speaker.