

Minutes

**Annual General Meeting of the Cornwall Voluntary Sector Forum
Company Registration No. 05371203. Charity Registration No. 1111169
Cornwall Federation of Women's Institutes, Truro on Wednesday 22nd
November 2017 at 2:00pm**

The meeting commenced at 2:25pm

Members Present

Name	Organisation
Adrian Richards	BF Adventure
Alan Milliner	White Gold
Andrew Green	LPCo
Christopher Brian Jordan	People First
Clare Greenwood	Hearing Loss Cornwall
Heather White	WEA
Jan Hibbert	Step One Charity
Lucy Goldring	Red Cross
Maggie Parks	WRASAC
Neil Colquhoun	Citizens Advice Cornwall
Paul Gray	Godolphin Cross Community Assc
Steve Fowler	Home Start Kernow
Tamas Haydu	Cornwall Community Association
Judith Hann	Falmouth Polytechnic Society*
Sheila Kestle	Cruse Bereavement Care
Fr Doug Robins	Cruse Bereavement Care
Alison Elvey	RCC

Associates/others Present

Name	Organisation
Donna Peverley	Cornwall Council
Pam Cole	SERCO
Richard Williams	

Trustees Present:

Jonathan Adlington
Richard McKie
Sam Pashley
Judith Hann* voted as a member

Proxy votes given to the chairman

Name	Organisation
Andrew Yates	Penlee Cluster Churches
Carole Edwards	CASS PLUS
Richard May	Dracaena Centre
Dan James	Eden Project
Jeanette Reed	Safer Stronger Consortium
Paul Reeve	Pentreath
Tom Dingwall	FirstLight
Sally Jones	SSE
Nigel Clark	Age UK Cornwall and IoS
Jayne Zito	Zito Partnership
Sarah Henn	Miraclewood outdoor CIC
Dawn Russell	Nature Workshops
Wendy O'Sullivan	Lizard Child Trust
Jon Rolls	RIO
Karen Harris	Cornwall Faith Forum

The Chairman, Jonathan Adlington welcomed everybody to the meeting

1. Apologies for Absence

None

2. Minutes of the 2016 AGM

The minutes were approved - proposed Judith Hann, seconded Neil Colquhoun

3. Trustees:

- a. Under the terms of the Articles of Association, each year, one third of the Trustees are subject to retirement by rotation. The following are the current trustees:

Jonathan Adlington (Chair)

Sam Pashley

Richard McKie

Kathy Gilmore

Judith Hann

John Ede

Karen Harris

- b. The following are the current Trustees who have served the longest since their most recent election to the Board, are therefore subject to retirement. All trustees have indicated that they wish to stand for re-election:
- 1.1.1. Jonathan Adlington (Trustee since 29.03.2011)
 - 1.1.2. Sam Pashley (Trustee since 29.03.2011)
 - 1.1.3. Karen Harris (Trustee since 01.10.2015)
- c. Members will have been notified of these and any additional Trustee nominations at least 7 days prior to this AGM.

In the event that there be fewer than 15 Trustee nominations (including current trustees), as allowed for under the Articles of Association members attending this AGM, or their accredited proxy, may elect those nominated en bloc but are entitled, on a majority vote of members at the AGM, to call for a ballot.

4. Election of Trustees as details above
Proposed Judith Hann, seconded Neil Colquhoun. The vote was taken by a show of hands and passed unanimously
5. Presentation by the CEO, including the Annual Accounts, a review of the year and looking to the future
The accounts were approved – proposed Judith Hann, seconded Steve Fowler. The vote was taken by a show of hands and passed unanimously
The independent examiners were reappointed – proposed Judith Hann, seconded Steve Fowler The vote was taken by a show of hands and passed unanimously

The chief executive, Ian Smith gave a 15 minute presentation that included a brief history of the organisation, a review of 2016 and information about the future of VSF, and in particular the proposal that VSF become a subsidiary of a new, larger charity, The Learning Partnership Group. This was followed by a question and answer session.
Comments from Members:

Matthew Thompson – The problems that VSF has are shared by most if not all its members in that we are all too caught up in project delivery.

Richard McKie – it is a big mistake to adopt a position of participation rather than representation. It is more important than ever that VSF speak up on behalf of its members.

Ian Smith – in order to survive we have had to take on more project work, leaving less time for unfunded representation.

Neil Colquhoun – can you be independent and under the control of another charity?

Judith Hann – The VSF board have had in depth discussions on maintaining our independence

Maggie Parks – What do you mean by “putting the forum back into VSF”
Ian Smith – I mean by holding more, smaller events for members on either a geographic or thematic basis, so that we understand the issues better and provide a space for networking.

6. Informal presentation by Jenny Fish – Big Lottery Fund.

Jenny spoke about:

The new SW Regional Hub

More staff working locally

Their approach to grant making

Their role as a connector and catalyst as part of the economy in Cornwall & Isles of Scilly

The impact they are looking to achieve with their investments

The opportunities the Hub presents for local communities

7. Any other business.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 3.45

Close