

Minutes of 2019 AGM

Thanington Neighbourhood Resource Centre
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Friday 24th May 2019

COMMITTEE PRESENT

Chair	Liz Thorne
Treasurer	Hugh Ellison
Secretary	Francoise Gelman
	Tim Redfearn
	Tarnia Redfearn
	Marian Warner

The Chair opened the meeting at 11.15am.

1. **Apologies for absence.**

There were no apologies.

2. **Welcome by the Chair**

The Chair welcomed all attendees to the meeting. There was a total of 23 attendees.

3. **Minutes of the last AGM**

The minutes were approved with one correction and signed as correct by the Chair.

4. **Chairman's Report**

Liz said that the committee were now meeting every quarter.

Possible new groups had been identified in the Faversham and Folkestone areas and the hope was to get them up and running.

Liz was still eager to establish the East Kent Strokes Choir and is looking for someone to take up the role of developing the choir. She will be seeking funding for this.

The coffee mornings continue to be well attended and run successfully and Liz thanked everyone who is involved.

The outings continue to run well and be enjoyed. Liz thanked Marian for her work in organising them.

Liz thanked Tim and Tanya for their work on Childhood Strokes and also thanked the committee.

Unfortunately Jennie Double, who had recently joined the committee has

had to resign due to ill health.

Bob Enock, who had long been a committee member, had recently passed away. He had played a large part in the charity and condolences to his family were expressed. A minute's silence would be held.

5. **Treasurer's report**

The Treasurer issued a full summary of the accounts ending 31 December 2018. The format of the annual report is approved by the Charity Commission.

Attention was drawn to page 5 of the report showing all the financial activities.

Total funds for 2018 are £3,757 and total expenses for the Year are £7,182. There is a deficit of £3425, which is not significant as Page 7 shows the balance sheet for EKS as at 31 December with reserves of £26,496.

There was an incident of fraud to the charity as a result of a hacked email. However Hugh assured members that the charity suffered no financial loss.

Hugh invited members to put forward suggestions on further projects.

The future of the Caddy needed to be decided. The charity still needs a volunteer driver.

6. **Childhood Strokes Report**

Tim reported a quiet year with fewer outings than previously. This was partially due to volunteers being particularly busy but also because the the child members were growing up and had their own busy lives. Some were in secondary school and getting support through peer support and social media.

Caitlin had been poorly recently, with frequent visits to hospital and was awaiting a transplant. EKS had made a one-off payment to the family to help them over a difficult time and this had been used to buy Caitlin a wheelchair.

When contacted EKS was still available to offer support.

7. **Election of officers**

The secretary took the chair for the elections of officers. All the Committee members were willing to stand again and the meeting was unanimous in accepting these members

Chair: Liz Thorne

Deputy Chair: Tim Redfearn

Treasurer: Hugh Ellison

Secretary: Francoise Gelman

8. **Chairman - The Year Ahead**

As a priority Liz wishes to bid for funds to employ someone as a

development officer.

To revamp the website, working with a web designer

To activate Stroke Watch so that there are 2 issues this year.

To offer support to the existing groups and conduct a survey to find out what their needs are

To establish new groups in Faversham and Folkestone

To establish the Stroke Choir probably based around Canterbury and to conduct a feasibility study re transport

To look for potential buyers for the Caddy

New trustees are needed. Liz has some contacts but would welcome Trustees with knowledge and experience of stroke survivors.

Registration of EKS: This will cost about £1000. Liz sought and received approval of the members to go ahead.

EKS has been nominated to receive a donation from a quiz night

Liz is due to receive a cheque from the Rotary Club

An application will be made to the KM Group Charity for further funds

Liz will apply to be in the ballot for the Virgin London Marathon

9. **Any other business**

It was suggested that an alternative to the MS Centre be considered for the Canterbury coffee mornings, which may involve a change of day. It was decided that Thursday or Friday are the preferred days.

It was mooted that the Christmas meal this year be held at a more accessible venue. Or maybe something different. Liz suggested a questionnaire to find out what members would like.

Tarnia said that a Ukelele Concert was being held to raise funds for EKS.

Bonjour Ashford would be holding a fund raising garden party on 30th June.

Tarnia requested contributions to Stroke Watch, such as news, tips and articles. She also requested photos and memories of Bob Enock to be included in the next edition of Stroke Watch.

Tarnia also asked that members indicate on membership forms how they wished to be contacted.

A minute's silence was held for Bob Enock.

Robin proposed a vote of thanks and confidence in the committee.

The meeting closed at 12.15.