

Autism Bucks – AGM 2024 Minutes

Date:	10 Jul 2024
Time:	18:30 – 19:30
Venue:	Zoom

Attendees (Trustees)

Neil Cary
Paulette Hunn
Sam Hinson

Attendees (Members)

<p>Louise Maher Sara Madden-Connor Matthew Wren Stuart Hinson Katy Wade Vera Bolton Peter Berrisford Phil Jones</p>	<p>Pamela Wrest Martin Ellis Elaine Kaye Keisha Amponsa Banson Simon Stiel Adele Brigden Kendra Mendes Evie Cordingley</p>
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ID	Agenda Item	Notes
1	Welcome and apologies	Neil welcomed everyone to the 2023 AGM. Apologies received from Paula Strawbridge, Martin Hollett, Laura Hobbs.
2	Chair's Report	<p>Since the last AGM:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Membership has grown to 270+ • Membership is concentrated in 4 areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Aylesbury ○ High Wycombe ○ Amersham & Chesham ○ Buckingham • The kindness and generosity of people saw income of £2,900; key elements were: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Amersham Xmas Market Stall - £597 ○ Direct Fundraising campaign in Mar 2024 - £591 ○ Frederick Lawson Lodge - £300 ○ Bucks Lottery - £298 • Social events in the last FY included <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Eleven Zoom meetings ○ Eight Face-to-face meetings ○ Nine other away days or festive events • Other activities are shown in slide 10 of the presentation (attached)

		<p>Looking Forward:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keeping our Members as our highest priority • Encouraging new Members to join our meetings and activities • Growing our Board of Trustees and Volunteers • Greater participation of the membership in the charity governance • Actively participating in the Oliver McGowan Training • Increasing awareness through our website and social media • Maintaining a healthy financial state.
3	Awareness Programme	Paulette spoke about the Autism Awareness videos on the Autism Bucks YouTube channel, and highlighted the recordings made by 2 of our members on their experience of living as Autistic.
5	Planned Activities 2023	Paulette listed all the planned activities for 2024 (see slide 14)
	Website and Social Media	Neil gave an update on Autism Bucks' presence on the web and social media. He highlighted the rapid growth of the times our website appeared in Google searches, and the exponential increase in the number of YouTube views.
6	Treasurer's Report	<p>FY2023-24 saw income of £2,902 against outgoings of £2,774. 64% of outgoings were spent on member meetings, events and activities.</p> <p>In the budget for FY2024-25, Paulette highlighted a planned spend of £4,544 against planned income of £2,920. This was explained by the need to run down some of the money held in the bank which stood at £9,145 at the start of FY2024-25. The expected cash surplus is expected to be around £4,000 in line with the financial policy.</p>
7	Appointment of Trustees and Key Offices	<p>The AGM approved the following to continue as Trustees</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Neil Cary • Paulette Hunn • Paula Strawbridge • Martin Hollett • Laura Hobbs • Sam Hinson <p>The AGM approved the following key offices:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chair: Neil Cary • Secretary: Paula Strawbridge • Treasurer: Paulette Hunn • Accounts Examiner: Jonathan Bullock
8	Members Proposed Resolutions	<p>No member proposed resolutions were received prior to the AGM. The following points were raised from the floor:</p> <p>Keisha expressed disappointment that the 2 trustees who left the charity in FY2023-24 were from ethnic minority groups, leaving no current trustees from a minority background. Paulette acknowledged the point and said efforts were continually being made to make the Board more representative.</p> <p>Keisha asked about the Oliver McGowan training, and indicated she would like to take part. Paulette explained the current situation and said she would keep Keisha in mind as the training was rolled out.</p>

		Some members present said they would like to see their creative work displayed on the website. Neil said that the website was in the process of being updated, but that he completely supported the idea of displaying members' work.
9	Closing Remarks	The Chair thanked all Trustees and members for attending and for their participation in the discussions