



Public Minutes: Annual General Meeting 2022
Meeting of the SHUK Board of Trustees
 Date: 22nd November 2022
 Venue: The Mechanics

Item	Discussion / key points	Action
	<p>In attendance: Nina Ennis (NE) Suzanna Van Schaick (SVS) Nigel Cordier (NC)</p> <p>Apologies: Hayley Alison (HA) John Moore (JM) Simon Calvert (SC)</p>	
1	<p>Minutes of the previous meeting – 15th December 2021</p> <p>The minutes were approved as an accurate record of the meeting.</p>	
2	<p>Annual Accounts for 2021/22</p> <p>SvS presented the annual accounts for 2021/22. She began her report by saying that recent years have generally been difficult for charities. However, despite moments of financial concern during 2021 – 2022, securing new funding, as well as continuing funding for existing projects, gave Self Help UK financial stability.</p> <p>SvS was pleased to report 2021-2022 as a positive financial year for the organisation: at the end of the year we had a net income of just over £67K, and total funds carried forward of £201K (both of these significantly better than at the end of the 2020-2021 year).</p> <p>We have improved the accuracy of our cash flow forecasting and monitor the financial situation regularly.</p>	
3	<p>Appointment of the Independent Examiner</p> <p>SvS advised that due to the size of the charity, we do not need to appoint an Auditor, but an independent examiner needs to be appointed. SvS proposed that the Board re-appoint Community Accounting Plus as independent examiner of SHUK accounts. NE seconded.</p>	

<p>4</p>	<p>Trustee Report</p> <p>NE advised that the 2021/2022 Trustee report was within the 2021/2022 annual accounts on pages 2-7. She summarised the report by saying that the year once again been challenging with the COVID pandemic again dominating peoples' lives and the emergent cost of living crisis. Staff and volunteers had risen to the challenges and on behalf of the Board she recorded her thanks for their hard work and resilience.</p> <p>NE brought attention to the following achievements and issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We began the detailed planning and mobilisation for a National Resource Centre/Learning Centre which will provide online support and learning materials for self help and peer support groups. • During the year we continued to operate our Deaf Cancer Support group which provides one to one peer support for Deaf people who have cancer on their cancer journey. Originally this service was only provided in Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire but during the pandemic this opened up through use of virtual services and we were able to reach more people outside our local area. Understanding the need for deaf people to receive support McMillan commissioned us to provide 2 year national pilot extending the scope and reach of the service developed during covid and establishing an approach which offers deaf people parity of service from Macmillan with the non-deaf population. • We worked with National Voices to understand the value of peer support for people with Long Covid hosting an online support group and running 3 workshops with National Voices partner organisations on how to develop and deliver peer support • The Beyond Diagnosis service, which provides holistic support and needs assessment for people living with cancer, grew with more referrals being received. The service extended to work with some of the new Primary Care Networks supporting the patients with cancer and working to increase the numbers of people taking up cancer screening • We continued to work with people from ethnic minority backgrounds. One example being working with Clinical Commissioning Group on a webinar to address vaccine hesitancy 	
<p>5</p>	<p>Retirement and appointment of Trustees:</p> <p>In line with the Articles of Association, two trustees were retired:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - John Moore who was not looking for reappointment. NE on behalf of the Board thanked John for his time on the Board and the advice and support he has given to the organisation. 	

	<p>- Hayley Alison who was willing to be reappointed. This was proposed by NE and seconded by SvS</p> <p>During the year a recruitment campaign for new trustees had been held. Amran Hussain (AH) and Berenice Brown (BB) had undergone successful appointment processes to join the Board of Trustees. SvS nominated and NE seconded that AH join the Board. NC nominated and SvS seconded that BB join the Board.</p>	
6	<p>AOB</p> <p>No items of business were raised under this item.</p>	