

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
HELD MONDAY 14TH OCTOBER 2024
AT DORRINGTON VILLAGE HALL, THE MAITLANDS, SY5 7LD.**

Present: As shown on the attendance list.

1. Welcome and formal opening of the AGM

Hugh Strickland (HS), Chair of Trustees, formally opened the evening and welcomed all those present. A special thank you was given to Radfield Homecare, a corporate partner of Community Resource, who had sponsored the event and to Anna Turner, Lord Lieutenant of Shropshire.

He handed over to Bev Baxter (BB), Chief Executive Officer.

2. Welcome and Introduction by CEO

BB welcomed everyone to the evening and thanked staff, volunteers and supporters for their attendance. The work of Community Resource remained varied and over the year 43 Health and Wellbeing events had taken place; £20,000 in savings had been made through the Oil Club; 290 people had benefited through the household support fund. New work included employability and enterprise volunteering for 18 – 30-year-olds funded via the Lintel Trust and a Rural Housing Enabler funded through ACRE/DEFRA.

A video showcasing the work of Community Resource was played. This would be used on the website and used to promote and explain the work that the charity does.

BB explained that Hugh was stepping down as Chair and Trustee of Community Resource and thanked him for his invaluable contribution and service to the charity.

She handed back to Hugh for the formal proceedings.

3. Apologies

Apologies have been received from: Priscilla Hilton-Jones, Diana Flint, Brian Newman, Heather Osborne, Viv Griffiths, Janet Cobb, Elaine Pearce, Jayne Stevens, David Crosby, David and Michelle Howse, Cerys Holder, Robert Currie, Jeremy Stretton, DoLs VRPR, Sally Themans (Good2Great & Love Wellington), Helen Trotman, Ray Hughes, Damien Breeze, Helen Morgan, Andrew James, Helen Pierce (CJW/WRP), Fiona Berryman (Tasley Village Hall), Jim Prescott, Julie Mellor BSc(Hons), Lesley Picton, Liz Hutchinson, Selina Graham, Val Bywood, Christine Beaver

It was confirmed that a quorum had been achieved.

He went on to explain that for Agenda items where a vote is required, paid members should raise their voting card for their vote to be counted.

4. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held 19th October 2023

The minutes of the meeting held on 19th October 2023 were agreed as an accurate record and approved by vote with no objections.

5. Matters arising from the minutes

There were no further matters arising from the minutes.

6. Chairman's Report inc.

7. Election of Trustees

HS gave his thanks to all the Trustees for their time and commitment to the role and explained that each Trustee post is due for re-election after a 3 year term.

The following Trustees were nominated for re-appointment by election:

- Mark Thorn
- Simon Broad

The following Trustee had been appointed during the year and was nominated for election.

- Warren James

All were elected by vote with no objections.

8. Formal election of the new Chair

Warren James was nominated as the new Chair. This was approved unanimously.

9. Articles of Association

The Community Resource Articles of Association had been amended in line with new Charity Commission guidelines. This did not impact or alter in any way the work of the charity.

This was approved by vote with no objections.

10. Any Other Business

There was no other business.

11. Financial Overview

Sue Homden (SH), Head of Finance, gave a brief overview of 2023-2024. She explained that it had been a challenging year for charities seeking funding but despite that the Charity had maintained a £806,000 income. 65% of this came from funding agreements, the rest was from donations etc. She thanked Stacey Teece, Fundraising Manager, for all her work and success in obtaining funding. She also highlighted the charity's 108 amazing volunteers who had given 6,902 hours to a social value of £146,000.

Hugh thanked everyone and ended the formal part of the AGM.

Strengthening Shropshire Together: Collaboration, Impact and Future Plans of Community Resource

A short question and answer session took place. This was facilitated by Trustee Amy Bould who introduced Sheila Fisher, Valerie Graham and Duncan Spilsbury. Each gave a brief insight into their work at Community Resource.

Community Needs Analysis (CNA) and Future Vision

BB presented the key findings of the CNA emphasising the identified needs and gaps within the community and how this fitted in with the work of Community Resource. She explained how these findings will shape Community Resource's priorities and strategies moving forward and how the audience could help to address these needs.

Address by new Chair, Warren

Warren introduced himself as the new Chair of Community Resource. He thanked Hugh all that he had done and how much he was looking forward to the next phase of Community Resource.

Reflections, Presentations to Hugh and closing remarks. Anna, Lord Lieutenant, thanked everyone for their work and support. Presented a gift to Hugh.

Warren closed the evening by thanking everyone for their attendance and support.