

Charity No 1155945

 Patron: *The Right Reverend Karen Gorham, Bishop of Sherborne*

Annual General Meeting
Tuesday 9th January 2018, 7.00pm
Skinner Street URC

Present:

Bishop Karen (Patron), Pat Southgate (Chair), John & Anne Arnold, Margaret Blyth, Martin Finch, Susan Gittins, Joshua Hale, Bev Heawood, Lucy Holt, Michael & Maureen McCabe, Elaine & Gerald Mellers, Kate Mellor, Jeff & Karen Neagle, Gabi Sanger-Stevens, Andrew Teale, Curt Southgate, Tina Stirling, Laura Wyatt, Representatives of Poole Town Pastors (names unknown).

Agenda	Discussion	Actions
Welcome and Opening Prayer	The Revd Pat Southgate, Chair of R2R, welcomed all those present and thanked them for their continued support.	
Apologies	Karen & Alan Bozeat, Paul & Alison Sepping, Iain Scott, Helen Ellis, Marilyn Latcham	
Minutes of the 2015-16 AGM, 13 th October 2017		Accepted and signed
Trustees' Annual Report 2016-17	<p>Presented by Pat Southgate: An overview of the work of 2016-17, and an update to the end of 2017.</p> <p>Pat reported that since Routes to Roots first became a registered charity in 2002 our work has become more widely acknowledged and accepted in the town. Our operations continue to be centered at Skinner Street URC. We have also continued to provide supported accommodation in Poole for three former rough sleepers, through a partnership with Green Pastures.</p> <p>Pat reported that PACT has now disbanded but that its work at our drop-ins has been taken over by EDAS and that PIVOTAL now attends to identify the most vulnerable people in need of housing.</p> <p>Pat reported that our volunteer chiropodist Jenny Donovan has started an initiative to provide rough sleepers with suitable footwear and that R2R had been able to source a grant to pay for this.</p> <p>In response to a question from Gaby Sanger-Stevens about the decision not to offer breakfast vouchers to rough sleepers on the days when there is a lunchtime drop-in, Pat reported that this has resulted in more of them attending the lunchtime drop-ins where they can access the wide range of outreach services now provided – which was the aim of this decision.</p>	

<p>Treasurers Report and Accounts 2016-17</p>	<p>Presented by Kate Mellor due to the recent resignation of the Hon Treasurer: The funding position of the Charity was considerably improved over the course of the year, from £30,889 at the start of the year to £78,509 at 31 March 2017, with the Charity posting a net surplus (excess of receipts over payments) of £49,618 in the year, versus a surplus of £10,388 in the previous year, an improvement of £39,230 year-on-year. The main reasons for this were increase in receipts, lower overall payments and savings made on management and staffing.</p> <p>Looking forward to 2017-18, which we are three-quarters of the way through, we set a budget of £33,797 for our basic operations which is considerably less than in previous years largely due to ending most expenditure on external consultants - in addition to just one part-time member of staff, we now pay one consultant to help with our website on a monthly fee of £50. Our actual expenditure for the first three quarters of the financial year and first week of January was £19,143 - nearly £6,000 under budget for the period. This was largely due to efforts made by Elaine to reduce drop-in expenses and sourcing of free printing for our newsletter. During this same period our income for basic operations was £55,873, which gives us a surplus of £34,730. This income comes from successful grant applications and donations from churches, organisations and many individuals. We have every reason to believe that at the end of this financial year we will be below budget and continue to have a healthy surplus of income over expenditure to take us into 2018-19.</p> <p>We maintain separate accounts for Amos House. We set a budget for the year of £20,844. Our actual expenditure for the first three quarters of the financial year and first week of January was £16,941 - nearly £1,300 over budget for the period. This is largely due to higher than expected utility costs. During the same period we had an income of £21,328 from rent and Housing Benefit, and a grant from Screwfix of £1000 to pay for a new external fire door yet to be purchased. Income was less than that anticipated due to problems experienced by one tenant with his benefit entitlement which have now been resolved. At the end of the financial year we expect income will match expenditure.</p>	<p>The Accounts for 2016-17 were adopted: Lucy Holt Proposed, Gaby Sanger-Stevens Seconded</p>
<p>Trustee Elections</p>	<p>Re-standing: Pat Southgate stood down, as required by the constitution, and was re-elected</p>	<p>The appointment and resignations were</p>

	Stepped down in 2016-17: Gaby Sanger-Stevens All others Trustee remain in post.	accepted: Curt Southgate Proposed, Gez Mellers Seconded
Chair Election	Standing - Pat Southgate	Re-elected: Kate Mellor proposed, Martin Finch seconded
Hon Secretary	Standing - Joshua Hale	Accepted: Maureen McCabe Proposed, Kate Mellor Seconded
AOB	<p>Lucy Holt reported that a very wet St James' sleepover in December 2017 had raised over £5000 and proved to be a real insight into the problems faced by rough sleepers – the need to find a toilet in the early hours and the impossibility of drying out sleeping bags for the next night. Lucy also said that a number of homeless guys joined the sleep-out and that they showed a lot of concern that the volunteers were managing okay.</p> <p>In response to a question, Andre Teale (St Mungo's) said that the number of rough sleepers in Poole was variable given the movement between Poole and Bournemouth, and that this might be occasioned by guys looking for drugs or avoiding people they owed money to.</p> <p>Susan Gittins confirmed that the charity's latest Business Plan could be found on the R2R website.</p>	