



Gosport Voluntary Action's Annual General Meeting 2021

Minutes

Date and Location: Wednesday 21st October 2021, Gosport Masonic Hall

Speakers: Ian Reeves, GVA Chair of Trustees, Ted Hill MBE, GVA Chief Executive Officer, Oliver Fisher, GVA Treasurer, Cllr Zoe Huggins, Deputy Mayor, Jayson Grygiel, Gosport BC, Janie Millerchip, CCG, Barbara Cook, Abri, Rebekah Jeffrey, Hampshire Cultural Trust, Lucy Tennant, National Lottery Community Fund.

A full list of attendees and apologies are available upon request.

Items

1: An introduction and order of events was given by Angela Gill, Facilitator for the event

2: Ian Reeves and Angela Gill led the session for the re-election and of the GVA Chair of Trustees and three Trustees. This year members were encouraged to vote by proxy (email) if they were unable to attend.

| Proposal | Proposer/Seconder | Result |
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| Approve minutes from GVA AGM 2020 | Proposer: Chris Kerrison Seconder: David Gary | Minutes unanimously approved |
| Re-elect Ian Reeves as Chair of Trustees | Proposer: Chris Robson Seconder: Bob Whitbread | Ian Reeves unanimously re-elected as Chair of Trustees |
| Re-elect Chris Robson as a Trustee | Proposer: John Jeffs Seconder: Suzanne Pepper | Chris Robson unanimously re-elected as a Trustee |
| Re-elect Andrew Mair as a Trustee | Proposer: Angela Gould Seconder: Angela Gill | Andrew Mair unanimously re-elected as a Trustee |
| Elect Oliver Fisher as a Trustee | Proposer: Suzanne Pepper Seconder: Julia Golding | Oliver Fisher unanimously elected as a Trustee |

3: Ian Reeves reflected on the past year with Nicky Staveley retiring and Angela Weston (Finance Officer) also leaving at the same time. It was an opportunity to take a critical view at GVA's position both internally and externally. Ted Hill MBE was welcomed as the new CEO in January and a Factory Reset process for GVA commenced. It has been a difficult time for Charities and the Voluntary sector; perhaps this is the time to reflect and use this as an opportunity to go forward with fresh ideas.

The Impact Report 2020/21 is a fantastic read and includes the C19 Community Response which represents the hours of commitment by a team of people including GVA staff, volunteers, Gosport Borough Council, Hampshire County Council and local business supporting residents within the local community.

Ian Reeves said a big Thank You to all the staff that have adapted to working from home and the team effort displayed in the commitments they have shown to their clients and the wider community.

4: Oliver Fisher, Treasurer gave an overall account of GVA's finances and thanked Wood-Hicks Accountancy firm for all their hard work and enable the accounts to be signed off. GVA are in a financially stable position going forward, having sold of a few assets which has left approximately £1M in total in reserves. We have increased our uncommitted reserves in the short term to help us move forward.

5: Ted Hill MBE, CEO - Welcomed all to the AGM saying this was the first time in a long time we can mingle and network in a Covid safe way. January saw the start of GVA's internal transformation, modernisation and development, as Ian said 'The Factory Reset'. "We streamlined, harmonised and made our practices more efficient and cost effective which will enable us to focus on the services we can provide to the sector. We took the opportunity in the last few weeks to reach out to many of our 200 plus groups to get a better understanding of what they want and need and how we can assist. Earlier in the month we had a GVA Staff and Trustee Planning Day and collated the evidence and information to set up our Business Plan. Our new **Mission Statement** will read:

"Supporting voluntary and community groups and delivering services to make a positive difference to Gosport Borough residents"

"We want to enhance our engagement activity by developing a menu of services to our members, for example support in Bid Writing, Training Opportunities, HR Support, Governance and of course developing volunteering. We want to grow our

own people and give them the tools they need to do the job. Our staff and volunteers, their knowledge, experience and commitment are our greatest asset.”

Ted will be retiring at the end of January 2022 due to family circumstances and changing priorities.

6: Ian Reeves said a big thank you to Ted for all his work and explained GVA are currently looking for Ted’s successor. “We wish all staff who move on all the best including Mandy Bright and Lisa Powell.”

7: Deputy Mayor, Cllr Zoe Huggins sent apologies for the Mayor Mark Hook’s absence but attended with his consort Cllr Lynne Hook. Zoe gave her thanks to GVA for leaping into action and pulling together an emergency plan supporting all groups within the community during the pandemic. “The quality of life should be equal and fair and the opportunities connected are found in the strength of a community that pulls us through – and the pandemic reminded us of what was important to us and our families.”

8: Community Voice Forum PowerPoint presentation attached.