



Minutes of Centre 70 Annual General Meeting held in the Community Room at West Norwood Library, 1-5 Norwood High Street, London SE27 9JX from 7.30pm on Thursday 13th October 2022

1. **Apologies for absence** were acknowledged.
2. **The minutes of the 2021 AGM** were received and approved as amended.
3. **Centre 70's Chair's Report:** Naomi Neil had given her apologies. Her Chair's Report appears in the Reports and Accounts to 31st March 2022 which are available on Centre 70's website. The last year has seen added pressure on our services from a number of factors including the adverse impact on people's finances of the increased cost of living and on people's wellbeing by the pandemic.

Members were encouraged to take a copy of the Impact Review for 2021-2022 which is also on Centre 70's website. Kate White and Liz Woodroffe and all involved were thanked for producing the Review. Kati Massey and Kate White were thanked for their work in the presentation of the Trustees' Report.

The trustees expressed thanks to our Director Brian Foxley, to our managers Mark Batten and Dominic Cookson and to Rosie Trustram and all our staff and volunteers for all their work. Thanks were given to funders, donors and supporters for their vital roles over the year. Over the period there have been farewells to advice worker Edward Freeman and to Alexis Alafouzo and warm welcomes to advice worker Michael Eddowes and housing caseworker Victoria Taylor.

Thanks were expressed to the staff at the Library for hosting us again.

Our website provides a link to receive our E-newsletter and a contact for volunteering to help.

4. **Treasurer's Report:** Kati Massey, the Treasurer, presented a summary of the audited Reports and Accounts to 31st March 2022 copies of which were distributed. The full audited Reports and Accounts to 31st March 2022 are available on Centre 70's website a link to which was sent to members prior to the meeting.

Members were referred to the two-page summary of the accounts. Kati Massey reported that loss for the year to 31st March 2022 was well covered by our reserves. Considerable care was taken at Centre 70 to ensure our financial resources were used efficiently and economically. Our reserves included funds required to meet the substantial cost of improving our premises.

Thanks were given for our donors and funders. Kati Massey also expressed her thanks for the work of Jacqui Eke, the finance worker, Brian Foxley, the auditors and all involved concerning finances.

5. **Auditors:** It was agreed by the members to authorise the trustees to appoint Wags LLP t/a Wagstaffs of Richmond House, Walkern Road, Stevenage, Hertfordshire SG1 3QP as auditors for 2022-2023 and to agree the auditors' remuneration.

6. **Election of trustees:** Naomi Neiland will not stand to be re-appointed as a trustee and she was thanked for her service as a trustee. The remaining current trustees were nominated and expressed their willingness to be reappointed as trustees for the coming year: Gargie Ahmad, Martin Beard, Laura Cassidy, Elvis Langley, Kati Massey, Gai Tetlow, Kate White and Liz Woodroffe. Alison Julal was nominated to be a trustee and expressed her willingness to stand. These nine nominated candidates were all elected to serve as trustees on the Board with immediate effect for the coming annual period 2022-2023.

7. **Any other business:** Thanks were expressed to Helen Hayes MP who had attended earlier and had spoken of the importance of Centre 70's work especially under the current financial pressures which people are facing.

Earlier in the evening Dominic Cookson and Rosie Trustram launched the new Wellbeing Project and displayed the new banner designed by trustee Liz Woodroffe.

Naomi Neiland was thanked for acting as Chair over the last twelve months.