

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF
VOLUNTARY ACTION HINCKLEY AND BOSWORTH
(THE COMMUNITY HUB)
HELD ON TUESDAY 22ND SEPTEMBER 2009 AT
THE PATHWAYS CENTRE, BAPTIST WALK, HINCKLEY**

PRESENT:

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

The President welcomed everyone to the meeting and reflected on the voluntary sector; his experiences, the changes, and recent difficult times.

2. APOLOGIES

28 Apologies were received

**3. MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON 28TH
OCTOBER 2008**

These were agreed as a true record of the meeting. The President, Michael Butterfield, signed the minutes and they were seconded by Dorothy Charles.

4. MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising from the Minutes

**5. PRESENTATION AND ADOPTION OF ANNUAL REVIEW AND
ACCOUNTS**

The auditor confirmed that the report and accounts are in order. Although incoming resources are down on last year, expenditure remains stable. Howard Crane outlined plans to introduce new financial systems to sustain income streams and gave assurances that budgeting would be strictly controlled to ensure there would be no overspend this financial year.

The report was approved by the Trustees on 22 September 2009 and is to be amended to reflect the date of signing on pages 8 and 12. The meeting then voted to adopt the accounts.

6. APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS FOR 2009/2010

The firm of Chantrey Vellacott were proposed and seconded. The auditors' fee was queried, however the auditor replied that despite VAHB's reduced size the amount of work involved remains the same.

It was proposed that Chantrey Vellacott be retained as auditors for the coming financial year, subject to negotiation on costs.

7. ELECTIONS TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

There were two resignations from the Board of Trustees during the reporting period: Shani Smith and Gill Skelton. The post of Treasurer is vacant.

Five nominations were received as follows:-

Meriel Newman	Special Needs Integration Projects
Lindsey Short	Dial a Ride
Judy Handford	Age Concern, Hinckley and Bosworth
Mick O'Hara	CVS Community Partnership
Chris Ladkin	Independent nomination

With the remaining 5 members of the Board having confirmed they would be prepared to serve, it was declared that all 10 are elected to the Board of Trustees for the following year.

8. FUTURE OF THE COMMUNITY HUB

Following the resignation of the Chief Executive Greg Drozdz, Voluntary Action Hinckley and Bosworth (VAHB), the Community Hub, is to be managed by Howard Crane who introduced himself to the meeting. He explained his plans for VAHB and how it can move forward to continue as an important and viable organisation despite the difficult economic climate. He outlined the organisation's projects, introduced the staff members and complimented them on their work and enthusiasm.

As the Community Hub, VAHB plan to develop the VOICE District Forum to act as a local voice for the local voluntary sector. Voluntary Action LeicesterShire now has the contract for local volunteering and has staff working at the Community Hub on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

The President paid tribute to Greg Drozdz and voiced a debt of gratitude for the past 4 years of hard work, especially though such a difficult period.

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Cllr Bill raised a number of issues:

He expressed his desire to refresh the local Compact.

He outlined the council's financial situation and pressures on funding but felt there could be opportunities for the voluntary sector.

He said that the statutory sector needs to examine how it communicates with individuals following the recent crisis in Barwell.

He encouraged attendance at the Community Forum on Thursday 24 September where £20,000 could be available for local groups.

He would like VAHB to relocate to the Atkins Building or the Council Offices, but acknowledged it is tied into its current lease until 2012.

There being no further business the meeting was closed by the Chairman.