

West of Scotland Racial Equality Council

Minutes of Annual General Meeting – 20 June 2006

Chair: Cllr Malcolm Green

Present:

Audrey Park	Syed Jafri	Morag Stirling
O P Khana	Malcolm Green	Ed Wozniak
Tariq Ali	Robert McGerty	Bob Chadha
Maria Bradley	Vince Chudy	Anne Currie
Rachel Gunn	Raza Sadiq	Irene Graham
Bill MacKenzie	Stewart MacFarlane	Mary Cramer
Harriett Campbell	Iain Baird	Peter Hunter
Nick Morgan	Hanzala Malik	J Leggate
Jatin Haria	Bilal Ahmed	O S Jandu
Brij Ghandi	Philip Mendelson	Mohammed Zahid
Mohammed Ramzan	Catherine Dyer	Dan Gunn
Aisha Tasneem	Alex MacDonald	Richard Brunner
Kofi Tordzro	Prince Obike	H Malik
Laraib Raza		

Staff:

Mohammed Razaq	Rob Hastings	Amber Boyle
Marisa Meechan	Shahana Noor	Michael Wilson

Apologies:

Jacqueline Gray	Shoba Nagpal	Douglas Guest
Brain Climie	Barbara Allison	Rahat Syyed
Cllr Mary Montague	Jennifer Swanson	David Forrester
Kuldeep Sharda	Yvonne Strachan	Imran Shariff
Dorothy Neoh	Zarmia Khana	Patricica Ferguson
Stuart Aiton	Allan MacCaskill	Cllr Eddie McAvoy
Mohammed Sarwar	Andrew Miller	Sir William Rae
Nina Giles	James Fletcher	Edelweise Thornley
Cllr Alan Blair	Jenny Kilpatrick	Miriam Watson
Cllr John Morrison	Paul McGill	Barbara Philliben
Joyce Tai	Ann McKechin	Ruth Goodman
Cllr Gibson MacDonald		

Welcome from Councillor Hanzala Malik

Cllr Malcolm Green welcomed everyone to the AGM at Glasgow City Chambers and thanked them for their attendance.

Speakers

Peter Hunter – Legal Officer, Unison Scotland delivered a speech on Human Rights framework from a Racial Equality Perspective.

Audrey Park – Governor of HMP Shotts delivered a presentation on the proactive works of the Scottish Prison Service on Racial Equality and gave an insight into their practices from a prisoner's point of view.

Time was given for a Q&A session with both speakers.

Approval of Previous Minutes

The minutes of the previous AGM held on 23rd June 2005 were approved as true and accurate.

Matters Arising

None.

Presentation of the Annual Report 2004/2005

Mohammed Razaq stated that the annual report presented was the culmination of a year's hard work. He thanked all staff, secondees, volunteers, work/student placements, training consultants and partners for their contribution towards another successful year at WSREC.

Attendees were given a short account of the contents of the Annual Report.

Presentation of Treasurer's Report

Mr Syed Jafri informed all present that he was elected treasurer in January 2006 due to the sad death of Judith Tankel. He then gave a succinct report on WSREC's financial position, all of which is included in the Annual Report.

Appointment of Auditors 2005-2006

It was put forth that the auditor, Aiton & Co be used again next year. This was approved.

Chairs Remarks

Mr O P Khanna informed all present that he was elected Chair in January 2006 also due to the sad death of Judith Tankel. He paid tribute to all Judith's hard work in the community and in particular to her commitment to WSREC as Chair since September 2004.

He broached the subject of the new Commission for Equality and Human Rights and the challenges that this would bring at WSREC.

He advised all in attendance that WSREC is now a Company Limited by Guarantee as from 1st April 2006.

In his report, the Chair also thanked all partners, funding bodies, independent observers, placements, volunteers and members of staff and the Board of Directors for all their hard work and support throughout the year.

Announcement of New Board Members

New members are as follows:

Mr Prince Obike – African Women’s Organisation

Mr O P Khanan – Hindu Mandir

Linda McTavish – Scottish Minorities

Hanzala Malik – Woodlands Educational Trust

Nominations for the Membership Panel

Cllr Bob Chadha

A.O.C.B

None

Vote of Thanks

Cllr Hanzala Malik commended WSREC on their work and efforts in Racial Equality in the West of Scotland and spoke about the need for a revitalised approach in this line of work in light of recent events such as 7/7. He thanked all both speakers and everyone for their attendance.