

Minutes of Annual General Meeting – 20th June 2007
Glasgow City Chambers

Chair: Dr Malcolm Green

Present:

Haaris Malik	Nina Giles	Mary Brown
Ramzan Shah	Stuart Aiton	Jim Boyle
Marisa Meechan	Raza Sadiq	Waseem Hassan
Osman Mehmood	Sharon Schlesinger	Georgina Dennis
Maria Bradley	Intiaz Sarwar	William Ho
O P Khanna	Catriona Bryden	Malcolm Green
Jatin Haria	Peter Barry	P Malik
P Kartar	Karnail Singh	Dr Multan
Irfan Rabbani	Ali Liaquat	Aisha Tasneem
Asif Bashir	Bob Chadha	Bill Steele
Elaine Gerrard	Maggie Chetty	Claire Bymer
John MacDonald	Harriette Campbell	Linda McTavish
Monika Sharma	Dan Gunn	Azmat Syed
Val Thomson	N Sood	Haji Munir
Waqar Munir	Sejad Munir	Hanzala Malik
Rob Hastings	Bilal Ahmed	Sheree Malik
Haleema Malik	Syed Jafri	Arshad Z Khan
Andy Jackson	Zahid Seyed	Liz Kennedy
Amber Boyle		

Staff:

Mohammed Razaq	Farrah Rashid	Bushra Iqbal
Shahana Noor	Michael Wilson	Andrew McInnes

Apologies:

Alex MacDonald	Audrey Cuthbertson	Mary Francey
Catherine Dyer	Lisa Martin	Brian Climie
Andrew Miller	Anne Donaldson	Morag Stirling
Janet Cameron	Janet Weir	Ruth Goodman
Thomas Leggate	Stephen Rees	John McBride
Elizabeth McQuade	Mr Mirza	Alex Paten
Rahat Syyed	Zarina Khand	Alison Jarvis
Azeem Haq	Tom Johnstone	Louise Gilmour
Yvonne Strachan	Lesley Irving	Sir William Rae
John Dunn	Marese O'Reilly	Joe O'Donnell
Debbie King	Alan Lafferty	

On behalf of the Lord Provost, Bailie Helen Hurcombe provided a welcome to all those in attendance.

Welcome from Dr Malcolm Green

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

Keynote Speaker

Peter Barry, Area Manager, Glasgow Community Planning Ltd, delivered a presentation on the work of the Glasgow Community Planning Partnerships including:

- Process of the CPP
- How community organisations can engage with the process.

1. Apologies

All apologies received are noted on the first page of the minutes.

2. Approval of Previous Minutes

The minutes of the previous AGM held on 20th June 2006 were approved as true and accurate.

3. Matters Arising

There were none.

4. Presentation of the Annual Report 2006/07

Mohammed Razaq presented the Annual Report and directed delegates to specific projects run by WSREC this year. Projects in the year 2006/07 were:

- Conflict Resolution
- Glasgow Refugee/Asylum Seeker Information Project (GRIP)
- Challenging Opinions and Prejudices in Schools
- Dignity of Difference Competition hosted by Public Authorities Racial Equality Forum Education Group.
- Connecting 2 Communities (C2C) Project.

He thanked all partner organisations involved in providing secondment opportunities to and from WSREC namely:

- Strathclyde Police
- Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Services
- Scottish Prison Service

He then thanked all members of staff, volunteers, partners, observers and the Board of Directors for their guidance and support through out the year.

5. Presentation of Treasurer's Report and Appointment of Auditor 2007/08

Syed Jafri explained that this has been his second report since being appointed as Treasurer. He stated that WSREC has maintained a healthy working income this year and has managed to secure funding from the Scottish Executive.

From the 1st of April 2006 to the 31st of March 2007 the following totals apply:

Total Income: £213, 563
Total Expenditure: £196, 386
Net Income: £17, 177

He thanked Aiton & Co for the preparation of the Accounts.

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

6. Chairs Remarks

Hanzala Malik, Chairperson of WSREC, remarked that the year past has been one a fruitful one and made note of the funding provided from the Scottish Executive to carry out work in the following areas:

- Partnership working with Community Planning Partnerships
- Research into the new A8 communities in Scotland
- Research on Islamophobia

He informed all those present that these three pieces of work has produced reports which gave a greater insight to the nature and results of the work, these can be obtained by contacting the WSREC offices.

Chairperson then thanked all staff, volunteers, Board members and partners for their support in the past year.

7. Questions on Reports

Chair asked if there were any questions on the reports given thus far. No questions were put by the audience.

8. Announcement of New Board Members

There were four nominations for three vacant positions on the Board of Directors. The nominees were as follows:

Haji Munir – West Dunbartonshire Minority Ethnic Association
Sharon Schlesinger – Glasgow Jewish Representative Council
Malcolm Green – Woodlands Education Trust
Georgina Dennis – African and Caribbean's Womens Association

The result of the lection saw the following three nominees elected onto the Board of Directors for a three year term:

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Sharon Schlesinger – Glasgow Jewish Representative Council
Malcolm Green – Woodlands Education Trust

9. Nominations for the Membership Panel

The following nominates obtained a place on the Membership Panel

Ramzan Shah – ASRA (formerly North West Elderly Action)

Christina Davis – African Caribbean Women’s Association

Atif Naim – Today’s Scotland

10. A.O.C.B

None

11. Vote of Thanks

Dr Malcolm Green thanked everyone for their attendance and duly closed the Annual General Meeting.