

**Solent Mind - Annual General Meeting – 15<sup>th</sup> November 2022 – 8.00 pm – 8.30 pm**  
**Venue: Southampton Football Club, “Markus Liebherr Lounge”, Britannia Road, Southampton, Hampshire, SO14 5FP**

<b>Attendee List:</b>		
1.	Jack Wiseman-White	Member
2.	Aysha Rahman	Trustee of Mayfield Nurseries
3.	Emma McNamara	Trustee of Mayfield Nurseries
4.	Sarah Greenhalgh	Trustee of Mayfield Nurseries
5.	Fay Quayle	Chair of Board of Mayfield Nurseries
6.	Gareth George	Trustee of Solent Mind
7.	Debbie Prince	Director of HR – Solent Mind
8.	Debbie van der Sleen	Executive Assistant – Solent Mind
9.	Glenda Read	Member
10.	Joshua Bruton	Member
11.	John Wilderspin	Chair of the Board – Solent Mind
12.	Robin Goater	Vice Chair & Treasurer – Solent Mind
13.	Sally Arscott	CEO of Solent Mind
14.	Pamela Charlwood	Member
15.	Peter Hanlon	Member
16.	Denise Vine	Trustee of Solent Mind
17.	Lucy Robins	Trustee of Solent Mind
18.	Richard Pullen	Trustee of Solent Mind
19.	Ruth Poyner	Trustee of Solent Mind
20.	Richard Barrett	Member
21.	Graham Torr	Member
22.	Ros Cassy	Member
23.	Neil Evans	Director of Finance & IT – Solent Mind
24.	Simon Reeves	Trustee of Solent Mind
25.	Di Hannam	Solent Mind staff member
26.	Simon Wickes	Trustee of Solent Mind
27.	Tracy Hill	Member
28.	Sue Forber	Director of Services
29.	Clare Grant	Acting Director of Services

## **Minutes of the AGM**

### **1. Welcome and opening remarks:**

The Chair, John Wilderspin welcomed staff, members and service users, to the 2022 Solent Mind AGM, advised how the meeting would be undertaken, and confirmed that there were 12 voting members in attendance to form a quorum. No Apologies had been received and no voting requests received ahead of the AGM from Members for this meeting.

### **2. Minutes of Solent Mind AGM 28<sup>th</sup> October 2021 & Matters Arising**

John Wilderspin presented the Minutes of the last AGM and asked if there were any errors to correct. No errors were noted and minutes approved.

#### **Matters Arising:**

John Wilderspin referred to the discussion at the previous (2021) AGM on the Special resolution to remove the obligation to hold an AGM and instead make the decisions normally made at an AGM (e.g. consideration of accounts, election of Trustees) at an Annual Designated Meeting. Discussion from Members in attendance expressing concerns regarding the removal of Members being involved in an Annual Designated Meeting and the removal of voting by members on these decisions, and the issue of accountability from the Board on an annual basis to the Membership. JW advised that further consultation into the proposal will take place by the senior management team with the aim to report at the next AGM meeting in 2023 with a formal resolution to the AGM, which took account of that further consultation.

He also reported that Over the course of the last few months an exercise had been carried out to look at the Membership list and check how many members wished to remain active. From the previous notional list of members of 169 this has now been reduced to 56 active members.

### **Chief Executive's Report for 2021/22 – Sally Arscott**

Sally Arscott firstly thanked everyone for attending the Annual General Meeting and advised that the report had been circulated ahead of the meeting along with the Annual Report and was open to any questions. SA advised that the next steps would be to ensure that we reconnect as teams embedding on what we have done so far, reaching out to communities; to ensure that we have sufficient capacity with staffing to reach out and engage with communities to achieve this.

### **3. Financial Statements for 2021/2022– Robin Goater**

Robin Goater advised that the financial accounts have been circulated ahead of the meeting and provided a brief summary of the financial statements for 2021/22 (item 4 in the agenda papers) and advised that a full set of accounts had been provided for all attendees and further copies were available if needed. Tremendous growth in our services from last year to this year and continuing to grow. Looking to develop services for Children & Young People. **Approval:** RG asked for the Accounts to be approved – proposed by JW and seconded by Peter Hanlon.

### **4. Appointment of Auditor**

Robin Goater asked to continue with the reappointment of Sheen Stickland as Auditors for Solent Mind for 2022/23. This was proposed by Pamela Charwood and seconded by Peter Hanlon and the motion was approved.

### **5. Election of Trustees / Directors**

John Wilderspin advised that the election of 1 new trustee who had been recruited through an open procedure was proposed by Denise Vine and seconded by Lucy Robins . The meeting agreed that the following Trustee were elected to the Board: Helen Fuge.

Gareth George took the chair on behalf of John Wilderspin and advised that our Articles of Association required one third of the trustees (in the case of this year - three) to stand down at the AGM, being those trustees longest in office since the last election. It was advised that three Trustees had however resigned during the course of the year which consisted of Christine Pennington, Sarah Clements and Emily Merrell. John Wilderspin wanted to thank them all for their service to the Trust.

### **6. Election of Officers – Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer**

Gareth George, trustee, chaired the item and explained that both John Wilderspin and Robin Goater were offering themselves for re-election as Chair and Treasurer respectively. There were no other nominations. Robin Goater also offered himself for election to the post of Vice-Chair. It was also noted within the Articles of Association notification of a Secretary to the AGM and the proposal to put – Debbie van der Sleen forward. The election of the following was proposed by Simon Wickes and seconded by Jack Wiseman-White and agreed by the meeting.

#### **Chair**

John Wilderspin.

#### **Vice Chair**

Robin Goater.

#### **Treasurer**

Robin Goater.

#### **Secretary**

Debbie van der Sleen

John Wilderspin then continued in the chair.

### **7. Questions & Answers**

No questions taken at the meeting.

### **8. Any Other Business**

There was no further business. John Wilderspin thanked the Executive Support team for their work arranging AGM, and thanked attendees for their support, and input in the discussion regarding membership and how we engage more widely with the public. The meeting closed.