



VOX 64th Board Meeting
Renfield St Stephens, Bath Street, Glasgow
Tuesday 14th March 2017

Present	Dougie Pickering	Chairperson
	Pauline Bradley	Vice-Chairperson
	Chris Evans	Secretary
	Colin Murchie	Treasurer
	Andrew Muir	Director
	Eddie Lennon	Director
	Annette Calder	Director
	Barry Gale	Director
	Alastair Simmons	Director

In attendance

Wendy McAuslan VOX Development Coordinator

Apologies

John Steel VOX Administration Officer

1. Welcome and Apologies

Dougie welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Conflict of interest

No conflicts of interest were given.

3. Minutes of the previous meeting.

The minutes were approved by Chris Evans and seconded by Colin Murchie

4. Matters Arising

The matters arising included the following;

- Chris Whites letter of resignation was discussed, the board felt sorry to have lost his involvement, and felt that we should focus on a wellbeing policy which includes a range of issues about how we all work together.

Action: Wendy and Pauline to identify key areas to be included in the policy.

- Barry felt that we don't require as many meetings as we currently have; some discussion took place with a range of views expressed. It was felt that we should pull together a draft plan for the year and discuss from there (possibly having a couple of optional meetings only utilised if they are required, or meetings for specific purposes e.g. AGM planning)

Action: Wendy/John to pull together year plan of dates, including training schedule for the coming months.

5. Winter Members Meeting, evaluation and paper

The key points raised in relation to the winter members meeting were the positive and inclusive atmosphere, the open space/community café methods working well and the positive comments on the evaluation form.

It was felt however that we need to encourage more involvement in future meetings as the meeting wasn't as well attended as we would have liked it to be.

Action: It was decided to develop a short survey monkey questionnaire to gain further views/collect further information from our members about the points raised at the members meeting.

6. Co-option

Co-option of two individuals who expressed an interest at the winter members to be more fully involved in VOX was tabled. A biography they each provided us with explaining their relevant skills and experience was read out and the board decided to co-opt both individuals (Carol Mapley and Margaret McDonald) based on their wealth of experience etc.

7. Key themes/work areas

Wendy gave an overview of the winter members' paper, with key themes and actions identified by our members, the board discussed a range of ways we could develop projects/ consultation etc. on the themed areas.

Action: Wendy will hold a morning session at the next board meeting so we can further develop the project areas.

8. Projected Budget

The board were happy with the projected budget as it was, and they asked to include the DRILL budget in the next finance update.

Action: Wendy to provide a next finance update in July 2017 (quarterly basis) including the DRILL bid.

9. Updated expenses policy

The expenses policy was updated and a copy of a draft policy was provided, apart from some minor issues around a slightly larger lunch/dinner budget the board were happy with the policy.

Action: The board to send any further comments to Wendy prior to the next board meeting.

10. AOCB

VOX attendance at meetings and conferences was discussed. It was felt that we should actively encourage members and board members to attend events and conferences when relevant, however, it was also important that people's role when they attend is clear (representative or general participant).

This was discussed in particular in relation to the mental health cross party group.

Fringe meetings were discussed as an area we should explore alongside the project plans, Pauline suggested we should build people's ability to speak at events like fringe meetings, and offered to be directly involved.

11. Date of the next meeting

The date of the next meeting is **Monday the 24th April 2017**, in Renfield St Stephens Centre, Glasgow.