



VOX 51st Board Meeting

Monday 24th August 2015

The Renfield Centre, 260 Bath Street Glasgow

Present	Joyce Mouriki	Chairperson
	Gordon Johnstone	Vice Chairperson
	Dougie Pickering	Treasurer
	Chris Evans	Member Director
	Donald Grant	Member Director
	Colin Murchie	Member Director
	Dianna Manson	Member Director
	Carol Mapley	Member Director
In Attendance	Wendy McAuslan	Development Coordinator
	John Steel	Administration Officer
Observers	Pauline Bradley	VOX Member
	Andrew Richmond	VOX Member
	Allie Hamilton	VOX Member
Apologies	Alex Davidson	Co-opted Director
	Richard Norris	Co-opted Director
	John Sawkins	Member Director
	David Harrison	Member Director

1. Welcome

Joyce welcome everyone present with a special welcome to the three observers, Joyce gave an outline of the procedure for board meetings.

2. Declaration of Interest

Joyce and Gordon gave some examples of what would constitute a declaration or conflict of interest on any item on the agenda list.

3. Minutes

The minutes of the last meeting held on Monday 27th July 2015 were formally adopted on the motion of Dougie Pickering and Dianna Manson

4. Matters Arising

Several items were discussed including the following:

- a) Induction process for new board members.
- b) Governance training.
- c) Funding.
- d) Board format.
- e) Royal College of Psychiatrists.
- f) Structure of sub groups
- g) Minutes of sub group meetings.
- h) Members on sub groups.

5. Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting and Conference 2015 will be held in The Mercure City Hotel, 201 Ingram Street Glasgow from 10.30am until 3.30pm.

Wendy McAuslan provided a draft agenda to the board, and after discussion it was decided that the AGM part of the day should be concluded first and the conference thereafter.

Wendy also intimated that due to the fact that three of the original board members are constitutionally due to stand down from office, there would be a total of five vacancies to be filled at the AGM.

Action: John to progress the voting system

6. Development Coordinator Update

Grant/Funding Updates, Joyce and Wendy updated the board members about the visit with the minister Jamie Hepburn, it was felt that areas such as collective advocacy and human rights were potential areas for us to consider.

Action: Wendy to begin an outline for the funding application

Staffing/Funding, comic relief funding will end in October; processes to look at how we make best use of our core funding shall be taken forward.

Action: Wendy to liaise with office bearers, Lee and Jackie (from the MHF's HR department) regarding staffing/employee consultation process.

Community leaders Strands: **Action: Mahmud to liaise with community leaders' to give feedback at the AGM**

Policy Work: A Fairer Society – an employment consultation document. Beth Hamilton from the Scottish Government to outline the policy document at the AGM, discussion groups thereafter.

Action: Wendy to progress

Website, the website is almost complete; the draft website URL shall be available at the AGM.

Action: Graeme to finalise**7. Directors Information Sharing**

Some of the topics discussed by the board were as follows:

- a) Restraint
- b) Mental Health Legislative-Code of Practice
- c) Commitment 5
- d) Round table discussion with see me
- e) Psychological Therapies
- f) Observation Policy
- g) Health Improvement Scotland

8. Retiring Directors

Joyce took the opportunity to offer sincere thanks to Dougie Pickering and Colin Murchie who were standing down from the board. Joyce said that the board were extremely grateful for their contribution to the welfare of VOX since its inception in 2006. In turn Dougie also expressed the gratitude of the board to Joyce who had also led the board as one of its founding members. Joyce intimated that she would still be involved with VOX as one of its sub group members.

9. Date of the next meeting

The date of the next meeting is the **5th October 2015**