



VOX 73rd Board Meeting
Monday 12th March 2018
The Renfield Centre, 260 Bath Street Glasgow

Present	Dougie Pickering	Chairperson
	Pauline Bradley	Vice Chairperson
	Andrew Muir	Secretary
	Colin Murchie	Treasurer
	Annette Calder	Member Director
	Amanda Gordon	Member Director
	Jackie Jamieson	Member Director
	Barry Gale	Non Member Director
	Eddie Lennon	Member Director
In Attendance	Wendy McAuslan	Development Coordinator
	John Steel	Administration Officer
Apologies	Eddie Lennon	Member Director
	Alastair Simmons	Member Director
	Ross Macphail	Member Director
	Chris Evans	Member Director

1. Welcome

Dougie welcomed everyone present, and stated that he was delighted to welcome Amanda and Jackie as new member directors.

2. Conflicts of Interest

There were no conflicts of interest recorded.

3. Minutes

The minutes of the last meeting were formally approved on the motion of Colin Murchie and Andrew Muir.

4. Matters Arising

- a) Pauline asked if there were opportunities for people to try the filming (re the empathy dvd), Wendy mentioned that this was something which hadn't been discussed with the media co-op (was only for participants).
- b) Questionnaire, It was agreed that Barry's two final points would be incorporated and then taken forward. It was agreed not to keep amending now.

- c) Wendy had arranged for Gordon Johnston to present on the Public Life Matters project at the members meeting.
- d) The position statements had been amended by Wendy and Pauline.

5. Project Updates

- Empathy – the filming date is soon (21st March) Wendy will be working with Claire Dean from the Media Co-op to make sure messages we want to come through about kindness and empathy are captured in the film.
- Public Life Matters – The report is now finalised and we are working with a print company to produce the report. We have been complimented about the process of the project which was seen as truly co-productive in nature. There is a fair amount of work involved in monitoring/feedback report in addition to financial reporting.
- Position Statements, Given the earlier discussion (with the Scottish Community Development Centre) Wendy will start working on an action plan.

Action: Wendy to develop a draft action plan for the position statements.

6. Members Meeting

Wendy tabled a paper on the feedback from the winter members meeting. There was a general feeling that the majority of the statements were helpful, however a sense they may be too lengthy. Some discussion took place around the fact that we may use them in different ways, and depending on how they would be used would influence the length etc.

Action: Sub-group to work on amending the position statements to reflect the winter members meeting. (Jackie, Amanda, Annette, Andrew and Barry)

7. Governance

Inspiring Scotland's Duncan MacKechnie met with Wendy again, Duncan has suggested that the positions statements are a good starting point for looking at how our work may overlap with the Scottish Government's objectives, and that it would be helpful to create a plan which considers how our members' priorities/statements can support some of the consultation and representative work of the Scottish Government. Wendy highlighted how this area of work needs to be prioritised.

Action: Wendy to work on action plan, and arrange a meeting with Scottish Government (possibly late April) Duncan, and Dougie.

8. AOB

Jackie mentioned the CR171 form (which psychiatrists use) and that they were looking for feedback.

Barry talked about the Adults with Incapacity Act, Barry had been in contact with a range of organisations with a view to creating a joint response.

Action: It was agreed Barry would send info to staff team who can send around the membership.

Changes in the Mental Health Tribunal were highlighted, it was going to be integrated into the larger structure.

Attendance at the following groups was discussed;

- Supported Decision making on the 14th March.
- Cross Party Working Group
- Mental Health Strategy Discussion Group on the 24th April (Wendy to check regarding free places)

Wendy mentioned that she would check with Peter Whitehouse (our contact at the Scottish Government what they are satisfied with in terms of how we prepare our accounts)

Dougie highlighted the consultation going on in relation to social isolation and that it was important that this isn't seen as only applying to older people.

Wendy mentioned that Mahmud has been tasked with carrying out a consultation response to the Connected Scotland Consultation.

9. Membership applications

The board approved two new applications(TC and M).

10. Next Board Meeting

The next meeting of VOX Board of Directors will be held on Monday 9th April 2018 in the Queens Hotel, Perth.