



THCVS AGM
Wednesday 29 November 2018,
3.00 – 4.30pm
Toynbee Hall, 28 Commercial Street, London E1 6LS

1. Welcome and Introductions from Damian Brady, Interim CEO of THCVS.

2. Trustee Report

Preeti Udas, Chair of THCVS led welcome/introductions.

Preeti asked all THCVS Trustees and Staff to stand and introduce themselves.

Preeti gave a brief update to summarise the year and our achievements, welcomed Kirsty Cornell -THCVS CEO and thanked the THCVS staff team and Gemma Cossins.

3. Minutes of the last meeting:

The minutes were accepted as an accurate record by members present at last year's AGM.

4. Summary of finances for the year - presented by Moracle Accountancy Firm

Morlai Kargbo from Moracle confirmed that the 2017-18 accounts are in full compliance with SORP accounting regulations and follow standard practice accounting guidelines.

5. Presentation by Damian Brady Interim CEO of THCVS

Damian spoke how the voluntary and community sector in Tower Hamlets faces individual and collective challenges and how the CVS helps the council to understand these.

THCVS, through the numerous connections and expert knowledge of the local sector, has helped the council to understand how important the issue of Premises is to the local community.

The next big challenges to face the sector will be Brexit, Local Community Funding and how the sector can manage these whilst still delivering services.

6. Questions from Attendees

Gregory Cohn asked the question as to why there was a reduce expenditure by THCVS.

Kirsty Cornell -THCVS CEO advised Gregory that the difference in expenditure was due to the fact that some expensive meeting and training venues which were previously used before were not used again and this helped the THCVS to save money.

7. Resolution to change Article 21 (6) of the Articles of Association of Tower Hamlets CVS

Presently Article 21 (6) of our Articles of Association states that a Trustee shall cease to hold office if they are:

‘Absent without the permission of the Trustees or without acceptable apology from three consecutive Trustee Meetings or sub Committees held within a period of six consecutive months and the Trustees resolve that his or her office be vacated.’

It was proposed to change Article 21 (6) of our Articles of Association to match more closely the model Articles of Association recommended by the Charity Commission and to encourage attendance at meetings so that it states:

‘A Trustee shall cease to hold office if he or she is absent without the permission of the Trustees from half or more of all their Board and Committee meetings held within a period of six consecutive months and the Trustees resolve that his or her office be vacated.’

The AGM is asked to endorse the recommended change to Article 21 (6) of our Articles of Association and substitute that for the existing Article s21 (6) subject to the Charity Commission either giving consent where required or confirming that no Charity Commission consent is required.

(The proposed change is not one for which Charity Commission consent is require)

The special resolution was passed unanimously

8. New THCVS Trustees Pitches

All potential THCVS Trustees made a pitch as to why they would be a great Trustee for THCVS to the AGM attendees.

9. The Mayor of London Borough of Tower Hamlets Mr John Biggs

John Biggs spoke about how important the working relationship between the Council, THCVS and the sector is.

THCVS enables the Council to fully understand and appreciate the challenges that the sector is facing by being the voice of its members.

John thanked Kirsty, Gemma and Damian for all their hard work whilst they have been leading THCVS.

The Mayor wants all people living, working in the London Borough of Tower Hamlets to have a safe and healthy environment.

For the local residents who live within the Borough, the Council are working hard to ensure that it's a Borough in which opportunities for all and not just for a certain set of residents.

The Mayor wants to draw a line under what has happened in the past and focus on the future. It's a success that the Council has come out of 'special measures' which the Mayor wants to use this new chapter in order he and his Senior Management Team can focus on his key goals of empowering people to achieve in their lives. Empowering people means all residents within Tower Hamlets should have access to good training and employment opportunities. The Mayor is keen to invest in jobs within the Borough and especially to ensure that people who have disabilities are not excluded from opportunities for empowerment and better prospects.

The Mayor will be working across local government to fully understand how the rollout of Universal Credit is impacting onto the residents of the Borough.

10. Elections:

This year the board had 5 vacancies.

4 candidates (**Yara Marion, Jama Omar, Mustafa Ibrahim, Mohammad Rahman**) put themselves forward. All stood and as noted earlier made a brief pitch, summarising their experience and skills and stating why they wanted to join the board. The election was held and votes counted by the Independent Returning Officer who was Mr Mark Waterman, Programme Assessment & Monitoring Officer from London Borough of Tower Hamlets and the following were duly elected:

- **Yara Marion - elected by 22 votes**
- **Jama Omar - elected by 23 votes**
- **Mustafa Ibrahim - elected by 17 votes**
- **Mohammad Rahman - elected by 20 votes**

11. Closing:

The meeting closed with Preeti thanking everyone for their attendance and the staff team for organising the event.

Two bouquets of flowers were presented to Kirsty and Gemma as a thank you for all their hard work.