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| **Annual General Meeting 2017** | |
| **Date: 1st November 2017** | **Venue: 200a Pentonville Road, N1 9JP** |

**Attendance**

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| **Attendee Organisation**  Akram Nabell Healthwatch Islington | **A** |
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**Voluntary Action Islington Trustees in attendance**

Phil Kelly Trustee

Jack Pitkeathly Trustee

Ronke Lawal Trustee

Jennifer ???

**Voluntary Action Islington staff in attendance**

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| Guljabeen Rahman | Chief Executive Officer |
| Kimberley Coates (Minutes) | Office Manager |
| Phil Boye-Anawomah | Senior Project Officer |
| Yvette Ellis | Development Officer |
| Marta Aparicio | Information and Communications Officer |

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| 1. | **Apologies** |  |
| 2. | **Welcome from Phil Kelly (Chair, Voluntary Action Islington).**  Phil Kelly welcomed attendees and thanked Double Tree Hilton for their donations.  PK thanked VAI trustees who are stepping down:  Eszter Mills-Molnar, Alison Payne, Jennifer Maccaviour.  PK thanked Phil Boye-Anawomah for being Acting Chief Executive |  |
| 3. | **Minutes of the AGM held on 2nd November 2016**  The minutes were agreed as a true and accurate record**.** |  |
| 4. | **Matters Arising from the meeting held on 2nd November 2016**  There were no matters arising. |  |
| 5. | **Guest Speaker: James Banks from** [**London Funders**](http://londonfunders.org.uk/)James Banks gave an inspiring speech about how London Funders aims to help develop groups with the vision of a vibrant civil society in London. James highlighted the work of the recently published ‘The Way Ahead’ which examines challenges in society and how to work together more effectively. The challenges (namely cuts) present an opportunity to rethink needs of groups and how to address it (co-production). James noted a shift to meeting community needs rather than the priorities of funders.  The Way Ahead report will be used to help achieve this vision of civil society. |  |
| 6. | **Annual Report 2016-2017** Guljabeen Rahman introduced the Annual Report to all in attendance, highlighting the work of VAI this year.  Guljabeen presented the objectives of VAI and how this has bene realised.  1. To increase resilience for membership. It was noted VAI achieved this by an increasing membership, which means VAI can reach a larger proportion of Islington. The pilot programme Capacity Building Essentials was well received and will continue, it will progress the success of members. Advice was given to 79 members face to face and 97 members over the phone. The funding toolkit portal Open For Communities was launched and registered 100 members within the first six months.  2. To collaborate knowledge. It was noted groups are offered the ability to collaborate, particularly at the AGM, trustee network event, Islington Community Network. The resource centre was noted for its dual purpose of providing a shared workspace for organisations, allowing co-collaboration in between organisations, while also generating income in rent for VAI to fund its services.  3. To take control of the voluntary sector. It was noted there has been a larger number of nominations for the volunteer of the year awards than in previous years, confirming the reach of VAI. VAI have hosted four volunteer fairs. |  |
| 7. | **Accounts for the year April 2016-April 2017**  Jack Pitkeathly presented the accounts. It was noted that VAI has decreased, while income has decreased, expenditure has also decreased. Additionally the £50,000 deficit was reduced by gains in vestment of £25,000. In the remaining £25,000 deficit, £20,000 are unrestricted funds and £5,000 are restricted funds. |  |
| 8. | **Volunteer of the Year Awards 2017  Presented by HW The Mayor of Islington**, Cllr Una O’Halloran and Phil Boye-Anawomah. It was noted there was nearly 60 nominations and 100 nominees for Team of the Year.  The Chair introduced the Mayor of Islington, who presented the winners with their prizes:  Winner of volunteering team of the year award –  Latin American Women’s Group  Winner of overall volunteer of the year award –  Mathew Smith  Winner of the Pat Haynes Memorial Trustee of the Year - Sandra Davis  Winner of the older volunteer of the year award–  Will Donovan  Winner of the young volunteer of the year award -  Ashly Fleming  Winner of the employee of the year 2017  Laura McCarthy Cronin  Highly commended for older volunteer of the Year award–  Constance Darlington  Highly commended for the young volunteer of the year aware - Samantha Dunn  Highly commended winner of overall volunteer of the year award –  Pang Stevens |  |
| 9. | **Any other Business**  No other business |  |