

Kent MS Therapy Centre: Annual General Meeting

24th June 2022

Minutes

1. The meeting began prompt at 11am. David Bailey (Chair of Trustees) welcomed everyone and introduced the trustees and Roland Parry from Magee Gammon (Centre Accountants).
2. A record of the full members in attendance was taken and recorded. The meeting was not quorate. A 30-minute period began to allow other members to arrive who may have been held up.
3. Spencer Goddard, CEO, gave a presentation 'My First 5 Months'. Spencer joined KMSTC in January (2022) and outlined his findings and suggested a future progression for the Centre. The presentation was well and warmly received and it was suggested that the presentation be given again at a future date so those not in attendance could see it. Spencer Goddard agreed to look at dates and set this up.
4. The requisite 30 minutes had then passed. The time being 11.30am.
5. Apologies for absence recorded. Included Sharon Wilding (Trustee).
6. Minutes were approved for AGM 2021 1st LOB 2nd TR
7. Roland Parry gave very brief feedback on the Centre Accounts. At year end KMSTC was running at a £50,000 deficit. Despite this, Roland saw no cause for concern. This being because of a. the recent restrictions at the Centre imposed by the Covid pandemic and b. it is a trend amongst other charities at this time.
8. Re-appointment of Magee Gammon as KMSTC Independent Examiner. Approved 1st TC 2nd KD
9. Election of new trustee Patrick Connelly approved 1st RH 2nd AM
10. The Chairman reminded attendees that since the last AGM in 2021 we had said goodbye to Alice Young (Reception Manager) and Moira Mitchell (Head of Income Generation). Both were wished well. We had in the same time period welcomed Spencer Goddard (CEO) and Heidi Coleman (Head of Income Generation).
11. Multiple questions were asked about the Centre's partnership with the Parkinson's project. Members were assured that the project would not impact their ability to be able to access their regular therapies at the Centre. The extra availability sessions will be taken up by the Parkinson's team. It was pointed out that the project will be providing their own staff and would not impact the current reception team. The partnership will generate funds that will benefit the Centre and the collaboration of those working with MS and PD could only benefit everyone. AM asked if the Centre would be changing its name. David Bailey said that at this time there were no plans to change the Centre's title. However, this could not be ruled out in the future, depending on how the partnership developed. TC made a heart felt and very warmly received statement about why the Centre is so important to those with MS that use it. It was emotional statement to end the meeting.
12. Members were thanked for their attendance and a provisional date of Friday 23rd June 2023 was set for the next AGM.