

MINUTES OF AGM HELD 3rd JUNE 2025

Attendees: Graham Timms (GT), Gill Robertson (GR), Stephanie Morgan (SMo), Laurence O'Donnell, (LO) Steph Mitchell (SM), Katherine Susanthan (KS)

Apologies: Marie Manning (MM), Jess Hart (JH), Angela Williams (AW), Heidi Modelski (HM)

Apologies received as noted above

There were no declarations of Interest

The minutes of the previous AGM were adopted. Proposed by GR, Seconded by SMO , All in favour

There were no matters arising

Chairmans Report (GT):

Thanks to all, volunteers who together provide between 100 to 125 hours of time every week. The organisation relies heavily on the dedication and commitment of every volunteer. Thank you for your support.

Calculating the value of 'in-kind' Support

Volunteer Support - The volunteering amounts to three and a half full time employees - worth over £60000!

We have begun to calculate the value of food donations, to be based on an average cost per kilogramme of £1. This uses a calculated average value. We used a similar method to calculate the number of meals provided on an average weight per meal (400g per meal).

Supporter donations – from local people, local business and website provides over a third of our income. An amazing figure which highlights how much the community values our support.

The most significant grant from UK Government via Denbighshire County Council and DVSC was the Key Fund. We were awarded just under £30,000 for sustainability and resilience. This funded the appointment of Harry for 3 months, Database development, Storage facilities, IT equipment and Office furniture.

Gill - huge efforts in fundraising. Area that is relentless. Always looking to the future and how to help us survive.

Steph - huge roll as our only employee. Energy, concern for everyone, wise decision making in difficult circumstances.

Biggest event - early part of last year ECTARC building on market. Led a consortium took lots of time and energy for nearly 6 months. Formed lots of useful alliances with other groups, but ultimately failed due to another buyer who had cash to purchase without grant support. Helped us to develop a clear vision which will benefit us in the future.

Talk about future plans to consider move to Youth Club in committee meeting to follow this one. We still need to respond to the need for new premises.

Huge thanks to everyone. Your work helps to create a better community by supporting the ones who are most at need

Treasurers Report (GR)

The accounts for the first 15 months as a Charity were independently examined and have been lodged with the Charity Commission

The financial year was difficult and found us just managing from month to month with no grant funding available for core costs.

Our annual income included £13500 in donations, from the public, via direct debit, the website and general cash in the bucket. We are so well supported by the community.

The Community Foundation Wales grant covered our rent which kept the roof over our heads

The £29,500 grant from Key Fund enabled us to have our bespoke database designed and implemented, It paid for us to employ Harry for 16 weeks, he worked on the database ensuring that everything worked and helped us with many other computer related tasks, We were also able to purchase fridges, freezers and shelving for the hub

We were able to keep the School Lunch project going through the year thanks to specific donations

Questions on Treasurer Report:

KO asked if there was a ratio report on the of types of funding we receive. GR will provide

LO asked how much notice we need to give if we vacate the Castle Street premises – the answer was 3 months

Trustee Vote: All agreed to the confirmation of Angela Williams as a Trustee

Any Other Business - No matters raised

The date of the next AGM was not set but GT stated that we hope to bring it back to the earlier part of the year i.e. Feb/March dependant on the accounts being finalised.