

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Social Perspectives Network 18 February 2015 at Resource Centre, Holloway , London

Present: Alleyn Wilson, Chair of Trustees; Claire Barcham; Terry Bamford; Suman Fernando; Peter Ferns; Nick Hervey; Richard Peacocke; Patsy Staddon.

Apologies: Daisy Bogg; Peter Cohen

Minutes: The minutes of the AGM held on 5th March 2014 were agreed as a correct record.

Treasurer's Report: In the absence of Peter Cohen, the report was presented by Terry Bamford. It noted the steady consolidation of SPN finances as a result of the contributions through NIP. the anticipated balance at the end of 14/15 financial year would be around £5000. This has enabled SPN to agree the risk sharing with BASW on the joint conference.

Various possibilities of diversifying income were discussed- a follow up project to NIP, a pay to view page on the website, ads from publishers. It was noted that this was a very competitive market and fundraising for SPN was hindered by its not being a direct service providing organisation.

Chair of Executive Committee Report: Daisy Bogg had provided a written report. The new recruits to the EC augured well for the future. Claire Barcham commented on the successful APPG meeting.

Chair of Trustees Report: Alleyn Wilson's report was received.

Election of co-chair of EC : Richard Peacocke had offered to stand and was warmly welcomed. Richard, formerly involved with SPN, had recently completed a Ph D - www.independent.academia.edu/RichardLPeacocke.

Election of Executive Committee: Those members who had agreed to stand again and the new members listed in Daisy's report were elected en bloc.

The Committee now comprises: Ruth Allen, Claire Barcham, Sarah Carr, Vicki Coppock, Suman Fernando; Peter Ferns; Rob Goemans; Stephanie de la Haye, Rob Hayles; Nick Hervey; Lisa Morriss; Catherine Pestano; Jane Shears; Jerry Tew; Judith Varley; Mike Young.

Other Business: Nick reported that the Museum of the Mind was to be opened shortly on the Bethlem Hospital site. The official opening would be undertaken by Grayson Perry.

Two possibilities for future work were discussed. First, the Care Act required close collaboration between health education housing and social care- very much the social model. The focus on outcomes, on wellbeing and on early intervention and prevention were entirely consistent with the social model. Should we think about a conference or publication pulling together these themes?

Second TCSw were considering a paper on the role of social work in adult care. could SPN have an input into that work. A link with SCIE on their work on national eligibility criteria might also be possible given the importance of avoiding the medicalisation of eligibility criteria.

These issues were remitted to the EC for consideration.

Alleyn thanked all for attending the AGM and wished SPN a productive year ahead.