

**Minutes of TWENTY SEVENTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Tunbridge Wells & District CABx held on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2009 4.30pm at Skinners Kent Academy**

**1. Welcome**

The Mayor, Cllr Leonard Price and Mayoress, Miss Victoria Price, Cllr Colin Bothwell, Mayor of Southborough, Lord Mayhew of Twysenden, Dame Helena Shovelton, President T Wells CABx, ladies and gentlemen. It is very appropriate that we are holding the AGM 70 years to the day that the first Tunbridge Wells bureau opened. Wonderful to see so many familiar faces here today.

**2. Apologies for absence:**

Abigail Farrell, Jennifer Cross, Vanessa Hirsh-Angus, Sheena Nicholson, Monita la Roux

**2. Minutes of AGM held on 16<sup>th</sup> September 2008**

Copies have been sent out and are also available at meeting. All agreed they are a correct record. The Minutes were signed.

**3. Treasurer's Report and Adoption of Account**

Brian Ferdinando, Vice Chair, presented the financial report on behalf of the Trustees and proposed that the Accounts be adopted

Proposer: Ed Weeks Seconder: Linda Mortley

**4. Appointment of Auditors**

Thanks to Brebner for auditing the annual accounts. Recommend that the auditors be re-appointed, subject to agreement by the Trustees

Proposer; June Wong Seconder: Mary Symes

**5. Election of Trustees & confirmation of Advisory Committee**

We are a Registered Charity and a Company limited by guarantee. It is managed by a Board of Trustees who are also the Company Directors. They are supported by an Advisory Committee made up from representatives of volunteers and other individuals from the community, who are all happy to remain on the Committee. Only the Trustees have to be elected.

Those for re-election en bloc:

Margaret Sargent  
Brian Ferdinando  
Jennifer Cross  
Abigail Farrell  
Vanessa Hirsch-Angus  
Philip Healey  
Ed Weeks  
June Wong

Proposer: Lynn Jefferies: Seconder: Patrick Shovelton

And those for election

Linda Mortley

Tom Stevens

Proposer: Brian Ferdinando Seconder: Beth Reid

## **6. Conclusion and Thanks, Margaret Sargent**

Before we move on to the more exciting things, I would like to acknowledge and thank the many people who make this organisation very special. In Pi we have a Manager who is piloting the ship through rocky waters but with a fair, calm and even hand. The Trustee Board are hugely supportive and I would like to thank them for the large amount of time they give to the bureaux. The volunteers of course are irreplaceable! And I must mention the young volunteers who have been with the bureau during the summer. Thank you for all your hard work.

We are also extremely grateful for the financial support of TWBC and the commitment of their officers in carrying out the Service Level Agreement with them.

The service has reacted to change in its 70 years existence but it remains steadfast to the ideal on which it was based, that of people helping other people and improving their lives with information and knowledge.

I should also like to express our thanks to Sian Carr, Principle of Skinners' Kent Academy for allowing us to use their premises for our AGM which is very much in line with their aim to be central in the community.

The Friends of the CAB, AXA/PPP, the Round Table and the Rotary Club have all been very generous this year, and I must particularly thank David Burton for his sponsorship of our Grand Draw.

Our celebrations will now begin! After a toast, we hope you will enjoy talking to each other, and listening to the music. At about 5.30pm we will invite our President, Dame Helena Shovelton to talk to us about the CAB before announcing the winners of the Grand Draw.

I would now like to ask The Mayor Cllr Leonard Price and Mayoress, Miss Victoria Price to propose the toast on our 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and Dame Helena Shovelton to cut the cake.