

Minutes of the 22nd VONNE Annual General Meeting
Thursday 18th November 2021
Via ZOOM

Attendees

The number of members was sufficient to proceed with the meeting (29).

1. Welcome from the Chair

Sir Paul Ennals opened the meeting and welcomed attendees and members.

2. Minutes of the last meeting held on 19th November 2020

The Minutes are available on the VONNE website and a link had previously been sent to members. There were no queries raised, therefore the Minutes of the 21st Annual General Meeting held on 19th November 2020 were agreed by members.

3. Presentation of Accounts

Donna Bulmer (Treasurer) presented the accounts for the year ending 31st March 2021. In summary, income was £696k and expenditure £554k. Copies of the accounts had been made available in advance of the meeting via the VONNE website. There were no questions or comments from members regarding the Treasurers report.

All members voted for, none against, via a zoom poll.

4. Appointment of Auditors

It was proposed that members reappoint Auditors Read Milburn for 2021.

All members voted for, none against.

5. Board members

- VONNE Board:
 - Trustees standing down:
 - Co-opted Trustee, Fiona Wharton, Wrigleys Solicitors
 - Co-opted Trustee, Kasia Kurowska, Newcastle University
 - David Barker MBE, Willow Burn Hospice (VONNE Vice Chair)
 - Mike Pratt, Northumberland Wildlife Trust
 - David Robinson, Tees Valley YMCA
 - Sir Paul Ennals CBE, Ways to Wellness (VONNE Chair)
 - Independent trustees wishing to remain on the board:
 - Steven Duckworth, NHS
 - Professor Edward Kunonga, NHS
 - Jenny Clark, Care Quality Commission
 - Donna Bulmer, Haines Watts
 - New independent trustee seeking appointment to the board by its members (co-opted):
 - Colin Hewitt, Partner, Ward Hadaway
 - New trustees seeking election to the Board:
 - Jane Kingston, Connected Voice
 - Jon Carling, Catalyst Stockton-on-Tees Ltd
 - Sandra Coulter, Silverline Memories CIO
 - Victoria McMann, Arts Culture and Heritage Adventures CIC

Sir Paul is stepping down from the Board having completed his full term. He hands over to Alison Dunn who has been a trustee on the board for 3 years. Alison announced that Paul would become VONNE's first President.

All trustees standing down were thanked for their excellent support of VONNE.

6. Annual Review and highlights

Carol Botten, Chief Executive Officer presented the animated Annual Review and highlights for 2020/21 which is available [here](#).

7. Close of AGM

Paul thanked the VONNE staff team for their hard work, and commitment, during a very challenging year. The Board were thanked for their involvement and support in driving the organisation forward. Thanks were made to VONNE's partners, funders and collaborators that make our work for the VCSE sector in the north east possible and a huge thank you to VONNE's members for continuing to engage with us and support our work. The AGM was then formally closed.