

Minutes of the AGM
Friday 5th October 2018
Allenburys Sports & Social Club, Ware

1. Welcome

The Chairman, Graham Nickson welcomed everyone to the meeting. He introduced Trustees who were present, and thanked them for their work over the year.

2. Election of Trustees

The following Trustees have expressed a willingness to continue:

Sukanta Banerjee, Matt Cooper, Tricia Campbell, Mark Giles, Teresa Ivison, Hazel Smith, David Windridge, Mark Ronsley, Joanne Edwards,

Rhiannon Lowe stepped down as a Trustee, but will continue to support CHIPS through GSK. Graham thanked Rhiannon for her time as Chairman and Trustee.

3. Election of Officers

The following officers were re-elected:

Chair – Graham Nickson

Vice Chair – Matt Cooper

Acting Treasurer – Matt Cooper

Fundraising – Not elected

Minute Secretary – Denise Lane

4. Minutes of Last AGM

The minutes of the last meeting were agreed.

5. Chairs Report

The Chairman gave a short report on the year's activities and thanked everyone involved in the running of CHIPS. He thanked the office staff, Helen, Gill & Karen, Matt Cooper and Wendy Tucker (Payroll). He also thanked Teresa Ivison for her support to the new Cheshunt Leader. He also mentioned that the Bishops Stortford scheme had a visit from Ofsted in the summer and they had been rated good. HCC had visited the Climbing Club and were very impressed with the service.

The Chairman spoke about all the fantastic fundraising events that the Charity had been involved with including The CHIPS Glitter Ball Gala Dinner and The Guinness World Record Attempt, he thanked everyone involved with these events, and especially Hazel Smith for her tireless fundraising for CHIPS throughout the year.

Graham highlighted the year's fundraising target of £45-50K and asked if anyone had any connections to local companies who could fundraise for us or any fundraising ideas to let the office know. CHIPS has been selected as the Herts Catering Charity of the Year, and that there was a quiz being held that same night.

Graham remembered Marion Russell and Jennifer Saint, both who sadly passed away this year. Marion had been with CHIPS since the beginning and was a big part of the CHIPS family, she will be greatly missed. Jennifer Saint who was one of the first children to attend CHIPS, her sister Wendy works at the Hertford scheme, condolences were sent to both families.

6. Presentation of Accounts

The Charity has had a very healthy year, due to a record fundraising total. The Charity is still looking for a Treasurer.

7. Annual Policy Review

The policies have been reviewed and are available on the website. Graham thanked Sukanta and Teresa for updating the Safeguarding Policies. GDPR and Reserves Policy was introduced and Graham thanked Matt and Helen for their hard work on this.

8. Presentation of Awards

The following volunteers received a Highly Commended Award;-

- Lauren Lofthouse – Cheshunt Scheme
- Lottie Hallett – Ware Scheme
- Ellis Hayden-Smith – Hoddesdon Scheme
- Ben Curtis – Hertford Scheme

The Jenni Pyer Volunteer of the Year award was also presented to Lottie Hallett .

9. Close of Meeting