

**MINUTES OF THE MIND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
HELD AT THE MIND CENTRE ON 15 SEPTEMBER 2010**

Martin James (Chair) opened the meeting by welcoming everyone.

MINUTES OF THE LAST AGM, HELD ON 23 SEPTEMBER 2009

Martin James thanked everyone and asked whether the previous minutes were a correct record.

MATTERS ARISING

None were raised.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Martin James spoke about the worries over spending which were the same as last year. This was more to do with introduction of Personal Budgets. Fundraising and PR has now been taken on by Ravi Zutshi and during this summer's Mind Week, a bus was used in the town centre to raise awareness of mental health in the public. The Mind shop was being taken over by Kettering Mind, from Mind Matters.

Funding was a problem with the present budget until April 2012. Funds were a problem to all of us. The website was now running. The awarding of the Quality Standards Level 3 was a good marker to show that we were doing well.

Martin described staff, volunteers and fellow Trustees as excellent and thanked everyone for their work.

FINANCIAL REPORT

David Green (Treasurer) began and ended his report with a short story to illustrate that it was time to replace him with a new Treasurer.

He presented the audited Annual Accounts for the year ending 31 March 2010. He said that the accounts were difficult but recommended that everyone should take them home and read them. He spoke about where funds came from and how they were spent. There was a copy of the full accounts in the office but only one person has read them since the previous AGM.

Speaking about how Kettering Mind has performed up to March 2010 and since then, David described it as an environment of change. For savings, we have managed to get enough and to be a small amount in credit. Stock markets have improved and there were profits on shares. The overall assessment was described as satisfactory. The future was not getting any easier. Ways will be investigated to improve funding and we must have the confidence to believe that funds will be gained by our good work. The government should not go back on any promises that they have made.

David finished by thanking Kirsty Woods and the auditors Smith, Hodge and Baxter.

APPOINTMENT OF TRUSTEES

Jean Carthew, Richard Elliott and Jeffrey T were proposed and seconded for re-election and were voted in.

Andrew Stephen was proposed, seconded and elected as a new Trustee.

APPOINTMENT OF HONORARY OFFICER POSTS

Martin James, Martin Moloney and David Green were all proposed, seconded and re-elected.

GUEST SPEAKER – KEVIN GREAVES

The guest speaker was unable to attend and so Kirsty Woods's video presentation was moved forward.

PROMOTIONAL VIDEO – “AN OVERVIEW OF KETTERING MIND”

Kirsty Woods presented a promotional video of activities which have taken place both inside and outside of the centre over the last year. This included the arts and crafts groups such as mosaic, painting and card making along with other groups such as knitting and sewing. Amongst other activities that were recorded, was a members' meeting and an Executive Committee meeting, sponsored walks and peer support.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Shirley Asher spoke about how the mosaic group has won a local competition and presented a certificate for outstanding work to Eric D.

VOTE OF THANKS – CHAIR

Martin James thanked everyone for attending and looked forward to the next year.