



OutStories Bristol - Recording the lives of  
lesbian, gay, bisexual and trans  
people in Bristol.

## **Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held 16<sup>th</sup> November 2013**

### **M Shed, Princes Wharf, Wapping Road, Bristol BS1 4RN**

**Present:** Andrew Smith, Andy Foyle, Andy Hole, Anna Kalin, Charlie Beaton, Cheryl Morgan, Chris Leigh, Donald Branch, Eddie O'Sullivan, Finn Mackay, Ian Halverson, Kim Renfrew, Peter Main, Robert Howes, and Rosie Buckland. **Apologies for absence** were received from Eugene Byrne, Gemma Tiley, Janet Fitzgerald, Kim Moody, Les Bannerman, Mike O'Callaghan, Sarah-Louise Minter, Stephen Williams MP.

#### **Welcome**

The meeting opened at two o'clock when Andy Foyle welcomed attendees and explained the afternoon's proceedings.

#### **Talk**

Kim Renfrew introduced the speaker, Robert Thompson of Lesbian and Gay News Archive (LAGNA), who gave an illustrated talk entitled, "Twilight Men and Cake Shop Ladies: the press treatment of homosexuality in the 1950s and 1960s". The talk was followed by a lively exchange of ideas and expression of appreciation for the informative content and entertaining delivery.

#### **Appointment of chair and note-taker for the meeting**

Cheryl Morgan was appointment as chair and Charlie Beaton as note-taker for the meeting.

#### **Approval of the minutes of the AGM held 9<sup>th</sup> October 2012**

The minutes of the previous annual general meeting were approved as a correct record.

#### **Matters arising from the minutes**

There were no matters arising not covered in other items on the agenda.

#### **Annual Report**

Charlie Beaton presented the Annual Report to the meeting and, following a discussion, it was adopted.

## **Financial Report**

Donald Branch presented the Financial Report for the period 1<sup>st</sup> July 2012 to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2013 to the meeting and, following a discussion, it was adopted.

## **Constitutional Amendment**

A proposal by the trustees to replace the current constitution with one acceptable to the Charity Commission so that OutStories Bristol may become Charitable Incorporated Organisation was proposed by Donald Branch and seconded by Andy Hole. The proposal was debated and adopted with the unanimous approval of those present. And, as due notice of the meeting had been given and the number present and voting was quorate for a constitutional change, the new constitution will be presented to the Charity Commission and, if accepted, replace the existing constitution on that date it is accepted. Trustees appointed today will become the first trustees under the new constitution.

## **Election of the board of trustees**

The following members were nominated to the board

Co-chairs: Andy Foyle and Cheryl Morgan

Secretary: Charlie Beaton

Treasurer: Donald Branch

Web Administrator: Chris Leigh

Ordinary trustees: Andy Hole and Kim Renfrew

As there was a sole nominee for each officer post, the nominees listed above were approved in one vote as the board of trustees.

## **Any other business**

Andy Foyle presented the trustees' proposal for work in the coming period, "The Next Chapter – outline project proposal", which is a focus on "place". The proposal was received with enthusiasm and a number of suggestions for development and partnership with other agencies, in particular local universities. See appendix C. The proposal was adopted unanimously.

**Future dates** – Trustees' meeting - Tuesday, 26<sup>th</sup> November 2013.

## **Attached:**

- A) Annual Report 2013
- B) Financial Report – 1<sup>st</sup> July 2012 to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2013
- C) "The Next Chapter – outline project proposal, November 2013"