



South Essex Branch
Minutes of the Annual General Meeting
held at St. Luke's Hospice, Basildon
Saturday 09th March 2019

Voting Members Present: Brian Ball, Sheila Ball, Harry Burridge, Roseleen Burridge, Jean Clark, Liane Iles, Lisa Gallagher, Richard Goodey, Rowan Harvey, Peter Jamison, Sandy Lambert, Gloria Marden, Chris Murphy and Morton Wood

Also Present: Alan Clark, Jaquie Goodey, Dee Martinez, Phil Shaw, Valerie Shaw, Marianne Morgan and Peter Morgan

Apologies: Debbie Darke, Sue Nash and Kevin Watts

The meeting opened at 12.40pm with an introduction and welcome from the Chairman Peter Jamison.

Minutes from the previous AGM were approved by Marianne Morgan and seconded by Sandy Lambert. There were no matters arising. These were signed as agreed.

Chairman's Report:

Peter outlined the purpose and aims of the MND South Essex Branch.

He also spoke about the committee; he introduced all 7 members, outlining each of their roles. He stressed that we are there to support local people living with MND and their carers.

Peter spoke about Sandy our only active AV at present, who works tirelessly for patients and carers alike. He also asked if anyone would be interested in becoming an AV in our area.

Peter also thanked St. Luke's Hospice, Fairhavens Hospice and Thurrock Garden Centre for allowing us to host branch meetings at their venue.

Peter mentioned our Summer Lunch was held at Watt Tyler Park and was attended by speaker Dr Brian Dickie who he recalled giving a very informative speech.

Following the fire at Watt Tyler Park, the Christmas lunch was held at Waves, the restaurant in Southend College where 40 people attended.

Peter said that 25 people attended the pantomime at the Cliffs Pavilion, Southend. The pantomime was Aladdin and starred Diversity.

On fund raising events he said there was a quiz night held at Great Wakering by the local Pre-School which his team won and other events included a sponsored cricket match and walks. He also mentioned the incredible number of private donations the branch had received during the year.

He also thanked everyone for their support in arranging these fund raising events and apologised if he had missed mentioning their event.

Peter outlined some forthcoming events, including Walk to D'Feet and our annual Chinese and Indian meals and The Quiz on the 11th May, all of which can be found on our website along with updates on our Facebook page. He also mentioned that it was the 40th anniversary of the MND Association and we would like to do something special to mark the event

The Chair concluded his address by thanking the following people and organisations:

The health and social care professionals who work with our people with MND.

The many donors and supporters of the Branch

Mike Searle, for maintaining our website www.mndsouthessex.org

Grant Flashman for printing and folding our newsletter

He again thanked St Luke's and Fairhavens Hospices - for providing the rooms for our Drop In & Open Meetings throughout the year.

Election of Branch Management Committee: The current Committee will continue in the same posts.

Treasurer's Report: Rowan provided a summary of the accounts with an income / payment type split for everyone. He stated:

Income - £46,884.15 Payments - £30,611 Transfer to Central Funds - £9,791.57

He also stated that 73.5% of our income is raised through fund raising at branch level. Our highlights last year being the 4th ever best Walk to D'Feet, our Chinese, Indian and Italian charity meals with income and attendance records being set for all events. Rowan mentioned that since we started the Walk to D'Feet 14 years ago, over £200,000 had been raised. No income or payment targets were set for next year.

Adoption of Accounts was proposed by Alan Clark and Seconded by Marianne Morgan.

.AOB:

No AOB raised.

The AGM meeting closed at 1.00pm.

This was followed by lunch. After refreshments, we continued until approximately 4.00pm with our Fun Day, all enjoying the massages given by the staff from St Luke's Hospice and the virtual reality experiences provided by Leon Ancliffe of Flix Films.