

Minutes of AGM

**11th June 2020
Bunyan Meeting, Bedford**

Present:

Martin Trinder	CVS Beds
Sylvia MacDowell	Money Advice at St Andrews
Elliott Stephenson	Grand Union Housing Group
Len Simkins	Autism Bedfordshire
Amanda Ryan	BPHA
Karen Lister	Salvation Army
Kash Karimzandi	Citizens Advice Leighton Buzzard
Samantha Condor	Macmillan Welfare Rights
Sarah Broughton	Bedford Foodbank
Gill Reeves	BRCC
Brian Cunningham	BRASS
Chera Gilbert	Disability Resource Centre

Apologies

Trevor Moisey	Three Rivers Church, Bedford
Noor D'Agostino	Catalyst Housing Association
Paulette Rennie	Bedford Community Support Project

Action

Elliott Stephenson chaired the meeting on behalf of BAF's Steering Group.

3. Minutes of last AGM and Matters Arising

The minutes of the last AGM (4th July 2019) were accepted.

There were no matters arising.

4. BAF Annual Report and Finance Report for 2019/20

The Annual Report and Finance Report was circulated, discussed and accepted. A copy of the report can be found on the BAF website.

There was some concern about the further fall in the number of BAF members last year. This will be reviewed by BAF's Steering Group.

BAF made a loss last year mainly due to the reduction in membership fees and a reduction in management fees from projects. However, BAF's financial position is still secure for 2020/21.

5. BAF Membership Fees for 2020/21

The Steering Group proposed to keep the membership fees at the same rate:

- £35 - standard rate
 - £60 - higher rate for organisations with over 100 staff
 - £10 - lower rate for organisations with only volunteers and individuals
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This was unanimously agreed.

6. **BAF Elections**

Following discussions and volunteers coming forward, the following were elected unanimously:

- Chair Amanda Ryan
- Steering Group Member Brian Cunningham
- Steering Group Member Elliott Stephenson
- Steering Group Member Paulette Rennie
- Steering Group Member Chera Gilbert
- Treasurer Martin Trinder

The Central Bedfordshire Advice Strategy Management Group representatives will be elected at the next BAF meeting.

7. **Any other business**

None

Documents discussed at this meeting can be found at www.bedsadviceforum.org.uk