

The Heart of Weston AGM Minutes



Date: Thursday 25th March 2021

Time: 7.30pm

Location: Via Zoom

Attendees: Craig Phillips (Chairman), Becky Nott (Treasurer), Jane Phillips (Secretary), Sue Nott, Lesley Wilson, Dr Sarah Nightingale, Julie Gair, Derek Gair, Neil Gaunt, Irene Winter, Matt Nott, Gemma Phillips

Apologies: Jackie Williams, Amy Winter

Previous Minutes:

The minutes from The Heart of Weston AGM, held on Monday 20th July 2020 were agreed as a true record, and signed off.

Chairman's Report:

The past year has been exceptionally challenging due to the pandemic and has been felt by the entire world. It has meant that we have been unable to carry out our usual fundraising, CRY cardiac screening day or health awareness events. Although we did manage to have a Coffee Morning and carry out mini health checks, just before lockdown.

As the CRY screening day, we had booked for last year was cancelled due to Covid 19 we did not have the £5,000 expenditure we would normally have. This helped us keep our funds at a good level without carrying out our normal level of fundraising activities.

Although we have been fortunate that funds have still been generated in several ways even in lockdown. The Heart of Weston 100+ Club continues to be well supported by residents. Although we are down to 240 subscriptions from the high of 271. As fundraising will again be restricted this year the 100+ Club will remain an important part of maintaining a good level of funds, so it would be good if we could get back up to the 270 mark. More people than ever have returned their prize money or given extra when renewing their subscription, for which we are extremely grateful.

Derek again produced an excellent calendar, that raised an impressive £560 which was split between The Heart of Weston and Williams Syndrome.

A reminder that buying online through easyfundraising and Smile Amazon is a really easy way to help raise funds. Since the charity signed up to easyfundraising it has contributed £667 to our funds.

We are keen for the charity to resume its activities to help protect lives through the CRY screening days and our adult health checks. These events have picked up several undiagnosed health issues, enabling early treatment before they become more serious. Currently the only event we have in the diary for 2021 is the CRY cardiac screening day on Saturday 25th September 2021, at the Village Hall. It seems advisable that we continue to monitor the situation with Covid 19 before booking any other events, as our primary concern continues to be for the safety of the public and our volunteers.

This year our £500 donation to a worthy cause went on purchasing a defibrillator box for The Saracen Head's defibrillator, so that it is now available 24/7.

We are extremely lucky to have an amazing group of member volunteers and trustees, who give their time and energy so unselfishly to the charity, to ensure its success. It is also heart-warming to see so many

residents of Weston and the surrounding area continuing to support the charity, even in these difficult times, thank you all very much.

Treasurer's Report:

Becky Nott gave a comprehensive explanation of the charity's financial situation. Becky explained that even though we were unable to carry out as much fundraising due to Covid, we did not have the usual £5,000 expense for the CRY screening day, so we have £1,669 surplus. Becky reported that at the year-end we had £11,921 in the bank, of which £400 is ringfenced for 100+ prize money, for people who have paid in advance. We are also looking to clear some unrepresented cheques. Becky commented that it was in fact Lesley Wilson that carried out the accounting on a day-to-day basis. She wished to thank Lesley for doing a great job making sure the accounts balanced each month. (Link to the accounts).

Retirement of existing and election of new trustees:

Craig Phillips reported that all the trustees had retired in line with the constitution - Craig Phillips, Becky Nott, Jane Phillips, and Dr Sarah Nightingale.

All four Trustees agreed to stand for re-election.

Craig Phillips (Chair) proposed by Neil Guant, seconded by Irene Winter
Becky Nott. (Treasurer) proposed by Linda Gaunt, seconded by Craig Phillips
Jane Phillips (Secretary) proposed by Irene Winter, seconded by Derek Gair
Dr Sarah Nightingale (Medical Advisor) proposed by Julie Gair, seconded by Jane Phillips

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Julie reminded everyone about the cake sale on the Village Green on Saturday 24th April. A picnic on the Village Green, car wash and coffee morning/mini health checks were discussed as possible events for this year. Although it was agreed we would need to continue to monitor the situation with Covid before we fixed any dates. And we are hoping that the CRY heart screening day already booked for Saturday 25th September can go ahead.

Date of next AGM: TBC
Meeting closed at 7.49pm