



## **Annual General Meeting 2019**

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Huntington's Disease Association held at the Radisson Blu East Midlands Airport Hotel on Saturday 19 October 2019.

### **1. Welcome from the chair of the Association, Mr Andrew Bickerdike**

Andrew thanked all for attending the AGM and family weekend and formally opened the business meeting.

Thanks were expressed by the Chair to Chief Executive Cath Stanley and the staff team at the Huntington's Disease Association for their work throughout the year in supporting people affected by Huntington's disease.

Andrew thanked the Huntington's community for their dedication to raising awareness of Huntington's disease and the support they give to the Huntington's Disease Association to allow the charity to help more people affected by Huntington's.

### **2. Minutes**

Voting members were advised that a copy of the minutes of the 2018 Annual General Meeting had been included in each delegate pack.

A resolution that the minutes of the 2018 Annual General Meeting be accepted as an accurate record of proceedings was presented.

**Proposed by** Andrew Bickerdike

**Seconded by** Heather Thomas

Following a show of hands of voting members with coloured voting cards, the resolution was carried.

### **3. Treasurer's report**

Nick Heath presented the Accounts for year ending March 2019. It was confirmed that copies of the Summary Accounts were available on the charity website, Company's house website and Charity Commission website and in hard copy on request to the Huntington's Disease Association.

With regard to overall income, Nick confirmed that this increased to £1,765,263 by year end March 2019 thanks to the commitment and dedication of those fundraising and donating money to the charity and the support of a number of Trusts, Foundations and grant giving organisations. Nick informed that income from community fundraising and events had increased significantly through the year, whereas income from grants and public body income had decreased.

Nick thanked the team of fundraising staff at the Huntington's Disease Association for their hard work in supporting people in their fundraising efforts and exploring new fundraising opportunities for the charity.

In relation to expenditure, Nick confirmed that this totalled £1,673,768 which was less than the previous year, primarily due to the fact that there was no new research grant expenditure with the charity having accounted for this in the previous year's accounts. The overall surplus after taking account of investment gains amounted to £87,579.

Nick highlighted the importance of the charity having reserves in order to secure employee salaries in times of economic uncertainty to ensure service continuity for the Huntington's community. It was confirmed by Nick that the target set the previous year of having £750,000 of reserves had been reached.

Nick informed that the charity is projected to have a small surplus by year end March 2020 and will look at how best to invest this money to help expand the charity's services to reach more people affected by Huntington's disease.

Nick gave voting members the opportunity to ask any questions about the accounts. No questions were posed.

A resolution for the accounts for the financial year to be accepted was presented.

**Proposed by** Nick Heath

**Seconded by** Robert Major

Following a show of hands of voting members with coloured voting cards, the resolution was carried.

#### **4. Election of the Executive Council**

Andrew provided an explanation of the role of a trustee of the HDA's Executive Council and the trustee election process. Andrew explained that the trustees are all volunteers, serve a term of three years and are accountable to various independent boards including the Fundraising Regulator and the Charity Commission.

Andrew informed that three existing trustees Elizabeth Howard, Alan Fryer and George El-Nimr were standing for re-election as their terms of office had come to an end.

Postal votes were added to voting members show of hands with coloured voting cards and Elizabeth Howard, Alan Fryer and George El-Nimr were formally elected as trustees for the Huntington's Disease Association.

#### **5. Appointment of auditors**

A resolution for DSG Chartered Accountants to be appointed as Auditors was presented.

**Proposed by** Andrew Bickerdike

**Seconded by** Christine Clarke

Following a show of hands of voting members with coloured voting cards, the resolution was carried.

**This concluded the business meeting.**