



KCSC Annual General Meeting Minutes

19 November 2015

Round up of the year by Angela Spence, CEO

Angela Spence (AS) highlighted the challenges for the year 2014/15 for the Social Council as well as for the Sector in general. She mentioned the opportunities regarding the commissioning challenge as more and more charities compete for contracts and the need for training in that area. Voluntary sector premises are also a challenge and will continue to be in the future unless there is a clear strategy to deal with the issue. She briefly described KCSC's involvement with the Play campaign due to parents' frustrations over the council's consultation process and stressed the importance of ensuring consultation enables a real voice to the borough's residents. Finally she highlighted the need to ensure that the Social Value of the Voluntary and community sector is recognised.

Welcome and Open Address by Chair

Michael Bach (MB) introduced the AGM, welcomed attendees and read the list of apologies. The minutes of last year's AGM of 12 November 2014 were adopted without comments. MB stated that the primary aim during 2014/15 was to keep the organisation stable with a smaller staff team and that some loss of funding also meant reducing some services that we previously provided. Two funding streams ended during the year: the Voluntary Organisation Forums' funding ended in March 2014 but KCSC decided to maintain the forums at a reduced level. The Governance project ended in September 2014, this project was successful in recruiting 104 new trustees to local organisations over the 3 years in which it ran, including 3 trustee for KCSC's own Board.

MB stated that in a challenging economic environment, the Social Council was worried about the impact of the council's asset management programme on premises for the voluntary sector. MB wanted to make sure that the Council recognises that the loss of buildings for voluntary and community sector use may inevitably have consequences. MB thanked all KCSC staff and trustees in particular Amina Khatun for her work on the Private Rented Sector report and Angela Spence for her quiet determination and achievements as CEO.

Treasurer's Report

Mark Anfilogoff (MA) introduced the accounts. He highlighted the fact that KCSC's income fell by over a third between end of financial year 2013/14 and 2014/15. This was due to the ending of the Transforming Infrastructure funding, City Bridge funding which ended part way through the financial year and funding from Kensington and Chelsea Partnership. New funding did come into the organisation which were Trust for London, Big Lottery Awards for all and Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime (MOPAC).

Total income for the year was £525,849 and expenditure £479,877 resulting in a year end surplus of £79,286 all of which is restricted funding. Total unrestricted funds for KCSC is £199,392 of which £85,000 are designated funds allocated as follows by the Trustees: £50,000 for a possible office relocation, £25,000 for project support to maintain current staff levels and services and £10,000 for KCSC's website development. The reserves policy is reviewed and voted on every year by the Board of Trustees. MB then went on to thank all of KCSC's funders for 2014/5 and listed them.

MB ended his report by stating that KCSC needed to be mindful of all new opportunities and potential new sources of income such as the pilot for the Self-care contract with the NHS starting in January 2016.

The accounts were professionally audited by Goldwins Ltd. Trustees are not seeking to change auditors so would ask members to adopt Goldwins Ltd as KCSC's auditors for 2015/16. The proposal was adopted by Gladys Jusu-Sherriff and seconded by Stephen Duckworth and the floor approved.

Trustee Board Election

Siobhan Sollis, Head of Organisational Development conducted the elections.

All other current Trustees will continue to serve on the KCSC board. 2 new Trustees were co-opted during the year and decided to join the Board, **Stephen Duckworth** (Kensington Housing Trust and Catalyst Gateway) and **Jan Halliday** (Age UK).

The following trustees were elected unopposed by 9 votes for, 0 against:

- **Michael Bach**
- **Jamie Renton**
- **Mark Anfilogoff**
- **Marie Mulcahy**
- **Howard Taylor**
- **Lynda Rosenior Patten**
- **Christine Bennett**
- **Stephen Duckworth**
- **Jan Halliday**

Closing Remarks and look forward:

AS presented the summary of KCSC's business plan for the next 3 years. The summary included the 6 strategic aims and objectives for the organisation. She then stated her pride in KCSC's history and ensured all those present that going forward the Social Council would stand for the values and principles on which it started and its core purpose: to support local community and social action and lead a thriving voluntary sector. While recognising the challenge faced by the sector, she called for all organisations to come to the table and commit to work closely with the Social Council to ensure the sector's survival. She ended by pledging that KCSC would stay a resource within the scope of its capacity to help, support and empower organisations in the borough.