



## Kensington and Chelsea Social Council's Annual General Meeting

Minutes of the 27 September 2016

### **Valuing the local voluntary and community sector by the Mayor Cllr Elizabeth Rutherford, RBKC**

The Mayor praised the wonderfully active organisations of the sector addressing the problems and needs in the borough. She thanked all the organisations present for all their hard work and mentioned in particular her chosen charity for 2016: The Kensington and Chelsea Foundation.

### **Welcome and Open Address by Chair**

Michael Bach (MB) welcomed attendees and read the list of apologies. The minutes of last year's AGM of 19 November 2015 were adopted without comment.

MB highlighted the fact that there was a certain amount of risk for VCOs involved in budgeting. For KCSC the risk paid off as the year started with a projected £25,000 deficit and ended on a healthy £71,009 surplus. He stated that KCSC is now engaging more with the health and wellbeing agenda. The organisation helped co design Whole systems for over 65's, it ran the WLCCG grant programme and started the new pilot programme for Self Care in the last financial year. But KCSC also works on other issues, such as the policy research conducted last year on private-rented housing and, most recently, on food banks. MB ended his address by recognising the new challenges facing the organisation such as pressures on staffing, IT and governance. Greater support will be provided in those areas.

### **Round up of the year by KCSC staff presentations**

Staff presented on the strategic aims defined in KCSC's 3-year business plan last year:

#### **Strengthen the internal capacity of small and medium size VCOs - Siobhan Sollis and Sylvia Nissim**

Key activities under that aim included advice and support - 86 advice sessions on fundraising/governance. KCSC also has a partnership with CaSH and advice was also given through articles in LINK magazine. The Monitoring & Evaluation project included 3 training sessions, one to one follow up support, access to a small grant and a project evaluation was carried out for three organisations working in a partnership. The Reaching potential project saw 3 trainings organised: Effective Communication, How to Unit Cost Your Service (with CaSH) and Pension Changes. Another big event was the Funders fair 2015 with 192 voluntary and community organisations attending, 29 stalls and 8 specialist workshops

#### **Support VCOs to adapt to change - Siobhan Sollis and Brenda Nambooze**

KCSC's Voluntary Organisations Forum are still running with 2 Main VOFs, 4 Health and Wellbeing VOF, 2 Children and Families VOF and 4 K&C Advice Forum last year. KCSC also keeps organisations up to date with changes e.g. funding – moves to bigger contracts and supporting partnerships to bid for funding. The Kick it Stop smoking project is run by Brenda in partnership with Thrive Tribe to engage the voluntary sector to reduce smoking prevalence in West London. Small grants have been offered up to £5,000 and 8 organisations were successful.

#### **Be the local gateway - Kuldip Bajwa and Olivia Leu**

Last year KCSC also went through a website update to make it equally available to mobile and tablet users, a new directory app was created and a new design was implemented for the link newsletter.

Under the health and wellbeing agenda KCSC ran 3 projects: WLCCG Public and Patient Engagement Small Grants Programme funded 12 local providers and was highlighted during

our October 2015 Showcase Event, the WLCCG Self Care Pilot for over 65s allowed KCSC through a robust social prescribing framework to go from 5 local providers & 23 services to a Self Care Directory of more than 100 local services, the WLCCG & CLCCG Patient Involvement Training with a total number of participants over 100 and 8 host organisations and finally the Tri-Borough Sexual Health Providers Forum meetings quarterly and its Fifth Annual Conference last year covering many issue around safer sex.

KCSC also supports the RBKC Safer Neighbourhood Board (SNB) and its 24 members. Last year KCSC helped with 4 public meetings & the SNB AGM as well as a Neighbourhood Watch Conference (October 2015). The public meetings were attended by more than 350 residents.

#### **Campaign for Change - Amina Khatun and Jamie Hamilton**

The Kensington and Chelsea Inequality Network (KCPIN) was re-launched in October 2014. Now it has more than 40 charities on its mailing list and is currently reviewing its impact. In 2015 the KCPIN saw the production of an elections manifesto and held a hustings event as well as the launch of the Private Rented Sector report.

#### **Build and support effective leadership within the sector - Angela Spence**

KCSC manages a CEO Peer Network with bi-monthly meetings covering varied topics: shared services, setting strategic goals, staff pay and incentives. 2 qualified coaches were also recruited last year. They offer a free service and coached 6 people during 15/16. The Social Council also represents the sector at the following meetings: Borough Voluntary Organisation Advisory Group, H&W Board, Children's Trust Board

#### **Treasurer's Report**

Michael Bach introduced the accounts since Mark Anfilogoff, the treasurer sent his apologies. He highlighted the fact that KCSC's income increased in 2015/16 compared to 2014/15. The increase was as a result of the £20,000 gift from City Bridge, and the additional investment from West London CCG to deliver the self-care pilot.

The total income for the year was £615,142 and expenditure £540,509 resulting in a year end surplus of £123,223 all of which is restricted funding. The majority of the restricted funding was carried over into 2016/17 to continue the payment of grants owed to organisations through the Public and Patients WLCCG Grant funding and the self-care pilot. The total unrestricted funds was £221,824 of which £89,640 are designated funds. Like the last financial year, Trustees continue to set aside designated funds including £50,000 for a possible office relocation and £25,000 for project support to maintain current staff levels.

MB ended his report by thanking all funders.

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 2016/17. The accounts were proposed by Jamie Renton and seconded by Suresh Gupta, the floor approved without any opposition. Maintaining the current auditors for the coming year was proposed by Jamie Renton and seconded by Gladys Jusu-Sheriff again without opposition from the room.

#### **New Articles of Association - Sylvia Nissim, KCSC**

The AGM included a vote on KCSC's new articles of association (The Memorandum of articles had not been updated since 2002).

**A Special resolution to approve the new articles of association was put forward. It was approved by the room without any oppositions or comments.**

## **Trustee Board Election**

Siobhan Sollis, Head of Organisational Development conducted the elections. Lynda Rosenior Patten decided not to stand again this year. All other current Trustees will continue to serve on the KCSC board.

The following trustees were nominated by Suresh Gupta and seconded by Gladys Jutsu-Sheriff and were elected unopposed:

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

## **Closing Words - Angela Spence**

The Sustainability and Transformation agenda will be a major programme which will see the Social Council leading on its development with the voluntary and community sector. This will require strategic leadership and commitment to ensure the voluntary sector are key providers in the future. KCSC looks forward in continuing to work with our local organisations and thank them for all their support during the last financial year.