

**Vision Support Harrogate District
104th Annual General Meeting at
the Vision Support Centre
Friday 24th October 2025 at 2.00pm**

Minutes

- 1. Welcome.** The Hon Chairman, Robert Horner (RJH) and the Director, Tanya Stimpson welcomed members and volunteers to the meeting.
- 2. Apologies** Sara Horbury, Mary Kirk, Kate Hammond, Bob & Mary Sergeant, Pam Roberts, Debbie Blakely, Doreen Mason, Hilary Evans, David Pearson, Barry & Ann Good, Pauline Haigh and Alistair Ratcliffe.
- 3. The Minutes of the previous AGM (25th October 2023)** were approved as a correct record and signed by RJH
- 4. Matters Arising.** None
- 5. Chairman's Remarks** Copy attached.
- 6. Presentation of Financial statements.** In the absence of Sara Horbury, the Treasurer, RJH reported on her behalf as per the copy attached and added a particular message of thanks to the Independent Examiner who, after many years serving the Society on a pro bono basis was retiring this year.
- 7. Election of Chairman** RJH was proposed by Helen McGrath and seconded by Kim Murphy and elected unopposed
- 8. Election of Vice-Chairman.** Mr Peter Jensen was proposed by James Grimshaw and seconded by Claire Roy and elected unopposed.
- 9. Election of Hon Treasurer** Sara Horbury was proposed by RJH and seconded by Marie Dempsey and elected unopposed
- 10. Election of Hon Secretary** James Grimshaw was proposed by Mary Briggs and seconded by Marjorie Grafton and elected unopposed.
- 11. Election of the Trust & Finance Committee** The five existing members who stood for re-election namely Eric Mitchell, John Mellor,

Steve Kirk, Alistair Ratcliffe and Mary Kirk were proposed en bloc by RJH and seconded by Alex Bird and elected unopposed.
There remain three vacancies for which no nominations have been received, but anyone willing to stand was invited to come forward any time during the year.

12. Appointment of Independent Examiner. A replacement for David Pullan had not been found yet but the Trustees would be actively pursuing this with a view to making an appointment at the appropriate time for reviewing the next set of Accounts.

13. Appointment of Services Committee Membership - The following were proposed by James Grimshaw and seconded by Brain Spencer and elected unopposed:

Michael Wilesmith
David Mawson
Steve Cobb (Volunteer)
Sarah Dodds (Volunteer)

There being no further business RJH declared the meeting closed and immediately went on to open the Special General Meeting which had been called to follow the AGM

Special General Meeting

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RJH opened the meeting with a brief explanation of the reasons for the change being proposed to the Constitution and in particular that the relatively low numbers of current Trustees sometimes made it difficult to achieve the necessary quorum at meetings required to transact business, which this change would help alleviate.

There being no questions, the following Resolution was then proposed by Lynn Broadbent, seconded by RJH and carried unanimously:

That Clause 10.4 of the Constitution adopted on 17th July 2015 shall be amended by removing the word “seven” and inserting instead the word “fifty per cent”

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