

# **HOSPITAL RADIO CHELMSFORD**

## **EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING**

**14 APRIL 2015**

**MAU, BROOMFIELD HOSPITAL**

Present: Sam Jenkins (SJ) – Chair  
Alain Heaysman (AH) – Secretary  
Paul Morrish (PM) – Station Manager  
  
Adam Ravenscroft (AR) – Treasurer  
Luke Barnard (LB) – Communications Officer  
Eric Smart (ES)

Also Present: John Barker, Darren Jones, Cas Seaton, Bill Woolward,  
Elliot Yarnall, Dave Hurrell, Craig Greenslade,  
Owen Ward, Graham Medhurst, Ian Smedley, Rich Denman,  
Mark Cullender, James Head-Jenner, David Abrey,  
Asha Jhummu, Nita Jhummu, Chris Wickers, Rob Fitt

Apologies: Faye Grantham, Andrew Pike, Ann Golder, Vicki Cole,  
Pete Oddie, Joanne Richards, Tony Taylor, Dave Moffat,  
Ben Kearns, Jennifer Allen, Alan Chambers, Kevin Lodge,  
Jon Curtis, Simon Brown, Rob Jackson, Jamie Boyd-Ratcliffe,  
Stephen Hanning, Andy Holmes, Georgie Whittaker

### **1. Submission of New Constitution to the Charity Commission**

- Initially the Committee was asked to look at the current Constitution and Rules of Membership.
- After closely looking at both it was decided the best way forward, with advice from Hospital Radio Winchester, will be for Hospital Radio Chelmsford to become a CIO.
- Taking into consideration advice from the HBA and the working documents on the Charity Commission's website, the main advantage of becoming a CIO would mean that the Trustees would no longer be exposed to liability resulting from third party advice.
- The timeline from submission to registration with the Charity Commission is eight weeks.
- The time required to open new bank accounts is approximately two weeks.
- Consultation stages so far have been Committee, Past Chairs, and Membership for reasonable feedback, resulting in the production of Version 4, which is the document being voted on at this meeting.

- The following points were raised:
  - Ian Smedley – Will everyone have six months to pay their membership fees to the CIO? Response: The Rules of Membership will deal with this.
  - Ian Smedley – Queried votes at General Meeting. Response: This is as written in the Constitution.
  - Chris Wickers – Commented that this was a loose document and it was important not to tie ourselves into knots.
  - Dave Abrey – The document is fine but queried the discussion regarding the start up of Trustees. Response: There could be just one Trustee who could call a meeting and ask for more Trustees.
  - Chris Wickers – A Trustee could stand for nine years, made up of three years times three. At the end of this period, if no one wanted to stand, the Trustee could be asked to continue.
  - Graham Medhurst – What was the cost to the organisation? Response: This would be very little, e.g. new banners. The cost of the magazine would be nil as a new copy would be due.
- A discussion took place regarding voting on Trustees. Further explanations from the document were given by ES and PM.

## **2. Voting**

- Members were asked to vote on the following:
  - I agree to accept the New Constitution Version 4 that has been presented tonight, Tuesday 14 April 2015, which complies with the Charities Act 2011 to be sent to the Charity Commission for Registration.
  - Yes I Agree: 29
  - No I Do Not Agree: 3
  - Abstain: 2
- As a result of the above the New Constitution was voted in.
- Dave Abrey proposed that Sam Jenkins, Paul Morrish and Eric Smart be nominated as Founder Trustees, but they will step down at the first Annual General Meeting of the New Charity.
- This was seconded by Chris Wickers.
- The voting result for this proposal is as follows:
  - For: 21
  - Against: 0
  - Abstentions: 2

**The meeting closed at 9.00pm**