

## **Minutes of Action Together's Annual General Meeting**

**Wednesday 8 November 2023 12:45-1:30pm**

**Mahdlo Youth Zone, Oldham, OL1 3SE**

### **1. Welcome, Introductions and Apologies**

Camilla Guereca, Chair of Action Together, welcomed everyone to our eighth Action Together AGM. Camilla outlined the format of the meeting.

There were 58 attendees at the AGM (47 of these were Action Together members).

### **2. Minutes of previous AGM and Matters arising**

The minutes of the previous AGM were accepted as a correct record and there were no matters arising.

### **3. Annual Report on activity highlights and priorities for the future**

Action Together's Chair introduced the report to members about Action Together's activities for the year 2022/23. Camilla shared her reflections from the year and shared some of the statistical highlights on the charity's key activities.

Liz Windsor-Welsh, Action Together's CEO, gave a presentation covering the charity's core activities and projects against the charity's strategic priorities. Action Together's strategic priorities are;

- Strengthening Social Infrastructure for Connected Communities
- Advancing our approach to Social Change
- Growing and transforming as a local funder

Liz shared details of the focus of our work in 2022/23 and gave examples of the work we have delivered. Liz concluded the presentation with Action Together's priorities for the year ahead which included;

- Continued focus on the strategic priorities and delivery within our operational delivery framework.
- Continue to work as a partner within our co-owned social enterprise 10GM to ensure we can work collaboratively across Greater Manchester to achieve our shared ambitions and secure opportunities that benefit Oldham, Rochdale and Tameside.
- Focus on the resilience of the VCFSE sector in Oldham, Rochdale and Tameside, both with our lobbying and influence work but also the launch of new practical support such as the organisational health check.
- Secure resources to develop our capabilities to provide a stronger offer to VCFSE groups and organisations by employing a VCFSE Workforce Lead and providing funding for bursaries and engagement from the VCFSE sector to support their workforce needs

- Employ dedicated capacity to drive forward our internal inclusion and diversity commitments, with a focus in this next year to deliver the second phase of our anti-racism action plan
- Invest internally to provide the capacity to support our own workforce, both in terms of learning and development opportunities and in their wellbeing
- Further develop our internal commitment to tackling the climate emergency and commit to a net-zero action plan by the end of 2024

A copy of the Annual Report can be found on the Action Together website:

<https://www.actiontogether.org.uk/annual-report-2223>

#### **4. Presentation of the finances of Action Together 2022-23**

Anne Parkes, the treasurer for Action Together, presented the Audited Accounts for the financial year end 22/23, a copy is available on the Action Together website. The Accounts have not yet been submitted to the Charities Commission because of a change that the Charity Commission has implemented in their process to file accounts, it is anticipated that this will be resolved by December 2023.

#### **5. Election of Trustees**

The biographies of the trustees who are re-standing for election were circulated to members in advance of the meeting.

The trustees to re-stand are:

- Rehna Yaseen
- Camilla Guereca

47 Members voted in favour of both being re-elected to the Action Together Board, none voted against.

#### **6. Closing speech**

Chair Camilla Guereca thanked members for their attendance at the AGM and the Action Together staff and trustees for their continued hard work and dedication to the sector.