**StopGap Sheffield**

**reg. charity no. 1146601**

**Minutes of Annual General Meeting**

**Tuesday 21st February 2023 – Via Teams**

**Present** –Jo Abbot (Chair), Barney Williams (Treasurer) Louise Finnigan (Secretary), Tim Renshaw, Aimee Lowe, Souleymane Bah, Tina Powell-Wiffen, Wendy Robson (Trustees), Bobbie Walker, Phil Johnson and Michelle O’Mahony (St Wilfrid’s Centre)

**Minutes** – Liz Grasso (StopGap Administrator)

**1. Welcome and thanks**

StopGap chair Jo Abbott welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**2. Apologies**

Apologies from Ruth Grayson and Jean Cromar.

**3. Minutes of 2022 AGM (9th February 2022)**

Jo asked that those present today agree to their adoption by this AGM. This was supported unopposed.

**4. Matters arising**

There were no matters arising from last year's minutes that were not covered by today's agenda.

**5. Annual report 2021/22**

Jo presented the Annual report to the AGM. Once it has been signed it will be uploaded onto our website.

Key points-

* From December 2021 until April 2022, the Council reverted to an ‘everyone in’ type scheme, including placing people without recourse to public funds. This helped people into more permanent ‘move on’ accommodation and increased opportunities for engagement with people who were sleeping rough.
* VirginMoneyGiving closed in November 2021, and we have moved to an online direct transfer platform called Wonderful Payments.
* We worked with SHU students and their presentation helped us with grant funding applications.
* We have produced a “Sponsor a Room” campaign and produced a newsletter for our supporters.
* Continued challenges with lack of accommodation in the city for rough sleepers to be placed in. Our efforts to find suitable placements for sleeping pods proved to be unsuccessful.
* During the 12-month period 1st July 2021 to 30th June 2022, StopGap provided a total of 34 bed nights for a total of 7 individuals. The main reasons for these placements were evictions and prison release.
* We received a subscription list award from the Sheffield Town Trust of £1,500 per year for a 3-year award made on 10/01/22, and £2,500 from the Brelms Trust (part of a 3-year award made on 12/03/19).
* £4,259,194 was allocated to the Sheffield City Council on 3rd September 2022 under the Rough Sleeper Initiative 2022-25. We are unsure how this will impact on StopGap at this time.

**6. Treasurer's report**

Barney Williams presented the financial report for the year 2021/22-

Key points-

* We started the year with £38,472 in the bank.
* We had only £5k of outgoings in the year so been very quiet.
* During the year we had receipts of just over £16k from donors and grants
* We ended the year with £38,383 in the bank.

Thanks were made to Dr Peter Cromar, independent examiner of our accounts.

**7. Election of officers and trustees**

The following were elected unopposed to serve for the coming year 2023/24

**Officers:**

Jo Abbott – Chair

Louise Finnigan – Secretary

Barney Williams – Treasurer

**Trustees:**

Souleymane Bah

Aimee Lowe

Timothy Renshaw

Tina Powell Wiffen

Wendy Robson

**7. Membership**

Jo reminded all those present that membership of StopGap was open to anyone, or any organisation, that would like to support us by joining. Membership forms are available via the website or emailing StopGap.

**8. AOB**

None