

Hampshire Children and Families Forum
Annual General Meeting – 27th November 2007
At Littleton Memorial Hall

Attendees (Branch representatives) – Jayne Ashberry, **Diana Barnes (Basingstoke)**, Rebecca Baumber, **Brigid Bell (North Downs)**, Trish Biggs, Sam Blakey, Jodie Bond, Sioban Boyce, Roz Bradbury, Marie Brewer, Sally Brook, Marian Buil, Catherine Burton, **Cay Byford (Hart)**, Ann Carnell, Jean Carrick, **Heather Chalkley (Farnborough)**, Debra Crook, Rachael Crowter, Jean Dawner, **Jane Dawson (Meon Valley)**, Sarah de Marcos, **Karen Evans (Aldershot)**, Sue Foster, Carol French, **Marian Frey (North West Forest)**, Sharon Goodridge, Martin Goodwin, Nickie Hales, **Ann Hammond (Petersfield & Liss)**, Ken Hedley, Yvonne Hill, Frances Hoare, Janet Hoff, Clare Holloway, Jane Hough, Vicky Howells, Pam Iles, Caroline Keith, **Charlene Kidd (South West Forest)**, Linda Knowles, **Sarah Lakey (Hythe & Totton & Romsey)**, Diane Lawrence, **Chris Lawton (Basingstoke)**, Donna Lenton, Wendy Madgwick, Louise Martin, Debra McAndrew, **Ian Milsom (Winchester)**, Angie Mote, **Dawn Murphy (Alton, Bordon & Liphook)**, Mr Nelson, Wendy Osgood, Carey Owen, Jane Parker, Alun Parry-Jones, Jennifer Partner, Min Partner, Kate Philpot, Judy Poole, Klara Powell, Margot Power, Lois Price, **Rachel Ralls (Fareham)**, Debbie Ravensdale, Annette Rebentish, Cedric Riley, Julie Riley, Julia Robinson, Paul Rodford, **Jacqueline Rolls (Eastleigh & Southern Parishes)**, Oliver Rowe, Caroline Salvin, Carla Sandercock, Sam Severe, Sue Shearman, Michelle Shewring, Claire Stanley, Cindy Steel-Jones, Bob Stewart, Anita Van den Broek, Mary Wake, Debbie Wall, Julie Washington-Sare, Suzanne Watson, Joanna Whitfield, Jeanette Wilding, Liz Williams, Maria Williams, Victoria Willmer

Apologies were received from: Sandra Alexander, Karen Anthony, Laura Baker, Stuart Baldwin, Evelyn Ball, Cllr Patricia Banks, Pauline Barnfield, Ann Barter, Heather Bevis, Nick Birtley, Karen Brotherton, Janet Brown, Volker Buck, Donna Carroll, Karen Clark, John Clarke, John Coughlan, Rita Crowne, Julie Cunnah, Karen Cunningham, Tracie Currie, Debra Cusack, Niki Densley, Mary Diaper, Liz Donegan, Sue Dovey, Ken Duffton, Karen Etheridge, Julia Gahagan, Tiffany Gibson, M Glover, Linda Goodwin, Julie Greer, Jill Guppy, Sally Guy, Anthony Harper, Barbara Harries, Cllr Felicity Hindson, Audrey Hollingbery, Tony Hopkins, Alison Horsley, Cllr Sam James, Mary Jones, Emma Kelsall, Elaine King, Cllr David Kirk, Melanie Leeder, Cllr C Leversha, Kerry Longhorn, Virginia Lovell, Steven Lugg, Anne Macpherson, John Marsh, Peter Marsh, Christine Matthews, Lynne Matthews, Tony McGovern, Wendy Morrish, Jacky Morriss, Mrs Nelson, Alison Newman, Che Payn, Bill Pearce, Cllr Roy Perry, Daniel Phelps, Angela Poole, Cllr Jackie Porter, Sarah Pratt, Vivian Reid, Judy Rice, Gill Roberts, Anne Robinson, Chris Robinson, Pam Robinson, Felicity Roe, Faye Rowe, Serena Rowland, Kate Rowlandson, Debbie Ruppenthal, Karen Rushby, Gloria Russell, Christine Salisbury, Angela Small, Donna Smith, Judi Strange, Margaret Strange, Jan Symes, Lizzie Tapply-Moore, Janice Taylor, John W Taylor, Sally Taylor, Chris Tews, Alison Thomas, Anne Togher, Charlotte Tomlinson, Lesley Trusler, Sarah Verney, Lorna Wagner, Sarah Wainwright, Sarah Walker, Glynis Walsh, Julia Watson, Mavis Watts, Jo Welch, Julie Wells, Cllr P West, Sue West, Audrey Wilson, Sam Wilson, Cllr Michael J Woodhall, Judith Woolley

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Welcome

Alun Parry-Jones welcomed all to the meeting and thanked them for attending.

Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

There were no questions regarding the previous minutes.

The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting dated 5th of October 2006 were approved.

Proposed: Ian Milsom

Seconded: Rachel Ralls

For: 18 Against: 0

Approval of Trustees Annual Report dated 31st March 2007

There were no questions regarding the annual report.

The Trustees Annual Report dated 31st March 2007 was approved.

Proposed: Ann Hammond

Seconded: Dawn Murphy

For: 18 Against: 0

Election of Executive Committee

Trustees were thanked for the essential contributions they make to the organisation, HCFF would not exist without them and the responsibilities they take on are substantial. We are hoping to increase the number of trustees we have, so if any of you are interested please talk to Alun, Cedric, Sally or Margot.

There are 4 nominations for the trustees.

Alun Parry-Jones was co-opted as a trustee early this year, and became chairman very quickly. He brings extensive experience from education to the board.

Proposed: Marian Frey

Seconded: Ian Milsom

For: 18 Against: 0

André Frullo was also co-opted during 2006. Andre is from the commercial sector and also brings extensive experience in personnel to the board.

Proposed: Marian Frey

Seconded: Ian Milsom

For: 18 Against: 0

Marian Frey has been a trustee for some years now. Marian is also Chairman of NWF branch and as such represents the interest of all branch chairs at the trustees meetings, in addition to taking on responsibility for Health & Safety.

Proposed: Ann Hammond

Seconded: Karen Evans

For: 18 Against: 0

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Trish Biggs has been a trustee for 3 years. As a local manager for HomeStart, Trish is up to date with developments around Families with younger children.

Proposed: Ann Hammond
Seconded: Karen Evans
For: 18 Against: 0

Appointment of Independent Examiners

C W Fellowes, who have been our auditors since the organisation began, offer support throughout the year and we would appreciate your proposal that they are re-appointed. The independent Examiners of the accounts, C W Fellowes Ltd were re-appointed.

Proposed: Marian Frey
Seconded: Ann Hammond
For: 18 Against: 0

Any Other Business

There is a small risk that we may need to change our constitution as HCC move towards tendering rather than grants for organisations such as ourselves. We are consulting with the Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs (HMRC) on this matter, as there are also VAT implications. If we set aside the cost of change there may well be long-term savings for us.

The formal meeting closed

Chairman's Report - Alun Parry-Jones

Alun related his accelerated path from new trustee early in 2007 to Chairman in April 2007.

Bob Stewart was thanked for his support and commitment to HCFF in the years before his retirement as trustee and chairman.

Alun referred to the extensive difficulties endemic in the voluntary sector caused by year on year grant funding – the insecurity for staff and the barriers to investing in a long-term development program.

The appointment of Cedric as CEO enabled himself and Cedric to learn about the organisation together, and they look forward to a very successful and happy working relationship.