

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE GUERNSEY
DISABILITY ALLIANCE
HELD AT THE KING GEORGE V PLAYING FIELDS
AT 19.15 ON WEDNESDAY 6TH JULY 2016**

Members Present:

Andrew Carey	GDA LBG Member
Andrew Hyde	Mencap representative
Andy Graham	GDA LBG Member
Angela Ruth Gaskill	GDA LBG Member
Anya Aldous	(Individual)
Arrun Wilkie	GDA LBG Member
Ben Jones	GDA Marketing
Caroline Mullins	(States of Guernsey)
Charlie Trebilcock	GDA LBG Member
Chris Le Page	GDA Executive Committee member
Dania Lloyd	Headway Guernsey representative
David Clark	(Headway Guernsey)
Debbie Aldous	Wigwam Support Group representative
Emilie Yerby	GDA member/States of Deliberation
Emily Litten	MIND Guernsey representative
Flo Le Pavoux	(Individual)
Fran Browning	GDA Volunteer
Greg Archer	(Individual)
Jackie Sholl	GDA Hon. Secretary
Jane El-Korasky	GDA LBG Member
Jane Stephens	GDA member (States of Deliberation)
Jenny Flower	Alzheimers Society representative
Jenny Mahy	GDA LBG Member
Jenny Tasker	(Individual)
John Gollop	GDA member/States of Deliberation
Julie Hyde	(Mencap)
Karen Blanchford	GDA Executive Director
Karen Le Page	GDA LBG member (Guernsey Cheshire Home)
Kathy de Carteret	Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB) representative
Kay Bienvenu	GDA LBG member (Guernsey Employment Trust)
Kevin Le Huray	GDA LBG Member
Leonie Burrows	Guernsey Deaf Children's Society representative
Melaine Edwards	GDA LBG Member
Michael Garrett	GDA LBG Member
Nicky Le Noury	Mental Health Service User Group representative

Pam de Jersey	GDA LBG Member
Paul Le Pelley	(States of Deliberation)
Peter Hill-Smith	GDA LBG Member
Peter Rose	(Association of Guernsey Charities)
Phil Hickman	GDA LBG Member
Richard Lord	(Photographer)
Robin Le Prevost	GDA LBG Member
Sam Le Huray	GDA LBG Member
Sarah Hansmann Rouxel	(States of Deliberation)
Sean Simms	GDA LBG Member
Shelaine Green (SG)	GDA Chair and Social Policy Adviser
Sue McCathie	GDA LBG Member/Volunteer
Victoria Oliver-Wilkins	(States of Deliberation)

LBG members and group representatives are voting members of the GDA. Brackets indicate people who attended the AGM but did not vote.

Minutes: Jackie Sholl (JS)

AGENDA

1.Apologies for absence

SG took the chair and declared the Meeting open. There were apologies from:

Al Brouard	(States of Deliberation)
Anne Smith	Guernsey Stroke Association representative
Barbara Cleaver	GDA LBG Member
Carol Ozanne	GDA LBG Member
Catherine Hall	National Autistic Society representative
Dave Chilton	(Guernsey Community Foundation)
Gavin St Pier	(States of Deliberation)
Geraldine Williams	GDA member (Headway Guernsey)
Gez Overstall	GDA Volunteer
Gill Ford	(Guernsey MS Society)
Hannah Pearce	(Guernsey Specials Gym Club)
Hilary Brown	(Individual)
Jan Aslett	GDA LBG Member (Health Information Guernsey)
Jean Le Page	GDA LBG Member
Jenny Hooper	GDA LBG Member (Wigwam Support Group)
Jill Chadwick	(Guernsey MIND)
Jo Bourgaize	Guernsey Fibromyalgia Support Group representative
Julia Watts	Autism Guernsey representative
Karyn Conroy	GDA LBG Member
Kim Marquis	Guernsey Down Syndrome Group representative

Dr Maggie Costen	GDA LBG Member
Mandy Mackelworth	(Adult Disability Service – HSC)
Michael Nicholls	Alzheimers Society Guernsey representative
Michelle Le Clerc	(States of Deliberation)
Mike Evans	Guernsey Employment Trust (GET) representative
Mike Read	Cystic Fibrosis Channel Islands representative
Nikki Stephens	Guernsey Hard of Hearing Association representative
Paula Chivers	GDA LBG Member
Peter Fernandez	GDA LBG Member (Parent Carer Council)
Philippa Stahelin	Headway Guernsey representative
Rachael Major	GDA LBG Member (ADHD Support Group)
Richard Evans	(Access for All Group)
Rob Platts	GDA LBG Member and Founder
Roddy Winser OBE	(Youth Commission)
Sadie Siviter de Paucar	GDA LBG Member (Gsy Community Foundation)
Simon De La Mare	GDA LBG Member
Tania Bretel	GDA LBG Member
Terry Moore	GDA LBG Member
Tony Yates	GDA LBG Member (Access for All Group)
Trish Gover	(Collaborate Communications)
Trudi Lilley	GDA Hon. Treasurer
Vanessa Spiller	St John's Ambulance representative
Wendy Beaven	Health Information Guernsey representative
Mark O'Connor	Association of Guernsey Charities representative
Marlene Le Ray	GDA LBG Member
Michelle Arlotte	GDA LBG Member (Grow Ltd)

2.Minutes

JS tabled the Minutes of the Meeting held on 5th August 2015. The Minutes were accepted.

3.Chair's report

SG reminded members that it was exactly a year since the GDA's Reach for the Summit event where senior politicians and civil servants had assured the audience that the Disability and Inclusion Strategy was starting to make progress. Whereas when the Strategy Update Report was debated by the States in Nov 2015, progress was slow and only 30% of the budget had been spent.

In response, the GDA had run a successful #MakeltReal election campaign, including publishing its own manifesto and running a well-attended Speed Hustings event. It also worked with the Home Dept to make the election accessible.

The Disability Strategy has now moved to the Employment and Social Security Committee, led by Deputy Michelle Le Clerc. The political membership are supportive of disability issues and the GDA has a good relationship with senior

officers. In addition, Deputy Jane Stephens is on the Policy and Resources Committee.

Shelaine emphasised the number of States consultations that the GDA had contributed to during the year and highlighted other positives, such as ensuring that people who have a legal guardian can vote and new States website www.signpost.gg.

She paid tribute to Karen Blanchford who had been in post for a year and encouraged members to look out for the We All Matter, Eh? “Hidden Disabilities” campaign.

A full copy of Shelaine’s speech is available on request.

4.Treasurer’s report

SG presented the financial statements on behalf of Trudi Lilley, Hon Treasurer. Income and expenditure had both risen sharply, due to grants to enable the appointment of a small staff team..

£4000 of income came from winning two awards.

The GDA had made a good start with corporate fundraising to cover day to day expenses and project costs but it was important to increase its fundraising capability in the next year.

A question was asked about funding for the Exec Director position long-term as the Guernsey Community Foundation grant only has one year to run. SG explained that GCF were aware when giving the original grant that the GDA would be requesting an extension of their support. This was not guaranteed, however, which gave added emphasis to the need to increase the GDA’s fundraising capability.

5.Elections

5a. Election of Chair

Shelaine Green is standing down.

Robin Le Prevost has agreed to stand for election, proposed by Shelaine Green and seconded by Jackie Sholl.

By a show of hands Robin Le Prevost was elected as Chair.

RLP took the Chair for the remainder of the meeting.

5b. Election of Vice-Chair

This position had been vacant.

Arrun Wilkie has agreed to stand for election, proposed by Shelaine Green and seconded by Andy Graham.

By a show of hands Arrun Wilkie was elected as Vice-Chair.

5c. Election of Treasurer

Trudi Lilley is standing down.

The position is vacant.

5d. Election of Hon. Secretary

Jackie Sholl has agreed to stand for election, proposed by Andrew Carey and seconded by Emilie Yerby.

By a show of hands Jackie Sholl was duly re elected as Hon. Secretary.

5e. Co-opted Executive members

Emilie Yerby and Simon de la Mare have stood down as co-opted members during the year. The Chair thanked them both for their contributions to the GDA.

Chris Le Page has joined as a Co-opted Executive member via the Board Apprentice Scheme.

5f. Election of Member Representatives.

The GDA will be making other arrangements in respect of Member Representatives. The Chair thanked Sam Le Huray, Individual member representative for her involvement, and thanked Andrew Carey, Carer representative, for his efforts, particularly in liaising with the Guernsey Community Foundation regarding the development of a Carers Forum.

6. Changes to Statutory Documents

6a. Changes to the Memorandum of Incorporation of the Guernsey Disability Alliance LBG

It was explained that the GDA wishes to make changes to the terminology within the Memorandum of Incorporation to bring it in line with expressions used within the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.

By a show of hands it was agreed to adopt the following reworded Articles:

- 4.1 do all things, in achieving the Company's other objects, in a manner consistent with the aims and principles of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (The Convention);
- 4.2 foster respect for the rights and dignity of persons with disabilities in Guernsey;
- 4.3 be an influencing force to improve social inclusion and access for persons with disabilities and to campaign against social exclusion of persons with disabilities.;

- 4.4 be an influencing force in establishing, and to campaign for the establishment of, reasonable protection under Guernsey law against unjust discrimination by reason of disability. This includes protection for carers, and other associates, against discrimination where that discrimination would result in unjust disadvantage to an associated disabled person.
- 4.5 to raise awareness of the physical and social barriers which discriminate against persons with disabilities;
- 4.6 influence the provision, and campaign for the improvement, of systems of support in Guernsey for voluntary carers with the ultimate aim of those systems being the improvement of carers' abilities and capacity to support and care for persons with disabilities. Voluntary carers include those persons who are in receipt of States Assistance or Benefits paid in association with the voluntary care or support of a person with disabilities;
- 5.1 Co-operate with other charities, voluntary bodies, States of Guernsey departments and statutory authorities operating in furtherance of the Convention and the Objects of the Company or of similar charitable objects and to exchange information and advice with them;

6b. Changes to the Articles of Incorporation of the Guernsey Disability Alliance LBG.

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- 4.2 The subscribers to the Memorandum of Incorporation and such other persons as are admitted to membership in accordance with these Articles and entered in the Register shall be Members of the Company. No person shall be admitted as a Member of the Company unless he is approved by the Executive in their absolute discretion. Subject to any further requirements imposed by the Executive, Membership shall generally be open to individuals and organisations representing the interests of persons with disabilities in the Bailiwick of Guernsey.
- 7.6 Members of the Executive shall be elected for a period of one year but are eligible for re-election. Members with disabilities will be encouraged to stand for office in order to achieve the aim of establishing an Executive composed of 50% or more of persons with disabilities.

7.AOB

There were no items of AOB.

8. Closing of Meeting

There being no further business the Chair declared the Meeting closed at 20.05pm

Minutes signed and authorised as a true representation of the Meeting.
