

Minutes of the 2021 Annual General Meeting of the Members

Guernsey Disability Alliance (the “GDA”) (Company Registered No: 51102) (Registered Charity No: CH41)

Meeting of the AGM on Friday 3rd December 2021 at Les Cotils.at 12:00.

Board Members Present in person:

Chris Le Page (CleP)	Chair
Jane Wonnacott (JW)	Secretary
Michael Read (MR)	Health Representative, Social Policy
Phil Smith (PS)	Director
Carol Le Page (CLP)	Social Policy Director

Board Members Present via live video link:

Catherine Hall (CH)	Education Representative, Social Policy
Rob Harnish (AW)	Transport Representative, Social Policy
Toni de Kooker (TdeK)	Treasurer
Arrun Wilkie (AW)	Director
Karen Blanchford (KB)	Partnership Director (GDA & Access for All)

Minutes

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1.	<p>Chair and quorum</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chris Le Page started the meeting by introducing the potential new directors. He said that the charity was fortunate with the number of volunteers who gave their time to the organisation and in particular for Karen Blanchford and Carol le Page who were in the charity’s employ. He also gave thanks to the Lloyds Bank Foundation and the Social Investment Fund (SIF) for their financial awards which kept the charity going. CleP took the Chair and the AGM meeting was quorate. He gave a summary of how matters would proceed with the remote video links and slides. 	
2.	<p>Apologies for Absence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rob Platts Euan Mahy 	
3.	<p>Minutes from previous meetings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting held on 23rd November 2020 were taken as read. CleP asked for any comments or questions in relation to these minutes. No comments 	

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	<p>were received, therefore the Chairman requested these to be approved as a true and fair record of the meeting.</p>											
4.	<p>Matters Arising</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There were no matters arising 											
5.	<p>Matters requiring ordinary resolutions</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="272 499 1281 1986"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="272 499 1098 589">Ordinary Resolutions</th> <th data-bbox="1098 499 1281 589">Presented by</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="272 589 1098 958"> (i) THAT Chris Le Page be re-elected as a Chair of the Company Proposed by Carol Le Page Seconded by Karen Blanchford IT IS RESOLVED by the members herein present in person and via video link, that Mr. Chris Le Page is elected as Chairman of the Guernsey Disability Alliance LBG and to serve in this capacity until the 2022 AGM after which time these powers will cease. </td> <td data-bbox="1098 589 1281 958">Karen Blanchford</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="272 958 1098 1402"> (ii) THAT Karen Blanchford be re-elected as a director of the Company Proposed by Chris Le Page Seconded by Carol Le Page IT IS RESOLVED by the members herein present in person and via video link, that Ms. Karen Blanchford is elected as a Director of the Guernsey Disability Alliance LBG. The term of this directorship to be 1 year, in accordance with the constitution of the GDA after which term she shall be available for re-election at the next following AGM. </td> <td data-bbox="1098 958 1281 1402">Chair</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="272 1402 1098 1883"> (iii) THAT Carol Le Page be re-elected as a director of the Company Proposed by Chris Le Page Seconded by Karen Blanchford IT IS RESOLVED by the members herein present in person and via video link, that Ms. Carol Le Page is elected as a Director of the Guernsey Disability Alliance LBG. The term of this directorship to be 1 year, in accordance with the constitution of the GDA after which term she shall be available for re-election at the next following AGM. </td> <td data-bbox="1098 1402 1281 1883">Chair</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="272 1883 1098 1986"> (iv) THAT Robert Harnish be re-elected as a director of the Company Proposed by Chris Le Page </td> <td data-bbox="1098 1883 1281 1986">Chair</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Ordinary Resolutions	Presented by	(i) THAT Chris Le Page be re-elected as a Chair of the Company Proposed by Carol Le Page Seconded by Karen Blanchford IT IS RESOLVED by the members herein present in person and via video link, that Mr. Chris Le Page is elected as Chairman of the Guernsey Disability Alliance LBG and to serve in this capacity until the 2022 AGM after which time these powers will cease.	Karen Blanchford	(ii) THAT Karen Blanchford be re-elected as a director of the Company Proposed by Chris Le Page Seconded by Carol Le Page IT IS RESOLVED by the members herein present in person and via video link, that Ms. Karen Blanchford is elected as a Director of the Guernsey Disability Alliance LBG. The term of this directorship to be 1 year, in accordance with the constitution of the GDA after which term she shall be available for re-election at the next following AGM.	Chair	(iii) THAT Carol Le Page be re-elected as a director of the Company Proposed by Chris Le Page Seconded by Karen Blanchford IT IS RESOLVED by the members herein present in person and via video link, that Ms. Carol Le Page is elected as a Director of the Guernsey Disability Alliance LBG. The term of this directorship to be 1 year, in accordance with the constitution of the GDA after which term she shall be available for re-election at the next following AGM.	Chair	(iv) THAT Robert Harnish be re-elected as a director of the Company Proposed by Chris Le Page	Chair	
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6.	<p>AOB No other business was put forward.</p>	
7.	<p>Date & Time of next AGM</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wednesday 16th February at 19:00 at Les Cotils 	

Annual Charity Update

1.	<p>Charity Update and Annual Report</p> <p>Carol le Page reminded everyone that this date is the International Day of Disability. She then presented a summary of the charity, its mission, and introduced social policy team that she heads up. Things to celebrate in 2021 are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• An integrated transport system pilot with other charities and Health Connections to get people to events in a more efficient and coordinated manner.• SEND Review in (Special Educational Needs and Disability Review) commissioned by the previous government but completely endorsed by the new government and the Committee for Education, Sports and Culture who are taking it forward and have budgetary approval by the Assembly. There are short, medium and long terms goals planned.• NICE Therapeutic Areas (TAs) phase 1 has gone ahead which is for drugs to be available in Guernsey that were previously only available in the UK.• Capacity Law and Lasting Powers of Attorney empower people to make decisions about themselves and where this is not possible the legislation sets out how decisions can be made by others. It is drafted, consultation is complete and the ordinance is expected soon.• Discrimination Legislation had additional grounds added in November and is progressing but awareness and importance needs to continue to be publicised. Sexual orientation and religious belief have been added. Further information on the phasing and planned deliverables will be provided at the AGM in February. It is important that other grounds of discrimination come in as grounds such as age (due in phase 2) are also linked to disability. <p>Karen Blanchford is responsible for the brands 'We all matter eh?' and 'Access for All' and engages and empowers members so that their voices are heard. She and Carol between them equate to one full time person.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• She started by thanking Chris le Page both personally and on behalf of the GDA, for his strong leadership and support. She thanked the board members new and old and reiterated the need for a new Chairperson from February 2022.• During 2020 a lot of the work was supporting people during Covid.• In 2021 KB took the work done in 2020 around legislation and went to talk to politicians, GPEG, G5, Chamber and others.• She presented the raising awareness campaign for 2020 and 2021, the largest of which is Purple Tuesday.• The Access auditors training has been delayed for the third time. It is important to get people trained locally on digital, physical and on-
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	<p>line access and the course for w/c 6th December 2021 has been delayed until March 2022.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In 2022 KB would like to train people on the new legislation and encourage people to speak up. • The Consortium won a tender with Employment and Social Security to provide training on the legislation. This is the GDA in partnership with Walkers and the Guernsey Institute. • Thanks to everyone that has invited the GDA in to speak at schools, youth forum, Children and Youth Tribunal etc. This raises awareness. • The year has been tough with people denying that discrimination exists, but it was hoped that members and the community will be behind the GDA and support the legislation as it moves forwards. 	
2.	<p>AOB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carol gave thanks to Olly for the technical set-up which was no mean feat, Chris for chairing, Toni and Karen for presentation. Everyone was wished a Happy Day of Disability and Happy Christmas and a healthy and prosperous New Year. 	

Comments from online chat function:

Catherine Hall12:10pm votes yes to election of chair and directors

Marguerite Talmage, GROW12:15pm Vote yes to election of chair and directors

Catherine Hall12:16pm votes yes to receive accounts

Marguerite Talmage, GROW12:17pm Happy to approve accounts for 2020

No other business to discuss

Lois Falla12:37pm So wonderful to see so many talented people volunteering.