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## Chinese Association of Tower Hamlets

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### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES 2001

Date : Friday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2001

Time : 11:00 a.m – 12:00 p.m

Venue : CATH, Sailor's Palace, 680 Commercial Road, Lond

Present: 41 members

Apologies: Ms. Susie Wong



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#### 1. Welcome and Introductions

CATH's Chair, Mrs. How Yuk Wang welcomed those present to the meeting and introduced others sitting at the top table: Mr. T H Sin, Vice Chair; Mr. Alan Chau, Manager; Mrs. Ping Hayward, Treasurer; Mr. L. Chung, Committee Member and Mr. Tham, of CATH's Auditors.

#### 2. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of 16 October 2000

These were agreed as a correct record.

#### 3. Matters Arising

None.

#### 4. Resolutions to amend CATH's constitution

The resolutions were passed to amend CATH's constitution as follows:-

##### 4.1. Resolution to amend Objects (i.e. purpose) of the Memorandum of Association:

From:

"The Association is established for charitable purposes only. The objects of the Association are to promote the benefit of those resident or working within the London Borough of Tower Hamlets (the "area of benefit") and in particular those of Chinese ethnic origin without distinction of sex or of political or other opinions by:-

- (A) the advancement of education in matters relating to mental, physical and social welfare and without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing to provide free advice and assistance to poor persons resident in the area of benefit;
- (B) to encourage the exercise of and maintain the standards of Chinese crafts both ancient and modern preserve and improve craftsmanship and foster promote and increase the interest of the public within the area of benefit therein."

CATH was established in 1983.

Registered Company No. 1720498 Registered Charity No. 287813

Funded by:- LDDC, LETEC, St. Katharine & Shadwell Trust, The Spitalfields Market Community Trust, L.B.T.H, E.S.F.

To

"The Association is established for charitable purposes only. The objects for which the Association is established are:-

- (A) to help disadvantaged persons of Chinese origin who live, work or study in London Borough of Tower Hamlets (hereinafter called "the area of benefit") by the establishment and maintenance of an information and advice centre and an opportunity centre.
- (B) to promote the welfare of Chinese elderly and disabled people which now or hereafter may be deemed by law to be charitable within the said area of benefit.
- (C) to provide opportunities and facilities for the social, educational, cultural and physical development of young Chinese people of the said area of benefit. In this Memorandum of Association 'young Chinese people' means people between the ages of 8 and 25 years.

#### 4.2. Resolution to amend Article 31(a) of the Articles of Association

From:

"The number of the Members of the Committee shall not be less than three;"

To:

"The number of the Members of the Committee shall not be less than six;"

#### 4.3. Resolution to add additional sentences at the end of Article 41

From:

"A retiring Member of the Committee shall be eligible for re-election."

To:

"A retiring Member of the Committee shall be eligible for re-election, save that the Chairperson shall not hold office for more than three consecutive years or for more than six years in total. The Vice-Chairperson shall not hold office for more than three consecutive years or for more than six years in total."

#### 4.4 Resolution to amend Article 48 by adding an additional sentence at the end of the first sentence

From:

"The Committee may meet together for the dispatch of business, adjourn, and otherwise regulate their meetings, as they may think fit. Questions arising at any meeting shall be decided by a majority of votes. In the case of an equality of votes the Chairman shall have a second or casting vote. A member of the Committee may, and the Secretary on the requisition of a Member of the Committee shall, at any time summon a meeting of the Committee. It shall not be necessary to give notice of meeting of the Committee to any Member of the Committee for the time being absent from the United Kingdom."

To:

“The Committee may meet together for the dispatch of business, adjourn, and otherwise regulate their meetings, as they may think fit. **However, the Committee is required to meet at least four times a year.** Questions arising at any meeting shall be decided by a majority of votes. In the case of an equality of votes the Chairman shall have a second or casting vote. A member of the Committee may, and the Secretary on the requisition of a Member of the Committee shall, at any time summon a meeting of the Committee. It shall not be necessary to give notice of meeting of the Committee to any Member of the Committee for the time being absent from the United Kingdom.”

## **5. Treasurer's Report**

CATH's Treasurer Mrs. Ping Hayward presented the draft audited accounts for the year ended 31 March 2001. The main points of Ping's address were as follows:-

- Copies of the full accounts were available on request;
- CATH was in a very healthy financial status last year and we spent according to budget.
- Although the accounts showed a surplus last year, CATH had continued to experience difficulty in attracting funding for 'core' functions and longstanding services.

Mrs. How Yuk Wang thanked Ping and invited questions from the floor. No questions were asked. The meeting agreed the audited accounts for 2000/2001.

## **6. Appointment of Auditor for 01/02**

The meeting agreed the appointment of C. S Tham & Co. of 69 Chase Way, Southgate, London, to serve as CATH's Auditors for 01/02.

## **7. Election of the Management Committee for 2001/2002**

The nominations received for the 2001/2002 Management Committee were as follows:-

Mrs. How Yuk Wang  
Mrs. Ping Hayward  
Ms. Susie Wong  
Mr. M W Sin  
Mr. Leung Chung

The nominees (listed above) were duly elected.

## **8. Any Other Business**

Mr. Alan Chau, CATH's Manager invited questions from the floor. Questions received were:

### **8.1. Future plans to further develop services for older people?**

Alan Chau stated that CATH would continue to develop its elderly services in the coming years. CATH had plans to develop an advocacy project which aim to empower vulnerable

Chinese & Vietnamese people especially those who don't read and write English. This may help them to ask for and obtain suitable social care and health services.

The new service would focus on three major areas:-

#### Chinese & Vietnamese people being offered or settled in residential or nursing homes

Older people moving from their own homes into residential care are undertaking an important change in their lifestyles. Often they will have reached a state of dependency on others that may make them feel they have little autonomy left. A perception of this kind is likely to increase dependency. The assistance of an advocate at this time can enable the older person to take a more positive view of the opportunities being offered, by ensuring their wishes concerning the eventual outcome are taken into account. The advocacy may, where appropriate, and subject to periodic review, continue the partnership after residency has been taken up.

#### Chinese & Vietnamese people being assessed for community care packages of care

The suitability and effectiveness of care and assessment services depends on a comprehensive needs-based assessment being made, which takes into account as fully as possible the views of users and carers. By informing users that an advocacy service was available, they would be offered the choice of having their views represented as clearly as possible to service providers. In situations where the client may have difficulty in expressing their views, or where there was seen to be a conflict of interest between the client's views and the role of the care manager, an advocate should be requested, if the client wished.

#### Chinese & Vietnamese people being admitted to and discharged from hospital

By informing older patients that an advocacy service would be available as far as possible in advance of the discharge process, they would be offered the choice of having their views on the services and arrangements they required independently represented. The patient would negotiate the details of their discharge through the advocate if they wished. This would help to avoid unsatisfactory discharges by ensuring that the required arrangements were in place before the discharge took place. It would also help to encourage feedback from the user on the discharge process, including the use of complaints procedures.

8.2 "What percentage of the income received for the Elderly Luncheon Club are currently spent on food? You don't seem to have provided £15 worth of food per table of five per day? Please explain?"

Alan Chau explained that the income received from Luncheon Club users (currently at £1.60 per meal) and meal subsidies from Social Services (currently at £1.26 per meal) would have to be evenly distributed between food purchase, workers' wages and other associated running costs like rent, water, gas and so on. Thus, it was wrong to assume that all the income received from users and meal subsidies could be spent on food only. However, Alan Chau emphasized that CATH would never compromise on providing a quality service and a nutritious meal to all the users. Currently, meals for elderly users would include unlimited rice and soup, one dish of meat, one dish of fish and one dish of vegetable.

The resolutions passed at the Annual General Meeting on 28<sup>th</sup> September 2001 have been adopted by the following Management Committee members:-

Position	Name (Mr/Mrs/Ms)	Address	Signature
Chair	Mrs. How Yuk Wang	22 Bracken Close, Beckton, London E6 4XE.	H.Y. Wang
Vice Chair	Mr. T. H. Sin	12 Minchin House, Dod Street, London E14.	Thank you a Sin
Secretary	Ms. Susie Wong	27 Old Gloucester St, London WC1N 3XX.	
Treasurer	Mrs. Ping Hayward	38 Woodberry Way, N. Finchley N12 0HG.	P Hayward
Member	Mr. Leung Chung	3 Nutfield Road, Leyton E15 2DG.	Chung Leung

Dated this 28/9/ 2001.

Witness to all the above signatures

Name: MENG LU CHENG M. L. CHENG

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