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LAMBETH MIND

NOTICE IS GIVEN that an extraordinary general meeting of the company will be held at **Lambeth ACCORD, 336 Brixton Road, London SW9 7AA** on Thursday 5th January 2012 at 6pm for the purpose of considering, and if thought fit passing, the following resolutions, which will be proposed as special resolutions.

- 1 That so far as necessary all decisions made at the Annual General Meeting of the Company held on 20th October 2011 and at the Management Committee meetings on 3rd November and 1st December 2011 (as recorded in the attached minutes) and all actions taken pursuant to all such decisions are confirmed and ratified
- 2 That the Articles are amended by deleting the second sentence of Article 19 and substituting "Save as herein otherwise provided 12 members or one-tenth of the Membership whichever is the greater personally present shall be a quorum"

Date: 12th December 2011.

This Notice is given by the Management Committee alternatively by Esther Paterson, a member of Lambeth Mind.

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Esther Paterson





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Lambeth Mind

EGM 5 January 2012

Lambeth ACCORD, 336 Brixton Road, London SW9 7AA

Present

Anthony Belgrave (member)
Mark Bertram (confirmed Trustee at meeting)
Richard Bevan (appointed Treasurer at meeting)
Janet Buchanan (member)
Kelly Boughtflower (staff support worker and member)
Catherine Collins (member)
Andrew Daw (confirmed Trustee at meeting)
Michael Edwards (member)
Les Eliot (confirmed Trustee at meeting)
Ken Floyde (member)
Claire Freeman (confirmed Trustee at meeting)
Terry Galson (interested in becoming a member)
Emily Georghiou (confirmed Co-Deputy Chair at meeting)
Gloria Gifford (staff and member)
Gwilym Harbottle (confirmed Secretary at meeting)
Gabriel Ibarra (confirmed Trustee at meeting)
Anton Manickam (interested in becoming a member)
Stephen McCulloch (appointed Trustee at meeting)
Angie Meader (member)
Esther Paterson (confirmed Chair at meeting)
Skanthanathan Pathmanathapillai (member)
John Pryor (confirmed Co-Deputy Chair at meeting)
Mary Roberts (member)
Fran Tirimo (member)
Donnard White (appointed Trustee at meeting)
Jeanne Wordsworth (member)

Introductions

Esther gave the following introduction to the meeting

A big thank you to everyone for coming to the EGM. Members are a really valuable part of Lambeth Mind, and your input is really important, so we hope that tonight can be the start of building a new and more fruitful relationship with you all, and that you can help us make Lambeth Mind a charity that makes a real difference in people's lives.

Why are we holding this meeting? We held our AGM in October, but unfortunately the meeting was inquorate. This means that not enough members were present for decisions to be valid. According to our governing documents, a quorum (at least 12 members or a third of

the membership, whichever is the greater) must attend any General Meeting for the meeting to be valid

So we're holding tonight's meeting for three reasons

- First, so we can discuss and hopefully approve the decisions made at the AGM and the management committee meetings since then
- Second, so we can discuss changing the governing documents, so that we don't have the same problem again
- Third, so that we can get to know each other a bit better and have our say on what Lambeth Mind should be doing to help people more effectively

Confirmation of Chair

Gwilym Harbottle nominated Esther Paterson to chair this meeting Seconded by Angie Meader Confirmed by all members

Election of trustees (management committee members)

Clarification that Lambeth Mind's trustees form the charity's management committee

The following trustees were elected at the AGM

Mark Bertram
Andrew Daw
Les Eliot
Claire Freeman
Emily Georgiour (Co-Deputy Chair)
Gwilym Harbottle (Secretary)
Gabriel Ibarra
Esther Paterson (Chair)
John Pryor (Co-Deputy Chair)
Smarajit Roy (not present)

Trustees and their offices confirmed by everyone present

The following trustees were proposed and seconded at the EGM, and confirmed by everyone present

Richard Bevan (Treasurer) (nominated by Esther Paterson, seconded by Les Eliot)
Stephen McCulloch (nominated by Angie Meader, seconded by Andrew Daw)
Donnard White (nominated by Mark Bertram, seconded by Les Eliot)

Two members, Janet Buchanan and Anthony Belgrave, were interested in becoming trustees and would like to explore the possibility further They will be invited to the next trustee meeting

Resolution 1

Trustees' 2010/2011 annual report and accounts summarised by Esther Paterson

Minutes of November and December 2011 management committee meetings summarised by Emily Georghiou

It was unanimously resolved to ratify the decisions made at the 20 October 2011 AGM and so far as necessary management committee meetings since the 20 October 2011 AGM

Resolution 2

Gwilym Harbottle and Claire Freeman explained this resolution, which is about the quorum for general meetings, including the AGM

- In general meetings, important decisions are taken by the members, including election of the management committee, approval of the annual report and accounts, amendment of the 'constitution' and anything else that members want to discuss. It is where the members hold the committee to account.
- The existing quorum is 12 or one third of the membership, whichever is the greater.
- We are asking the meeting to agree to a reduction of the quorum to the greater of 12 or 10% of the members.
- Advantages: avoids a recurrence of the last AGM, which could result in paralysis.
- Disadvantages: the management committee is 10 or more in number so effectively the committee will constitute more or less a quorum. This means that if very few members turn up the committee's decisions can go through on the nod. Having a larger quorum may encourage more people to turn up and this will lead to greater openness and discussion.
- On balance, the management committee is in favour of the resolution. If members object strongly to something the committee is doing they can still turn out and vote. Also the size of the committee and the requirement that 70% of the committee have experience of using mental health services means that it represents lots of different strands among the membership, so it would be wrong to see the committee as some kind of small unrepresentative cabal.

Comments and questions

- *Where does the list of members come from? When do people stop being members?* This is an issue that Gwilym and Claire in particular have been looking at over the last few weeks, and they intend to take it forward to find a resolution and clarity in the coming weeks.
- Thanks to Gwilym and Claire for their work to resolve these issues.
- Acknowledgement that it can be a struggle to get people to come to lots of different meetings, not just Lambeth Mind's meetings.
- Lambeth Mind's old newsletter used to encourage people to attend.

Vote: 24 people in favour of amending the quorum. One person not in favour of amending the quorum. One person absent from this part of the meeting. Resolution passed.

General discussion

Update on recruitment of Director (Esther Paterson): We have received funding from the Tudor Trust and the Monument Trust to employ a Director for Lambeth Mind for three years.

The funding comes to £50,000 a year, so the salary will be c £35,000 We have received some excellent applications, and will be interviewing in the third week of January

Question raised by a member Does the management committee represent the views of service users and understand the views of carers? *Answer from management committee* There is a requirement that at least 70% of the committee have experience of using mental health services, which means that the committee forms a good representation of Lambeth Mind's membership

Comment from member Management committee members should volunteer for Lambeth Mind and help to run its services *Response from management committee* It is important that the management committee, as trustees of the charity, distinguish between governing the charity (one type of volunteering) and helping to run its services (another type of volunteering) Many members of the committee come into the office and help out where we can However, several of us have full-time jobs, so it is not always realistic

Comment from member Lambeth Mind would have disappeared by now if it were not for the hard work of the management committee in the last year or so There is confidence from members in the individuals on the management committee

Comment from member In the past, there was a disconnect between the trustees and staff from Lambeth Mind This doesn't seem to be the case any more


Donnard White has offered to consider how we might get the newsletter going again

Other ideas mentioned by members management committee to use the internet to seek members' and service users' views (via a blog?), management committee to keep itself as informed as possible about changes in provision for service users, need to consider how to fund a newsletter (perhaps engage a journalism student), need to work on management committee members volunteering more, encourage more donations (Website? Collection box?)

Mark updated the meeting about the peer support project

Stephen closed the session with a poem he has written in memory of Amita Patel, who was formerly a member and trustee of Lambeth Mind

SIGNED



SECRETARY

1st MAY 2012