

**Minutes: Unique Ways Annual General Meeting**

**Thursday 7th November 2019 - Hanson Lane Enterprise Centre, Halifax**

1. **Present**

Oliver Wilby, Chair & Trustee of Unique Ways

Vikki Darby, Vice-Chair & Trustee of Unique Ways & Parent Member

Nick Wigmore, Treasurer & Trustee of Unique Ways & Parent Member

David Fielden, Trustee of Unique Ways

Emma Poyser-Buxton, Trustee of Unique Ways & Parent Member

Marcus Thompson, Trustee of Unique Ways

Rachel Hollingworth, Trustee of Unique Ways & Parent Member

Pete Ruse, Co-Chair, Family Voice Calderdale

Shona Walsh, Chief Executive Officer, Unique Ways

Martin Reynolds, Office Co-ordinator, Unique Ways & Parent Member

Sunny Freakley, Ordinary Lives Co-ordinator, Unique Ways & Parent Member

Helen Norris, Ordinary Lives Practitioner, Unique Ways & Parent Member

Lucy Armour, Ordinary Lives Practitioner, Unique Ways & Parent Member

Amanda Rorrison, Membership Officer, Unique Ways

Heidi Coney, Family Voice Calderdale Co-ordinator

Liz Slomski, Parent Member & Volunteer

Kavita Korampalli, Volunteer

The Mayor of Calderdale, Cllr. Dot Foster

Julie Jenkins, Director Children & Young People’s Services – Calderdale MDC

Rhona Radley, Deputy Head of Service Improvement Calderdale CCG

Muir Hunter, Service Manager Calderdale Open Minds Partnership

Tracy Bird, Calderdale MBC

Helen Shepherd, Calderdale CCG

Lynn Powell, Calderdale MBC

Margaret Bates, Disabled Children’s Family Link Co-ordinator

Julie Stott, Disability Partnership Calderdale

Louise Burrows, Voluntary Action Calderdale

Caroline Beardsmore, Pioneer Co-op Upper Valley

Emma Bruce, Calderdale MBC

Cath King, Parent Member & Steering Group Member of FVC

Pam Barmby, Parent Member

Danielle Durrans, Parent Member

Jodi Jackson, Parent Member

Elaine Tattersley, Parent Member

Richard James, Parent Member

Donna Thomas, Parent Member

Charlotte Worthington, Parent Member

Charmaine Stowe, Parent Member

Erin Smith, Parent Member

Helen Crabtree, Parent Member

Jacqueline Marshall, Parent Member

Jill Shaw, Parent Member

Margaret Mytton, Parent Member

Raja Naeem, Parent Member

Kimberley Grice, Parent Member

Ryan Grice, Parent Member

Sara Burge, Parent Member

Sarah Moore, Parent Member

Stevie Stott, Parent Member

Amanda Clegg, Parent Member

Ruth Baxter, Parent Member

Beverley Leslie, Parent Member

Ursula Kramska, Guest of Parent Member

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1. **Apologies**

Holly Lynch, MP

Craig Whittaker, MP

Cllr. Adam Wilkinson

Jacqui Turner, Calderdale MBC

Glenn Swindell, Calderdale MBC

Debbie Greenwood, Calderdale MBC

Samantha Wasilewski Calderdale MBC

Joanna Marshall, Calderdale MBC

Lynne Burns, Calderdale MBC

Sanna Mazhar, Irwin Mitchell Solicitors

Rebecca Haigh, Irwin Mitchell Solicitors

Joe Hanney, Open Minds Partnership

Chris Lever, Halifax Courier

Anneliese Ashworth-Lord, Open Minds Partnership

Mark O’Neill, Calderdale MBC

Charlie Johnston, VSI Alliance

Lucy Hodgson, Eastwood & Partners

Alison Sharpe, Parent Member

Amanda Bedford, Parent Member

Amy Simpson, Parent Member

Aparna Sankar, Parent Member

Helen Boswell, Parent Member

Kathleen Wyatt, Parent Member

Melissa Harper, Parent Member

Michelle Rock-Davis, Parent Member

Natalie Swadan, Parent Member

Nazia Rashid, Parent Member

Shermeela Kausar, Parent Member

Skye Barratt, Parent Member

Dawn Oswin, Parent Member

Lulu Brown, Parent Member

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**3.0 Minutes of last meeting – 8th November 2018**

Minutes were accepted as an accurate record of the meeting and adopted.

Proposer: Sunny Freakley

Seconder: David Fielden.

**4.0 Presentation of Annual Accounts (year ending March 2019)**

These were presented by Nick Wigmore, Treasurer, Trustee & Parent Member of Unique Ways

Proposer: Oliver Wilby

Seconder: Pete Ruse.

**5.0 Appointment of Auditor**

**West Yorkshire Community Accounting Service (WYCAS)**

Proposer: Martin Reynolds

Seconder: Rachel Hollingworth

**6.0 Re-election of Trustees**

**Marcus Thompson** was elected as Trustee:

Proposer: Vikki Darby

Seconder: Helen Norris

**Rachel Hollingworth** was elected as Trustee:

Proposer: Helen Norris

Seconder: Emma Poyser-Buxton

**Alison Fielden** was elected as Trustee:

Proposer: David Fielden

Seconder: Sunny Freakley

As per governance procedures, new officers will be elected at the first Board of Trustees meeting after the AGM (Tuesday 21st January 2020).

Oliver Wilby, Chair, on behalf of the Board of Trustees, thanked all the staff team of Unique Ways.

Formal business closed:

**7: Presentation of Achievements – year 2018/19**

Presentations took place focusing on: -

* Core Offer of Unique Ways.
* Service demand / membership growth.
* Spotlight on Specialist Practitioner Services.
* Development work.
* Annual Survey results & feedback – 2019.
* Family Voice Calderdale.
* Guest Speaker 1: Julie Jenkins, Director of Children’s Services
* Guest Speaker 2: Rhona Radley, Deputy Head of Service Improvement.
* Guest Speaker 3: Muir Hunter, Service Manager, Open Minds Partnership.
* Ways to support Unique Ways financially.
* Volunteer/Parent Member journey so far.

**8: Lunch & networking**

**“Unique Ways – it’s the stake in the ground that I come back to every time”.**

**Pam Barmby, Parent Member – November 2019**

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