



**CommUNITY Barnet Annual General Meeting
Wednesday 24th March
2021 at 3pm Online, via
Zoom**

Agenda

1. Introductions and Welcome

Tony Vardy, Co-Chair of Board of Trustees

Housekeeping and Welcome from Comms officer Laura Spencer followed by welcome from co-chair Tony Vardy.

Tony formally welcomed everyone on behalf of trustees and CommUNITY Barnet staff. Tony wished that could have met in person and had some tea like last year but was not to be. A reminder that this AGM reviews the financial year April 2019 to March 2020.

Tony will also give a wider update on some of the work that has been happening throughout 2020 and the Covid pandemic. If possible, we hope to hold 2020-21 AGM in person by the end of 2021 and fall back into sync.

2. Formal AGM

Formal acknowledgement and confirmation of minutes of last AGM on 30th January 2020.

The minutes of the last meeting were approved. There were no matters arising.

Confirmation of new trustees with trustee Jyoti Shah:

Confirmation of new trustees: Sharon Rutter and Prithima Athwal-Shah

Prithma Athma-Shah:

Proposed: Anita Harris

Seconded: Michael Lassman

Sharon Rutter:

Proposed: Paula Arnell

Seconded: Asmina Remtulla

Sharon Rutter

Sharon is a retired solicitor and a governor of three different school as well as being a mentor for a refugee and a member of various community groups in Finchley.

Prithma Athwal-Shah is a director of Group Control at Barclays bank and a leading member of Barclays' mentoring programme. Prithma is a mentor to women working in charity. Her main responsibilities are in Governance, Operational Risk and Compliance.

Reappointment of existing trustees: Chris Cormie and Michael Lassman

Proposed: Nazee Akbari - BRS

Seconded: Derek Hopkins – Mill Hill FiN

3. Presentation of Accounts and Appointment of Auditors Chris Cormie; Board of Trustees Treasurer

Chris Cormie, treasurer of CommUNITY Barnet presented the Annual Accounts.

This was a Summary Statement and an extract from the accounts which had been audited and the full report and accounts had been approved by the Trustees on 24 December 2020.

ACCOUNTS	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds to 31st March 2020 £	Total Funds to 31st March 2019 £
Charitable and investment income	184,130	1,066,606	1,250,736	1,387,500
Charitable activities expenditure and governance costs	(119,578)	(1,233,307)	(1,352,885)	(1,285,716)
Net (expenditure)/income for the year before transfers	64,552	(166,701)	(102,149)	101,784
Transfer between funds	108,838	(108,838)	-	-
Net (expenditure)/income for the year after transfers	173,390	(275,539)	(102,149)	101,784
Reconciliation of funds (total funds brought forward)	224,274	408,586	632,860	531,076
Total funds brought forward	397,664	133,047	530,711	632,860

Income was marginally lower than last year but this was in line with expectations with new and existing projects in development and slightly higher costs associated with organizational support and development of staff and projects. Finances continue to be in a healthy position.

There were no questions from attendees.

Appointment of Auditors. Antony Joseph and Co. are stepping down as they will no longer be offering auditing services to smaller charitable organisations. New auditors have been identified and the board are looking forward to working with them for the 2020/2021 audit and agreed that the fee will be the same as Antony Joseph. Further details are being addressed and it was requested that a final update be sent out to those in attendance to update.

This was proposed and seconded and there were no objections.

4. What a difference a year makes. Julie Pal, CommUNITY Barnet; Chief Executive

Julie welcomed everyone and gave thanks to Chris Cormie for his support and hard work. Julie reflected on what a challenging year this has been for all of us and on the national day of reflection which took place on Tuesday 23rd March.

Despite all of these challenges, Julie was able to reflect on just some of the highlights of CommUNITY Barnet's work over the last year which were

- Meeting the winners of the 40th birthday photography competition at the AGM held in January 2020
- Overseeing and delivering a volunteer day for HSBC headquarters in Newham, supporting the bank's Corporate Social Responsibility programme
- Establishing the Romanian & Eastern European Hub through a collaboration of 25 partners
- Becoming a Local Trusted Organisation in Hammersmith and Fulham to complement our Big Local work in Barnet and Brent
- Establishing CommUNITY Barnet as an independent community infrastructure organisation and supporting 50 Barnet-based charities and enterprises
- Working with colleagues across the voluntary and community sector to stand up and show support against the insidious 'Punish a Muslim' campaign and produce a video with Barnet Multifaith Forum as part of 'Building a Stronger Britain Together' government programme
- Celebrating colleagues in Healthwatch Brent being nationally recognised for their work in supporting volunteers to make a difference
- Extending the Barnet Wellbeing Service beyond the Wellbeing Hub and drawing in other statutory and community partners

Julie encouraged those in attendance to read the annual report and explained where to find it on the website: <https://communitybarnet.org.uk/annual-reports>

Julie updated that a big part of CommUNITY Barnet's work recently has been to address digital poverty, food insecurity, and homelessness - issues that unfortunately became spotlighted in the pandemic. She was delighted to welcome Rev. Helen Shannon who would be talking about how CommUNITY Barnet has been partnering with Hope North London to reach into some of the borough's most vulnerable communities.

Julie further mentioned the organizational work done in response to the #Black Lives Matter movement and some of the work the organisation has done to work with and support the most disenfranchised and marginalised communities in London, building lasting partnerships through collaborating with faith, social and voluntary organisations, all while ensuring we truly make an impact and transform people's lives. Julie thanked trustees for their high calibre support and welcomed the new trustees who bring senior-level health and social care backgrounds.

Finally, she thanked the amazing staff and volunteers of CommUNITY Barnet for all of their hard work, dedication and support.

5. Extending our Wellbeing offer - Zoe Kattah, Head of Young People Service

Young People Thrive. Updates for the 'Tri service' in Barnet, Brent and Hillingdon.

Young People Thrive (YPT) is a multi-borough service, working with children, young people (ages 0-25 years old) and their families/carers to promote good mental health and wellbeing.

In Barnet and Hillingdon, YPT have been commissioned by the local authorities and Clinical Commissioning Groups to deliver mental health and wellbeing webinars, 1-2-1, and group sessions online using Zoom by a qualified therapist and a moderator.

In Brent, the team are also delivering an awareness-raising and anti-stigma social movement that aims to empower young people by empowering them and their families to join in the discussion to transform child and adolescent mental health services.

They aim to tackle the causes of poor mental health and get a better understanding of various mental health problems and explore different coping mechanisms.

6. #Black Lives Matter – Michael Lassman & Jeni Osbourne, Head of Community Services

Board member Michael Lassman gave an update on CommUNITY Barnet's response to the Black Lives Matter movement and made it clear that passive support was no longer sought or supported. Explicit acknowledgment understanding that active support and acknowledge of racism was imperative. Michael has been a trustee of CommUNITY Barnet for over three years and a Diversity and Inclusion consultant for over 30 years.

Jeni explained that CB was explicitly anti-racist in all of the policies and work that it carries out internally and externally.

Staff member's Sadie and Laura gave their individual stories around racial inequality and discussed the support and training offered to them around systemic racism, microaggressions and unconscious bias including in dealing with racist events. Sadie reflected on the small acts that we can all commit to make the world a fairer and more just world and the responsibility of white colleagues to support all of their colleagues and clients.

Jeni Osbourne shared some of the further work and plans for the work CommUNITY Barnet are doing around racial justice and committed to the 8 point

7. Addressing insecurity and adversity head on - Revd. Helen Shannon;

In 2010 Helen & her team planted an estates church where she lives in North London called church@five, which she still leads today. She also is one of the founding trustees and Projects Director for Hope North London; and she is an Associate Minister at St Barnabas North London. Helen is a Bishop of Islington's Associate. She is a founding trustee of Hope North London East Finchley and started new food bank in North Finchley during the pandemic.

Reverend Shannon thanked Community Barnet for Fearlessly engaging with faith and community groups of all types throughout the borough and beyond. CB have been a real bridge for St Barnabas to the wider voluntary sector. Reverend Shannon reflected that the pandemic has brought the best and the worst out of each other and the voluntary sector has stood up and been counted. There have been thousands of unseen acts of kindness that so many people have been a part of. The pandemic has certainly brought the best out of CB who were able to rely on and use of the connections and hard work that CB had built up. CB were the team that she and team members 'knowledgeable glue'; they were 'pivotal 'just got on with it'

At the foodbanks during lockdown, Rev. Shannon and her partners were seriously struggling with the amount of food they needed and CB were working to source food and finding the money to pay for it immediately. This was true leadership. Rev. Shannon ended with a question for CB and

attendees? ‘How can we help you to your job even better?’ and finally ‘Well done and keep doing the work that you are doing!’

8. Vote of thanks - Anthony Jacobson

Honorary Chairman thanked Revered Shannon for her warm words and call to action. Anthony thanked everyone for attending the meeting. She proposed a vote of thanks to the speakers today and the funders, including Barnet Council, who support Community Barnet. He particularly thanked the staff and volunteers and Trustees for their work and support.

Participants

Maureen	Kendal	Cybercare
Mitshel	Martins	
Helen	Harte	CommUNITY Barnet
Robert	Koch	
Nazee	Akabri	New Citizens’ Gateway
Hannah	Newton	North London Hospice
Sara	Walsh	
Lisa	Greenspan	
Amanda	Preedy	PPG
Sadie	Gains	
Ranil	Jayasinghe	
Will	Cooper	Barnet Council
James	Masters	GBL
Kaine	Webber	HW Newham
Brian	Atkinson	
Hope	Yoloye	Living Way Ministries
Margaret	Singer	Healthwatch Barnet
Martina	Killeen	
Alison	Cornelius	London Borough of Barnet
Karen	Lewis	
Sury	Khatri	
Andy	Wright	FSB
Jeremy	Gold	
Gita	Mehmood	
Gillian	Goddard	Barnet Voice for Mental Health
Katherine	Phillips	
Derrick	Edgerton	Healthwatch Barnet
Helen	Riley	W12 Together
Esmond	Rosen	BMFF
Alison	Cornelius	Barnet Council
Rory	Cooper	CommUNITY Barnet
Trusha	Patel	CommUNITY Barnet
Veronica	Awuzudike	HW Brent
Hannah	Ward	CommUNITY Barnet
Zoe	Kattah	CommUNITY Barnet
Selina	Rodrigues	CommUNITY Barnet
Sarah	Ali	CommUNITY Barnet
Angela	Greaves	CommUNITY Barnet
Soraya	Khan	

Danusia	Brzezicka	Barnet Council Building Friendship @ East Barnet
Janice	Hembrow	Baptist Church
Suzanne	Collins	none
Marjorie	Manu	African Cultural Association
Agatha	Ferrao	Healthwatch Brent
Filomena	Komodromou	Bread n Butter CIC
Stuart	Goodman	Rainbow Money Advice
Nadia	Mihai	CommUNITY Barnet
Cait	Hall	
Adam	Morley	
Laura	Spencer	CommUNITY Barnet
Margaret	Williams	
Faizah	Tapper	CommUNITY Barnet
Rasmika	Patel	
Elaine	Thomson	Depression Alliance
Joe	Lee	Homeless Action in Barnet
Mustafe	Noor	
Fehintola	Kolawole	CommUNITY Barnet
Joy	Collins	
Peter	White	Osidge Medical Practice
Stephanie	Rose	CommUNITY Barnet
Ibrahim	Ali	HW Brent
Shilpa	Shah	CB
Cecilia	Petre	CommUNITY Barnet
John	Wilks	Friend in Need Community Centre
Lisa	Robbins	Age UK Barnet
Dorina	Poenaru	RCCT
Tony	Vardy	CommUNITY Barnet
Jyoti	Shah	Community Barnet\Sangam
Mav	Ghalley	Barnet CCG
Chris	Cormie	CommUNITY Barnet
Michael	Lassman	CommUNITY Barnet
Jeni	Osbourne	CommUNITY Barnet
Anthony	Jacobson	CommUNITY Barnet
Helen	Shannon	Hope House North London Ltd
Julie	Pal	CommUNITY Barnet
Prithma	Athwal-Shah	
Kamran	Mallick	
Sandra	Green	
Bradley	Boye-Doe	CommUNITY Barnet
Harris	Rosenberg	Boys Clubhouse
Brian	Seaton	Small Charity Support
Councillor		
Caroline	Stock	Mayor of Barnet
Gita	Mehmood	
Dr May K Erskine		
Anita	Harris	CB Trustee
Stewart	Block	Healthwatch Barnet
Jeremy	Gold	

David
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Helen
Barry
Ellen
Sandra

Thomas
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The Barnet Group
Volunteer
CB/ Leader of the Labour Group