**Mind in Mid Herts**

**(the ‘Company’)**

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Company held
on Tuesday 7 November 2023 at 16:00pm at The Vineyard Church, Brick Knoll Park, Ashley Road, St Albans, AL1 5UG

Directors’ Present Paul Ronald (Chair)
Danielle Adams
Rachel Chetty
Mary Compton
Isaac Kenyon
Neil Margereson
Lakshmi Raghavachari
Claire Wilkinson

Apologies Narcis Balalau, Ian Callaghan, Charlotte Wood

1. **Welcome & Quorum**

The Chair welcomed all those who were able to join the Annual General Meeting (the ‘AGM’). There being a quorum present, the Chair declared the meeting open.

1. **Highlights**

Paul presented the highlights, and the Treasurers Report highlights from the financial reporting year which were noted.

1. **Creating a bridge to people who need support**

Sharn and Isaac introduced this year’s theme for the AGM, which was“Building Bridges Together”, and how this has driven progress within the Charity during the year and increased visibility of the challenges for people who come to MiMH’s for support face. Isaac then introduced Ehud and Shlomit, two donors who had provided a large donation to realise the Alon’s Wellbeing Centre project in memory of their son, Alon. Ehud spoke to why they had chosen Mind in Mid Herts as the charity to donate to, which included that they believe the Charity could help build bridges to support those most vulnerable in their time of need.

1. **Presentation and awards to Volunteers**

Sharn introduced the Right Worshipful Mayor of the City and District of St Albans, Anthony Rowlands, to present on the importance of mental health wellbeing and the support of charities in Hertfordshire, where he also took the opportunity to thank the Charity and a number of individuals. Anothony then presented awards to volunteers: Justo Salmonte and Frances Gregory.

**5.** **Formal business of the meeting**

The Notice of Meeting (the ‘Notice’) dated 6 October 2023 was taken as read. It was confirmed that no questions on the Statement of Accounts or any other business of the meeting had been received from members.

All resolutions as set out in the Notice had been put to a vote by asking members to complete their proxy forms in advance of the AGM. Several members who had not had the opportunity to submit their votes via proxy form requested polling cards, which were provided and added to the results of the proxies. The final voting results were set out below and uploaded to the Charity’s website.

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| **Resolutions** | **Votes For** | **%** | **Votes Against** | **%** | **Total Votes** | **Votes Withheld** |
| 2 - To receive the Statement of Accounts | 19 | 100% | 0 | 0% | 19 | 0 |
| 3 – To elect of Lakshmi Raghavachari as a Trustee | 19 | 100% | 0 | 0% | 19 | 0 |
| 4 – To elect of Charlotte Wood as a Trustee | 17 | 94% | 1 | 6% | 18 | 1 |
| 5 – To re-elect Danielle Adams as a Trustee | 18 | 100% | 0 | 0% | 18 | 1 |
| 6 – To re-elect Narcis Balalau as a Trustee | 19 | 100% | 0 | 0% | 19 | 0 |
| 7- Re-elect Neil Margereson as a Trustee | 19 | 100% | 0 | 0% | 19 | 0 |
| 8 – To re-elect Paul Ronald as a Trustee | 18 | 100% | 0 | 0% | 18 | 1 |

1. **Building Bridges Together Personal Stories**

A number of people who have engaged in services shared their personal stories on their journey to recovery. Rob, Savanna, John and, Alex.

1. **New role at MiMH, Trustee Board Advisor**

Neil introduced the new Trustee Board Advisor role and the importance it has played in aiding the Charity to achieve it’s objectives during the year. The role, which was intended to be an advisory role to the sub-committees and act as an additional resource for management and Trustees to draw from, brought a great diversity of skills and experience into the Charity, and facilitated the building of bridges between management and Trustees.

1. **Service showcase**

The outreach service was showcased - a video which outlined the support people are offered and engaged in outside the four centres.

1. **Close**

The Chair presented the targets for the upcoming financial reporting year which included the opening of Alon’s Wellbeing centre in Hatfield and working with the NHS to open an urgent care centre.

The Chair thanked everyone for participating, Mind in Mid Herts employees for all their work including Ash for his coordination of the AGM, the speakers and contributors of the day, the staff members and volunteers who contributed to the ongoing efforts of the Charity, all the Trustees and the new Trustee Board Advisors. He also thanked the funders, donors and partner organisations.

The Chair presented medals to Patrick, Ash and Matt for their efforts in fundraising for the Charity, by running between each Centre in one day, and to Isaac for completing his Iron Man challenge.

The meeting closed at 6:04pm.

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CHAIR