

Meeting name: The Shrewsbury Ark – Shrewsbury Christian Centre Association (SCCA) Annual General Meeting

Meeting location: 32 Castle Foregate, Shrewsbury

Date and time: 05.07.22 6.30pm

Minutes:

Agenda Item	Notes
1	Welcome to AGM and Devotions
	Welcome to AGM – meeting commenced at 7pm. Emily opened the meeting, welcomed all those attending. Patron Chris Walker did the devotions
2	Apologies
3	Review of Minutes of the Annual General Meeting 2021
	Minutes of the Annual General Meeting 2021 were reviewed. Vote undertaken – no objections.
4	Chairs Report – Emily Bell Chair of Trustees
	Open Day – even without the wonderful food, flowers we have joy in what we do. Talked through the various rooms that are dedicated to our supporters – Howard room, Walker room, Wightman room, Waddington – Feather library, Chill out room, Edbrook, after Lawrence Edbrook. All great people past and present and more to come in the future. With the new building there is potential for day and night services in future
5	Manager’s Report – Wendy Faulkner - Manager
	We moved into this building in February – it took a long time to get to this point. Wendy talked about all of the services provided. No day is the same, every day is different. We couldn’t function without the support of volunteers and trustees. Things are going to get worse with prices going up. There has been a big reduction in rough sleeping numbers, the council are now more pro- active. More people are being offered accommodation. However, the number using the Ark’s services is rising, 115 in April, individuals. Our numbers are increasing. A question was asked about Outreach, Wendy said Outreach is increasingly important, working with partners and volunteers.
6	Treasurer’s Report – Jane Shaw, Interim Treasurer
	Jane Shaw has stepped into the breach following Ian’s resignation and he handed over to Lucy, whose work commitments increased and she stepped down. Improvements and renovations cost £110,000. Thanks to Jonathan and Wendy who project managed this. Thanks to June and volunteers, the shop contributes financially and also supports with clothing. Despite a slight drop in income of around 10%, the Ark has been able to maintain a surplus of around £60k. The new building is more expensive to run. We continue to be grateful to our supporters including Emma Croall, our fundraiser and Wendy the manager for attracting donations.

	<p>We are pleased to confirm Jill Robinson who will take over as treasurer in the new financial year.</p> <p>Accounts adopted – proposed by Ian Somerville, all in agreement.</p> <p>New treasurer Jill Robinson from 01/10/2022 – proposed by Jane. All in agreement.</p> <p>Reappointment of TCA Accountants - proposed by Jane. All in agreement.</p>
7	Ark Shop Report – Tony Sharpe, Trustee
	The shop is run entirely by June, the manager, and a team of volunteers. The shop makes a profit for the Ark and also provides clothing for clients, including a whole family.
8	Talk from Staff Member/Client – Jade Weston
	Jade told us about her new life/new journey and her work for Crisis, speaking up for women on the street
9	Thank you
	Lucy Kealy – Trustee Sophie Depas- Staff
10	Welcome To the Ark
	Jade Weston – Concierge Alexia Owen – Temporary Support worker Mike Haffenden - Trustee Jill Robinson - Trustee Right Rev Sarah Bullock – Patron New Trustees were voted in.
11	Long service Awards
	Awarded to volunteers who'd been with us 10 years or longer. Tony Sharpe Ian Somerville Annie Waddington-Feather Dennis Onions Adrian Allcock
12	Words of Remembrance
	Tony said goodbye to two of our clients, James Bain and Nick Evans.
13	Any other Business
	Ian Somerville said thank you to Emily on his and the charity's behalf. Q - With the cost of everything, how are we feeling going forward? Jane said that we have a reserve policy, that is our buffer. We are very aware of changing circumstances and we will be forecasting for next year. We also have targeted fundraising for specific expenditure. Emily thanked everyone for attending.
	The meeting closed at 8.30 pm