

**Annual General Meeting
Monday 8 April 2019**



**Room 20, Good Space, Floor 2
Commercial Union House, Pilgrim Street
Newcastle upon Tyne, NE1 6QE**

MINUTES

Present:

John	Maddocks	Blue Stone Consortium
Vanessa	Nogueras	Blue Stone Consortium
Alex	Shirley	Changing Lives
Julie	Marshall	Involve North East
Brendan	Hill	Mental Health Concern
Sally	Young	Newcastle Council for Voluntary Service
Jon	Niblo	NE Youth
Peter	Kelly	Public Health England North East
Karyn	Ainsley	Richmond Fellowship
Sarah	French	Sight Service
Liz	Wright	Skills for People
Chris	Drinkwater	Ways to Wellness
Mark	Mulqueen	Well Newcastle Gateshead
David	Woolley	Your Voice Counts
Warren	Hardy	Lifestyle

Apologies

Sally	Noden	Action for Children
Ian	Wolstenholme	Age UK Gateshead
Umme	Imam	Angelou Centre
Pauline	Steele	Carers Trust Tyne & Wear
Lindsay	Henderson	Changing Lives
Bob	Malpiedi	Chilli Studios
Jeremy	Cripps	Children North East
Laura	Warner	Crisis
Victoria	Strong	Disability North
Douglas	Hunter	Equal Arts
Alison	Dunn	Gateshead Advice Centre
Craig	Bankhead	Gateshead Older People's Assembly
Samantha	Man	Get Mindfuel CIC
Alene	Lee	Groundwork NE & Cumbria
Kate	Culverhouse	Groundwork ST & Newcastle
Anthony	Robinson	Key Enterprises

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Simon	James	Monkfish Productions
Katie	Dodd	Newcastle Carers
Michael	Fawole	Newcastle Law Centre
Kate	Bradley	Newcastle United Foundation
Jeff	Hurst	Newcastle YMCA
Ann	Dymyd	NIWE Eating Distress Service
Toby	Quibell	North East Wellbeing
Avril	Gibson	Northern Learning Trust
David	Smith	Oasis Community Housing
Anne	Bonner	Riverside Community Health Project
Johanne	Mears	Search
Amanda	Beckham	Seven Stories
Sandra	Hastings	Silverline Memories
Mandy	Taylor	Streetwise
Karanicolas	Panayota	The Wise Group
Alex	Wilson	Tyneside and Northumberland Mind
Elaine	Slaler	Tyneside Women's Health
Anne	Marshall	Victim Support
Steve	Nash	VOLSAG
Robin	Beveridge	Your Back Yard

1. Welcome from Brendan Hill, Chair, Blue Stone Consortium

Brendan Hill thanked everyone for coming to this Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Blue Stone Consortium. He asked the people present to introduce themselves.

2. Minutes of the AGM of 15th January 2018

The meeting agreed these as an accurate record. There were no matters arising.

3. Chair's report

BH presented Blue Stone Consortium's achievements of 2017/18 and future plans.

His report covered the work undertaken in:

- Contract and Programme Management - delivering the Fulfilling Lives Newcastle Gateshead, Well Newcastle Gateshead and Blue Stone Rights projects, the latter funded by The Baring Foundation.
- Supply Chain Development – we conducted a survey of our members to identify their workforce challenges and opportunities to support the health, care and wellbeing agenda. Findings were published on October 2017 and these were communicated to Newcastle's Integration Taskforce, helping to increase our influence in the sector.
- Supply Chain Development – We worked with four members, providers of counselling services for children and young people, to identify efficiencies and ways to co-ordinate their work to support the CCG and NHS Trust's understanding of the impact of VCS provision. BSC acted as a broker between the four providers, producing a specification document that is being used by the CCG.

As of March 2018, BSC had 44 members. Our plans for 2017/2018 were to deliver the Well Newcastle Gateshead project, supporting the development of projects and approaches to improve health and wellbeing through arts activities in the four target areas of the programme (Inner West Newcastle, Byker, Chopwell and Felling), and to broker opportunities between members and funders, commissioners and social investors.

Our plans for 2019 revolve around our continued focus of health, care and wellbeing and participation in place-based system work to shape service provision in Newcastle and Gateshead.

- Our focus will be to maintain our role in Newcastle and Gateshead health and care transformation Boards.
- We will seek opportunities to ensure the Consortium can continue to support the sector's role in Newcastle and Gateshead, maintaining sustainability in 2019/20 and beyond.

BH and VN have identified organisations that have received statutory funding, which includes current BSC members. VN will share the document with members.

In March 2019, we welcomed 2 new members, North East Wellbeing and Carers Trust Tyne & Wear. We want to encourage more membership, and we will invite organisations who are not members to join us.

BH asked members if they had any questions about the report.

Members expressed support for BSC's new direction in shaping the delivery of services and utilising insight and influence in the health and care system to benefit the most deprived areas of Newcastle and Gateshead.

4. Acceptance of annual report 2017/18

The meeting accepted the report, seconded by Brendan Hill.

5. Blue Stone Consortium Membership and Articles of Association

BH and VN proposed a change to section 10, point 2 of the Articles of Association, to remove the distinction between associate and full membership and thus make the membership process easier for existing and new members.

The meeting agreed the change. VN will submit Special Resolution and revised Articles to Companies House and The Charity Commission.

6. Acceptance of Annual Accounts 2017/18

John Maddocks, Blue Stone Consortium's outgoing Treasurer, informed the meeting that the Consortium's income in 2017/18 was £536,282 and our expenditure was £494,343, leaving a balance of £41,848.

He noted that for 2017/18 most of the income and expenditure pertained to the Fulfilling Lives project, which ended in 2018. This will change for 2018/19, with Well Newcastle Gateshead taking over as BSC's main project.

He added that BSC are below the threshold for a financial audit, as our income is below £1 million.

Brendan Hill proposed the acceptance of the accounts, Alex Shirley seconded the proposal and it was agreed by the meeting.

7. Appointment of Auditors

Brendan Hill proposed that Ellison Services be appointed. Sally Young from Newcastle Council for Voluntary Service had declared an interest prior to the meeting. Alex Shirley seconded this proposal that was agreed by the meeting.

8. Appointment of new Independent Chair, Peter Kelly

Brendan Hill introduced the new Independent Chair for Blue Stone Consortium, Peter Kelly, Centre Director for Public Health England North East.

Peter noted that he is privileged to be in this new role, as he sees great potential for BSC in an ever-changing landscape for the voluntary sector. He talked about his experience in various Trustee and Chair roles and about his current role, where he works closely with the NHS, NECS and ICS.

He highlighted the opportunity for a strategic relationship between the NHS and voluntary sector, aligning delivery of vital services with the needs of the NHS and the people in the most deprived communities of Newcastle and Gateshead to help tackle inequality. He praised the voluntary sector's ability to reach people in the greatest need and noted that he looks forward to using his experience and insights to help BSC realise its vision.

He asked members for their views and questions. A discussion ensued about the need for the NHS to respond to local differences and needs and how the voluntary sector can be an important asset to the success of this work.

Brendan Hill stated that an event will be planned later in the year to showcase the work of BSC and its membership to commissioners, local authority representatives and potential members. Details of the event and invitations will be sent closer to the time.

9. Well Newcastle Gateshead Update

Mark Mulqueen, Programme Director for Well Newcastle Gateshead, provided an overview of the project and an update of the projects supported by the Arts fund. In his presentation, he used a sketch produced by Well North resident artist Matt Worden, depicting Well Newcastle Gateshead's work to date in the four priority areas.

10. Treasurer and Trustee Vacancies

Peter Kelly stated that BSC is looking for a new Treasurer to replace John Maddocks. The role has been advertised in VONNE and via NCVS and suggestions from members are welcome.

Brendan Hill thanked John for his work during his time as BSC Treasurer and presented him with a small gift as a token of appreciation from the BSC Board and members.

11. Any Other Business

There was no other business. Brendan Hill invited all attendees to stay on and talk with Trustees and members.