

## Minutes of AGM

6<sup>th</sup> July 2017  
CVS Offices, Bedford

### Present:

Brian Cunningham  
Jason Tsiricos  
Elliott Stephenson  
Samantha Conder  
Sarah Broughton  
Tabitha Paul  
Jan Roberts  
Wendy Bird  
Len Simkins  
Sylvia MacDowell  
Sherone Phillips  
Martin Trinder

BRASS  
PBIC  
Aragon Housing Association  
Macmillan Welfare Rights – Central Bedfordshire Council  
Bedford Foodbank  
Citizen Advice Leighton Linslade  
Citizen Advice Mid Bedfordshire  
Bedfordshire Police  
Autism Bedfordshire  
Money Advice at St Andrews  
Disability Resource Centre  
CVS Beds

### Apologies

Georgia Bowers  
Trevor Moisey  
Annette Pacey  
Amanda Ryan  
David Verney

Bedford Borough Libraries  
Rutland Road Church  
BPHA  
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Advice Bedfordshire

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### Action

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Len Simkins chaired the meeting on behalf of BAF's Steering Group.

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### 3. Presentation

#### 'Immigration and BREXIT' – Implications on the Advice Sector.

Jason and Brian gave a presentation on the above topic, which was followed by a wider discussion.

A copy of the presentation can be found on the BAF website.

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### 4. Minutes of last AGM and Matters Arising

The minutes of the last AGM (30<sup>th</sup> June 2016) were accepted.

Proposed - Elliott  
Seconded - Jason

There were no matters arising.

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### 5. BAF Annual Report 2016/17

The Annual Report was circulated, discussed and accepted. A copy of the report can be found on the BAF website.

Proposed - Wendy  
Seconded - Elliott

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## 6. Treasurer's Report 2016/17

A financial summary was included in the annual report, setting out the financial position of BAF.

BAF ended the year with a small profit of £876, and a closing balance of £2,444.

The financial report was accepted.

Proposed - Elliott  
Seconded - Jason

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## 7. BAF Membership Fees

The Steering Group proposed to keep the membership fees at the same rate as 2016-17:

- £35 - standard rate
- £60 - higher rate for organisations with over 100 staff
- £10 - lower rate for organisations with only volunteers and individuals

This was accepted.

Proposed - Elliott  
Seconded - Jason

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## 8. BAF Elections

Following discussions and volunteers coming forward, the following were elected unanimously:

- Chair            Vacant
- Deputy Chair   Brian Cunningham
- Treasurer        Martin Trinder
- Member           Jason Tsiricos
- Member           Elliott Stephenson
- Member           Sherone Phillips

It was agreed that the Steering Group will consider the practicalities of nobody being appointed Chair at their next meeting.

Anybody else interested in joining the Steering Group were encouraged to contact Martin.

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## 6 Any other business

2017 is the 20th Anniversary of BAF, so the meeting closed with an Anniversary cake.

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Documents discussed at this meeting can be found at [www.bedsadviceforum.org.uk](http://www.bedsadviceforum.org.uk)