



**SALFORD HEART CARE
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
HELD ON: TUESDAY 5th NOVEMBER 2024,
WINTON BOWLING, TENNIS & SOCIAL CLUB**

Present: Alan Rowe (Treasurer)
Victor Bailey (Director)
Barbara Walker (Director)
Jane Hamilton (Therapist)
Tricia Harris (Committee Member)
Paul Brent (Committee Member)
28 Salford Heart Care members
Serena Rice (Coordinator-minutes)

The meeting opened at 11:00am. A one-minute silence was observed for those members who have passed away during the year.

1	Apologies	Action
	Apologies were received from Jim Collins (Chairman), Jean Chubb (Director), Vincent Clifford (Director), Julie Clifford (Committee Member), David Gorvett, Fred Gorvett, Olwen Dootson, Barrie Dootson, Jean Barr, David Royle, Anne Royle.	
2	Minutes	
	The minutes of the last meeting, held on Tuesday 7 th November 2023 were approved by Jane Hamilton.	
3	Matters Arising	
	All matters arising will be discussed as part of the agenda.	
4	Report and Accounts	
a)	<u>Annual Report</u> Members were provided with a copy of the Annual Report providing details on attendance during the year, activities at the clubs, grant income, social activities, volunteers and promotional activities.	
b)	<u>Annual Accounts</u> Treasurer, Alan Rowe, presented the accounts for the year ending 30 th September 2024. An explanation of the accounts was provided, together with a PowerPoint presentation of the key points. Alan confirmed that the final accounts had been thoroughly inspected by an independent examiner last week, and a certificate of approval had been issued. He explained that the accounts were prepared on a monthly basis to ensure they balanced, and were shared with the Committee. Income and expenditure: Alan explained that income was lower this year, mainly due to receiving a large grant and more donations during the previous year, which resulted in income crossing the threshold of £50,000, limiting our eligibility to apply for certain types of grants this year. The accounts show an overall loss of just under £7,000. Alan hoped to reduce the risk of further losses this year by reinstating £10 membership fees, ceasing provision of gift vouchers for raffle prizes and stopping free days at the clubs. He	

also explained that provision of reiki therapies would cease at all clubs from 2025, due to the therapist resigning, and that this service would not be replaced.

Alan highlighted some of the positive elements of our work, including the increase in membership and attendance at all branches during the year, increasing the Coordinator's salary in line with inflation, and providing additional support during the cost of living crisis - in the form of free days at the clubs, gift vouchers as raffle prizes, and subsidising coach trips using funds from raffles.

The next financial year could be tough as grant income remains uncertain. There is unprecedented demand for grants, and support appears to be shifting away from older people. This year we have relied heavily on income generated from our investments, including Bright Wealth Management, increasing by more than £5,000.

The merger of Virgin and Nationwide has meant that we have transferred some of our investments to Cambridge and Counties to ensure we maintain protection under the Financial Services Compensation Scheme. This will deliver a good rate of return (4.7%) over 2 years.

Alan confirmed that we would continue to subsidise social occasions using income generated from raffles, and that door entrance fees would not be increased. This should help to encourage attendance at the branches.

Alan asked if there were any questions on the accounts.

Marion asked if it would be possible to use more of the surplus funds from the accounts to support activities at the clubs, to encourage more members to attend, particularly at Eccles. She also asked if members could be encouraged to support bric a brac sales. The Coordinator explained that it was good practice for charities to carry a surplus to show that they are sustainable in the long term. The surplus could sustain us for 3-4 years in the event of receiving no income. Furthermore, income from investments this year has been relied on to offset our losses, and this will also continue to provide support next year. Attendance at Eccles has improved in recent months and it would be a struggle to accommodate many more members at the venue. Income from bric a brac sales continues to support our work.

Linda Hanson expressed sadness that reiki would no longer be available at the club and asked if it would be possible to ask members to pay more to support it. The Coordinator explained that reiki was already heavily subsidised and that increasing the charge to members would deter them from using the service.

Sue Collins reminded members that they could take part in Salford Red's Lottery at the club. The Coordinator explained that for every £1 ticket sold, 40 pence was donated back to Salford Heart Care, and this has generated a donation of £1,000 during this financial year.

Marion questioned the impact of the recent budget on our service. The Coordinator said that many charities were concerned about this and that it would increase costs and therefore increase the need for grants and donations to

	<p>support their work. The changes in relation to employer's national insurance contributions will not affected our charity as we are still within the allowance.</p> <p>Marion asked if we are aware of the location of the defibrillator at Winton Social Club. The Coordinator explained that it was located in a secure box at the entrance, and that instructions for use should be provided when calling 999 in the event of an emergency.</p> <p>Alan asked for the accounts to be adopted - agreed by Jane Hamilton and David Lees.</p>	
5	Appointment & Election of Officers	
	<p>Serena listed the names of current Directors and Steering Committee members.</p> <p>Members were invited to join Salford Heart Care's Steering Committee and explained how much time and commitment this would require.</p> <p>The members agreed that the Directors and Committee Members should be reappointed for the forthcoming year.</p>	
6	Membership Subscriptions 2024-2025	
	<p>It was agreed at last week's Committee Meeting that £10 Membership subscriptions would be reinstated this year. Grace Jarvis asked when the fee needed to be paid. The Coordinator confirmed that subscription forms will be available at the clubs and would be collected during the next few weeks. A list of paid members would be maintained on the club register.</p>	
7	Any Other Business	
	<p>Jane Hamilton wished to thank the Coordinator, the volunteers and all the members for their help at making Salford Heart Care a fantastic success once again, particularly in terms of what we are able to deliver and our financial stability. Jane reminded members of her role at the clubs as a psychotherapist and emphasised that she had helped to save 4 lives at Little Hulton just last week by providing ECGs. The members agreed with Jane's comment and thanked the Coordinator and volunteers with a round of applause.</p>	
	The meeting closed at 11:35am.	