



WEST END REFUGEE SERVICE

West End Refugee Service (WERS)
St Philip's Close
Arthur's Hill
Newcastle upon Tyne, NE4 5JE
Charity Number: 1077601

West End Refugee Service 2023 AGM

12.30, 7th December 2023, One Strawberry Lane, Newcastle upon Tyne NE1 4BF

Attendees: 64

Apologies

Patron Hari Shukla, Trustees Bridget Wigham and Georgina Wright, Supporters Sean and Linda Fugill, Campbell and Ruth Grant

AGM 6th December 2022 Minutes

Proposer – Chris Millman /Seconder – Nicholas Sagovsky

The minutes of the 2022 AGM were unanimously approved.

Annual Accounts 2022-23 were presented by Treasurer Chris Millman and a question about the reserves policy and current level of reserves held was taken from the floor. Chris confirmed the reason for the chosen permitted range and that unrestricted reserves recorded in the 22-23 accounts were at the high end.

Annual Accounts 22-23 were unanimously approved – proposer - Tessa Sayers, seconder - Farah Kurji

Trustees Annual Report 2022-23 was presented by Tessa Sayers, who thanked staff – current members and those who had left during the year – and volunteers for their commitment and hard work which had enabled WERS to have the impact described in the report.

The Trustees Annual Report was unanimously approved - Proposer – Tessa Sayers/seconder - Helen Giblin-Jarret

Authorisation for trustees to appoint an independent examiner for 23-24 and set their fee

Proposer - Tessa Sayers, seconder - Chris Millman. Authorisation was approved unanimously.

Election of Trustees for 23-24

The three officers – Chair, Secretary and Treasurer were voted for individually, and other trustees were voted for en bloc. All nominations were approved unanimously.

Chair –	Tessa Sayers
Treasurer –	Chris Millman
Secretary –	Bridget Wigham
Trustees –	Charity Mwaura
	John Howard Norman
	Georgina Wright
	Ghada Saeed
	Nadia Igsiz

There was no other business.

Tessa closed the AGM and handed over to CEO Peter Noble to present the past, current and future work of WERS and introduce the consultation that AGM attendees were invited to participate in, to shape WERS' strategic objectives,