

**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Somerset Court Autistic Trust  
Held at Somerset Court on Saturday July 5 2014**

**Present:** Mr N.Sugden(Chairman)  
Mr G.de Groot ( Secretary)

Dr. M. Allison  
Mr F. Burnell  
Mrs I.Burnell  
Mr . M, Burnell  
Mrs,Y. Burnell  
Mr.J. French  
Paul Graham  
Mr B.Harris  
Mrs M. Hinckes  
Mr W.Hinckes  
Jan Lilley  
Jo O'Neil  
Judith C Sigullead  
Mr G. Williams  
Roy Smith  
Joy Sugden  
Oliver Wilson

Mr.J. Bussell  
Mrs K. Bussell  
David Davies  
Margaret Davies  
Mrs I. de Groot  
Mrs M.French  
Jane Graham  
Mrs, N. Harris  
Mr. D. Hinckes  
Mrs.S. Horack  
Mary Lewis  
Tony O'Neil  
Alyson Ward  
Mr George Williams  
Julie Smith  
Dawn Quelch  
Barbara Wilson

**1Apologies:**

Apologies were received from Linda Rhead , and MrsP. Williams

**2. Minutes of last meeting:** Were approved as a correct record. Proposed by Mrs. I. Burnell , seconded by Mrs. J. Sugden

**3. Matters arising:**

There were no matters arising, but a discussion emerged about the recent transfer of five Court residents to Fernery House. Secretary pointed out that given the nature of SCAT's constitution and given that Fernery was not a subsidiary of the Court but was part of Burnham Services SCAT could not support it.

As a possible solution Mrs Horack suggested that consideration should be given to some such formula as SCAT giving support to units where the majority of the residents had been at the Court for at least five years before transfer.

Dr Allison said that given these developments SCAT should keep alert to the direction of travel of the NAS.

Chairman informed the meeting That SCAT had made a significant contribution to this year's Partnership Day by paying for the marquee and the jazz band.

**4. Accounts**

Chairman circulated copies of the latest accounts.

The accounts were unanimously adopted, proposed by Mrs . I. Burnell and seconded by MR. G. Williams

Secretary Pointed out that once again expenditure exceeded income and there was a limit to how long this could go on.

Chairman directed the meeting to the SCAT website which showed five ways in which members could help to raise money for SCAT and informed of the existence of collecting boxes which could be situated in their homes.

## **5 A.O. B.**

The main item discussed under this heading was the forthcoming 40th anniversary celebrations.

Mr G. Williams suggested that the event should be opened up to the village and that subject to NAS agreement we should seek volunteer helpers from the local community.

He also asked that the Sybil Elgar portrait be found and put on display, that we should support a local swimming pool in order to get private sessions for our residents, and that we should attempt to get the Royal Patron to the event.

Chairman suggested that Jane Asher should be invited.

Other suggestions included refurbishing the sensory garden. servicing the go-karts, putting a swing in the grounds and planting a commemorative tree. It was felt that the NAS should pay for some of these items, especially give that the Court was a major income contributor.

The meeting was then joined by Michelle Payne who outlined a five year plan, agreed to circulate the minutes of last October's meeting in the Fox and Goose, and agreed the formation of some kind of parent's association could be beneficial.

The meeting closed at 12.55 am

.

.

