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The FAN Charity Reg No 1134900: Companies House No 715056

15th Annual General Meeting of Directors/Trustees of the FAN Charity

The meeting was held at the United Reform Church 6.15pm Tuesday 28th October 2025

Present: Ian Thomson (Chair), Peter Akers (Treasurer), Jane Tooby, (minutes) Huda Khiralseed, Deepika Bagga, Donald Sargeant Jane Booty, Sara Jones (Vice-Chair), Mohammad Jazini, Sarah Duncan Jones(Trustees); David Coombs, Zahra Afshari Amin (Members)

Apologies: Katherine Kanyeihamba,

Ian welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Minutes: The minutes of the previous FAN Charity Annual General Meeting dated 2.10.24 were read and passed as a true record with the corrected date. Proposed Peter Akers, seconded Jane Tooby There were no matters arising.

Election of Trustees for 2025-2026

The following Trustees were elected.

	Trustee	Proposed	Seconded	Carried
1	Ian Thomson	Jane Tooby	Jane Booty	Unanimously
2	Jane Tooby	Sara Jones	Sarah Duncan Jones	Unanimously
3	Peter Akers (until 31.12.25)	Ian Thomson	Jane Tooby	Unanimously
4	Huda Khiralseed	Jane Tooby	Jane Booty	Unanimously
5	Katherine Kanyeihamba	Jane Booty	Jane Tooby	Unanimously
6	Sara Jones	Ian Thomson	Sarah Duncan Jones	Unanimously
7	Jane Booty	Sara Jones	Ian Thomson	Unanimously
8	Deepika Bagga	Sarah Duncan Jones	Jane Booty	Unanimously
9	Donald Sargeant	Ian Thomson	Jane Tooby	Unanimously
10	Sarah Duncan Jones	Jane Booty	Jane Tooby	Unanimously
11	Mohammad Jazini	Jane Booty	Ian Thomson	Unanimously

Election of official posts.

Ian Thomson was happy to remain as Chair: proposed by Donald Sargeant and seconded by Huda Khiralseed. He was elected unanimously

Sara Jones was happy to remain as Vice-Chair: proposed by Sarah Duncan Jones and seconded by Donald Sargeant. She was elected unanimously

Peter Akers was happy to remain as Treasurer until 31.12.25 when Mohammad Janzini takes over: proposed by Huda Khiralseed and seconded by Jane Tooby. He was elected unanimously

Presentation of The Annual Report and Accounts of the FAN Charity 2024-25

Ian Thomson noted that the report had been circulated but wanted to make a few key points. He said that this had been a successful year, with more FAN Groups at the end of the year than at the beginning. Most of the groups are face to face. The new strategic plan 2024-2027 had been produced after considerable consultation and adopted. had been excellent fundraising through the cook book and our former Chairperson Roy Skelton, who had raised a remarkable amount of money for FAN from a 10-k run.

In December Trustees had to make the difficult decision not to apply for large lottery funding. We had to look at how to manage FAN going forward when money was running out. He said it was credit to Sarah Duncan Jones, as manager, that there was a smooth transition to the new way of working with the staff taking on fewer hours. He thanked Trustees for taking extra responsibility as things change.

Our treasurer referred to the examined accounts which had been circulated. He said that our reserves were now being used and that there is funding until the end of April 2026. Going forward new funding is being sought.

The vote to adopt the 2024-25 Annual Report and Accounts was proposed by Jane Booty and seconded by Donald Sargeant and was carried unanimously. Signed copies are retained for the Treasurer and the FAN File.

Formal thanks and acknowledgements

Ian noted particular thanks to

- Our External Examiner Wayne Strong
- All Trustees of the FAN Charity for their commitment and contributions to Trustee meetings and Working Groups
- FAN Facilitators and volunteers for their continued care and support. FAN Ambassadors who are sharing about FAN in their communities.
- Gill Saunders FAN Founder who continues to inspire us with her love for the charity
- FAN Members represented David and Zahra today
- Our wonderful FAN Staff Sally Smith Administrative Support; Janina Kuczys Support and Development Officer, Philippa Wisdom Swansea Development and Support Officer, Caroline Dodd project officer in St Athan

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Sarah thanked Ian for all his work for FAN, this was agreed by all present. He was being put forward for the C3SC Trustee of the Year award for 2025. Zahra thanked Trustees on behalf of the FAN Groups.

Special thanks were given to Peter Akers who was retiring from the Treasurer role in December 2025 after many years of valuable service to the charity.

The meeting closed at 18.50.