

# Deaf Action

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting 2018

4 November 2018

CCS Disability Action, Erson Ave, Royal Oak

**Present:** Ian Ray, Kim Robinson, Anna Dubbelt, Abbie Twiss, Tauri Lyndon, Monica Leach, Rachel Coppage, Lynette Southey-Ray, Rachel Noble, Sonia Pivac, Pia Jane, Adam Jane

## Meeting opened 12.20

1. **Karakia** – Tauri Lyndon
2. **Welcome** - Kim welcomed everyone to Deaf Action's 3<sup>rd</sup> AGM
3. **Quorum** - Twelve people are present so we have a quorum. Also using Zoom for the first time
4. **Apologies:** Hemi Hema, Lorraine McQuigg, Royce Flynn, Victoria Lessing

Rachel/Lynette Carried

5. **Minutes of the 2017 AGM** accepted as true and correct Rachel/Lynette Carried

6. **Matters arising from the minutes** – nil

7. **Chair Report:** Kim read his report Monica/Pia Carried

8. **Matters arising from the Chair's report**

Deaf Action needs to develop an advocacy plan. Also, the community needs guidance on how to advocate so more people are advocating in a variety of ways

Deaf Action recently looked at posts made in the closed group over one month. Will repeat as this will assist us in understanding what our priorities are

Other advocacy groups do a lot of online petitions, we could do the same

Thank you to Deaf Action for doing a lot of work

Often the topics are big and have been going on for many years

Openness and transparency is important to Deaf Action

Ongoing issue for Deaf in hospitals without access to interpreters. Deaf Action report was a monitoring one.

Often Deaf don't know how to make complaints

This discussion to be moved to General Business Kim/Rachel Carried

#### 9. Finance Report

Lynette presented the accounts Tauri/Kim Carried

Comment: Good to see WATCH US funding acknowledged and to see the platform set up. Could use this for advocacy questions in the future. Will be considered by the Watch Us team.

Lynette thanked for her work on this report

#### 10. Election of the Committee

Two positions open – Secretary and one committee member

Nominations received from Secretary – Rachel Noble, Committee – Hemi Hema

No need for election Lynette/Monica Carried

The committee can decide if they wish to coop anyone

Kim – has one more year to go in his term, same with Lynette and Ian

Thanks to Pia and Adam Jane for their involvement in the committee so far.

#### 11. Remits

No remits received

#### 12. General Business

Deaf Actions role in EGL. Deaf Reps in groups, Watch Us could pick up stories, More education throughout the community, put in strategy?

So many reviews etc. WEAG (Welfare) good example of why need Deaf specific engagement, as well as allowing Deaf to participate mainstream

Health access issue

Sonia – deaf action to educate govt depts on why need to meet with Deaf as well as with mainstream things

Move these issues to the committee

Need staff

Deaf Action and Deaf Aotearoa. Need more collective meeting, more open. In past had DEANZ – rare and valuable. Part of Deaf View 4?

#### 13. Another matter arising. Defer Treaty of Waitangi action from last year to next year

Tauri explained newly established Māori Deaf group. Less confusion

14. **Meeting closed**

Sonia/Anna 1.38