

Brittle Bone Society AGM Meeting & Conference  
Online Conference (Zoom)

Present: Executive Committee – Elaine Healey - Chairman, John Phillips Vice Chairman and  
Robert Gordon – Treasurer & Patricia Osborne CEO

### **Welcome and introductions**

Elaine Healey Chairman welcomed all to the AGM. (list of attendees and apologies are held).

EH confirmed copies of the full AGM pack of all relevant documents had been published to the website including accounts, candidate biographies and Q and A factsheet, Charity constitution and new draft constitution plus the Charity's Annual review.

EH confirmed the proposed online participation features via the online chatbox and encouraged questions and comment.

### **Treasurers Report – Robert Gordon Trustee**

RG stated that at first glance the accounts for the year show a large deficit of £67k.

The majority of this was planned as £43k was utilised from the designated funds in the year for wheelchairs and research grants. The deficit on the conference last year was also £16k.

There was a legacy received in the year but the research grants and wheelchair grants were a result of the large legacy received some years ago which was designated into certain areas for expenditure.

Whilst other costs were in line with the previous year income from donations was down 18% on the previous year but fundraising was down 46%.

Brittle Bone Society like the majority of other charities will also see a further decrease in fundraising income this year due to the number of events that have been cancelled due to the coronavirus epidemic.

The charity remains healthy with over a years' worth of expenditure in reserves where you would usually aim for 6 months.

### **Formal Business Section**

#### **Secretary – Mirrick Koh**

MK listed the resolutions:

1. Annual report and accounts 31 March 2020
2. elections of certain of the Trustees
3. Re-appoint auditors
4. resolution to change the society from an un-incorporated association to incorporated charitable entity.

MK explained resolutions to be assumed passed unless any objections raised, and to do so in the chat box.

### **Incorporation of the Brittle Bone Society (Charity Status / Change) –**

## Vice Chairman – John Phillips

JP explained the key reasons for the trustee board proposal. All as outlined in our Q and A fact sheet (which had been published on our website). A number of questions were posed and answered and a full record of all comments are held.

## Resolutions – Results

1. **Annual report and accounts** – Proposed by Robert Gordon and seconded by John Phillips
2. Re-election of **Gareth Cumming** – Proposed by Elaine Rush and seconded by David Queen
3. Re-election of **Angie Stewart** – Proposed by Yvonne Grant and seconded by Helen Chappell
4. Re-appoint auditors **Bird Simpson** – Proposed by Robert Gordon and seconded by John Phillips
5. Changing the Charity status to **Incorporated** – Proposed by Steve Edney, seconded by Sally Harris

## Charity's Operational report – Patricia Osborne CEO

PO gave a brief overview of the year's highlights as listed in Annual Review. Thanks were noted to the Medical Advisory Board and Scientific Advisory Board, gratitude to all Trusts and grant making organisations for their financial support.

Acknowledgement to staff, trustees and ordinary members who raise awareness and fundraise for us.

PO listed goals going forward including: clinical care guidelines, registries, adult rare bone service within the NHS, continuing with financial support for wheelchairs and equipment, resurrection of our research programme when possible and hopes to create and host events.

In recognition of the current Covid19 pandemic – a commitment was given to continue with support, online and alternative communications and events.

Vote of thanks - ENDS.