

Minutes of Carrey Friend AGM held on 06 March 2007 at 10 Mount Bradda, Douglas at 7.30pm

Present: Steven Moore, Louise Byrne, Mark Davison, Lily Mo, Faye Moffett, Lee Hall & Tony, Paul Beckett.

Apologies: John Wright, Chris Barr, Ken Ward

Chairman

Mark Davison was appointed Chairman of the AGM.

Accounts

The accounts for the period ending 31st December 2006 were taken as read and adopted.

Election of Officers

The meeting confirmed in office – Mark Davison (Convenor), Chris Barr in his absence (Secretary), Ken W in his absence (Treasurer), John Wright in his absence (Auditor).

Any other business

General discussion about web site and forums, the continuing lack of a venue where members of the LGBT community in the Isle of Man have the opportunity to feel comfortable expressing their sexuality, difficulty for people coming out.

Speaker evening

Paul Beckett was invited to chair this part of the meeting and for the benefit of those present gave a background into the proposed visit to the Island by Angela Eagle MP as guest speaker at a function to be held by Carrey Friend.

Paul through his firm Mannin Chambers has kindly offered to underwrite Angela Eagle's expenses, including travel and accommodation. Angela has a track record in human rights and equality and it was proposed Lily could put together a briefing pack to include some of the history of the Island, its politics, its stance toward human rights and equality, along with input from the original founders of CF to give a history of the organisation.

Paul B is to approach Alistair Audsley of Solus, who has been appointed by the Isle of Man Government to promote the island's image. in an attempt to gain Government endorsement to promote the event under the "Freedom to Flourish" tag line. A modern open society should uphold equality and freedom for the LGBT community in just the same manner as the community at large.

The speaker evening should be a semi-formal event, open to all, not just Politicians, officials and the LGBT community. It was agreed that we should send out 100 formal invites to the HR depts. of larger corporations, whose UK counterparts, and in some cases the local firms, will have diversity policies to work towards. It was also agreed that we should invite the Trades Unions, the Employment Federation, DHSS, Chamber of Commerce, the Breweries.

The main goal of the evening would be to raise the profile of CF and promote equality. It should be a 'high profile, low key' event, no different to any other charity awareness raiser. We should have literature for people to take away with a brief but interesting story of the history of CF, why and how it was formed, along with some general facts and figures and advice on where to get more information.

CF will write to Angela, formally requesting her as a speaker, the event to be held sometime towards the end of July / beginning of August. The venue is to be decided, but Peter Karran MHK has suggested informally that it be held within the Tynwald complex.

Initial tasks are: PB to speak to Alistair Audsley. Lily M to prepare briefing pack and deal with press releases. CF to write to Angela. Lily M to approach with a 'warmer' phone call to the larger organisations.

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 8.50pm

Mark Davison
Chairman