

Council for Learning Outside the Classroom Annual General Meeting Minutes

Thursday 26th November 2015

Gilwell Park Conference Centre, Epping Forest, Essex

1. RECEIVING APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

No formal apologies were received.

2. OPENING REMARKS

Anthony Thomas, Chair of CLOtC Board of Trustees, welcomed attendees and gave a summary of the previous year's developments at CLOtC.

The CLOtC stakeholder engagement survey has been one of the major events of the year. The results of the survey are critical in steering this year's work and the future work of the charity.

The clearest messages to come out of the survey are that our members want us to:

- Provide leadership and direction for the sector
- Strengthen and develop sector partnerships
- Facilitate links between sector partnerships
- Mobilise sectors to work together to advocate LOtC and influence policy
- Achieve a greater impact in shaping national policy

CLOtC has responded by:

- Talking to sector partnerships about how we can strengthen and develop sector partnerships & facilitate links between sectors
- Establishing the LOtC Sectors Working Group to act as a mechanism to enable sectors to work together to achieve a greater impact in advocating LOtC & facilitate links between research, policy and practice
- Taking on the leadership of the Strategic Research Group for Learning in the Natural Environment (SRG LINE) to enable the sector to be effective in sharing, influencing and shaping future research
- Leading the Learning Away Legacy Consortium and working with Consortium members to promote and champion residential learning & ensure more effective and high quality residential experiences

CLOtC is achieving continued growth, which is very encouraging in the current climate. Figure stand at 933 LOtC Quality Badge holders; 96 LOtC Mark accredited schools and 777 members of LOtC across all categories.

Tony finally delivered what he considers the most important piece of news, that CLOtC is now financially sustainable in its own right from its earned income streams without being reliant on third party funding.

3. ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE PERIOD FROM 1 APRIL 2014 UNTIL 31 MARCH 2015

The report was unanimously accepted.

Proposed by – Chas Matthews

Seconded by – Brian Ogden

4. APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR

The Board recommends the appointment of Ling Phipp, Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditor, as the Council's auditor for the period ending on 31 March 2016.

The proposal was unanimously accepted.

Proposed by – Rob Lucas

Seconded by – Paul Airey

5. RESOLUTION 1. ELECTION OF TRUSTEES

Ian Pearson has now resigned as a trustee of CLOtC. There were two nominees for his position:

- Gillian Harvey, proposed by Steve Craven and seconded by Anthony Thomas
- Peter Carne proposed by John Stevenson and seconded by Anthony Thomas

After a membership vote Peter Carne was elected.

Tony passed his commiserations to Gillian and expressed the hope that she and CLOtC will be able to find many other ways of working together in the future.

Justin Dillion re-stood for election as a user nominee. As there were no other user nominations Justin Dillon was duly re-elected to the board of Trustees.

6. CLOSING REMARKS

Tony reiterated that the future of CLOtC would be shaped directly by the results of the stakeholder survey. The main priorities of the coming year are, in no particular order:

- To continue to develop membership, CPD and accreditations and increase numbers of participants for each, as key priority areas
- To work collaboratively through the LOtC Sectors Working Group to develop and implement a programme aimed at tackling the key challenges and advocating the benefits of LOtC to government, key influencers and schools
- To work with the Strategic Research Group for Learning in the Natural Environment (SRG LINE) to enable the sector to be effective in sharing, influencing and shaping future research and to support evidence led policy and practice

- To consolidate the current position of financial stability & increase income in order to enable CLOtC to be even more effective in fulfilling its charitable aims