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Minutes of the Meeting held

Thursday March 7th 2019 at 39, Elm Quay Court, London SW8

Present:
Lorna Lewis (LL) – Chair
Mandy Posnett (MP) – professional member
Anna Doherty (AD) – lay member
Christine Truelove (CT) – lay member
In attendance:
Monika Jephcott (MJ) PTUK
Jeff Thomas (JT) PTUK

1. **Chair's opening remarks**
   Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. **Apologies for absence**
   Lynne Souter Anderson (LSA) – professional member

3. **Conflict of Interest Declaration**
   LL reminded members of the requirement to declare any specific conflict of interest for agenda items. None declared.

4. **Minutes of meeting held on 5th November 2018**
   These were agreed as a correct record.

5. **Matters arising**
   None

6. **Risk Management and Annual Audit Report**
   MJ thanked BCTIWC for the way Council had assisted with his preparation of the Risk Management Document. While JT progressed with the work Council members were sent copies of the draft document at each stage of its compilation. At various stages Council members suggestions were incorporated into the document. MJ, JT and LL met members of the PSA Accreditation Team in December 2018 and discussed the Risk Management Document. Members of the Accreditation Team thanked JT & LL for their work and complimented him on the wide reaching nature of the document and were impressed with it.

JT was asked to speak on the subject of Risk Management at the PSA's next Accredited Registers Seminar/ Conference on April 2 2019. JT is aware that some of the checklists need some additions and while he is preparing for the seminar these will be added. BCTIWC members agree with JT that the Risk Management policies should be gradually introduced over the next 5 years.

The Annual Audit Report was compiled by Chair of BCTIWC and sent to the PSA in November 2018. The Annual Audit Report was discussed during the meeting with members of the PSA Accreditation Team and LL was thanked for the report and its breadth. It was also acknowledged that JT and MJ had kept BCTIWC informed of developments and involved BCTIWC in the many areas of their work. We were advised that the report could be scaled back in future years.

7. **PTUK Directors Report (MJ/JT)**

MJ reported that on 1.2.19 there were 2085 registrants due to renew of which 859 were trainees leaving 1226 members. 1,710 have paid. [Redacted].

JT said that 50% registrants renewed with Caerus and 50% with Excel which is an excellent number using Caerus and it is thought this is partly due to the workshops on Caerus that have been available across the country and registrants are seeing how useful the whole system is to their work. [Redacted]..

JT gave many examples of statistics from feedback from students about the training courses. It is pleasing for BCTIWC to see that there were all very positive numbers of students very happy with the courses and tutors, for example 99% in 2017/18 would recommend the course without any reservations and the overall course rating in 2017/18 was 4.63 out of a possible 5.

1346 trainees who registered with Leeds Becket University are still registered with PTUK implying that they are employed or still in the profession compared to the total registration of 1615. This is 83% of the registrants which gives an attrition rate of 17%, with an annual rate of 3.4%.

There has been a steady growth in members training each year, from approximately 200 a year to around 400 a year now. This is primarily due to new venues being available. JT has produced a map of Great Britain showing the venues and the areas that were within one hour's drive of each of them. This showed that across the country, courses are easily accessible for the majority of areas. [Redacted].

A major concern for JT and MJ is the erosion of the market for registered Play Therapists by low cost CPD courses being offered, in particular to teachers and learning support workers. These courses advertise that the person is ready and equipped to work with children after a short introductory course, with no back-up of supervision or of a professional organisation such as PTUK.

JT acknowledged that thanks to Professor Fraser Brown, lecturer at Leeds Becket University, PTUK has become a contributor to the All Party Parliamentary Group on a Fit and Healthy Childhood. BCTIWC members attended the reception to launch the report 'Children's Mental Health beyond the Green Paper: the role of Practice Based Evidence', sponsored by Play Therapy UK. JT's Seven Opportunities and Seven Ways Forward were accepted in the report

and PTUK directors and members will need to continue working towards getting them accepted by the government at a national and local level. To continue this work, JT is working in collaboration with, and the support of, the All Party Parliamentary Group towards a "Child Mental Health Charter" which Council members reviewed and are happy to support.

Finally JT and MJ have put in place a solid succession plan to carry the programme of work forward beyond the next six years.

8. **Financial Report**
   LL reported that the balance at the bank is (Redacted)

   LL reported that the annual accounts for 2017/18 had been prepared by Williams Giles Ltd and posted on Companies House website.

9. **Any other business**
   None

10. **Date of next meeting**
    Thursday 17th October 2019