

# The Sophie Cameron Trust

Minutes of the  
Annual General Meeting  
Monday 23 November, 2009  
at 7.30pm

The Hudson Centre, The Royal High School, Bath

1. Prior to the start of the meeting, James Graham Brown, Head of the Royal High School, addressed the meeting with regard to the dedication of the new arts centre at the school. He said that he was delighted to announce that the centre would be dedicated to Sophie and would be called the "Sophie Cameron Performing Arts Centre." The announcement was greeted by much applause. James spoke about the focus and strong connections between the school, the memory of Sophie and the SCT and stated that the RHS had much to thank the trust, the Cameron family and Sophie for. He added that the governors, the senior management team and the School Council were all delighted that the centre will be dedicated to Sophie particularly as it represents continuity – a dynamic monument that will take the community in to the future. James asked that the Cameron family together with the trust give consideration as to how the opening should be marked and celebrated. Sandy Joakim agreed to talk to the Cameron family and then to speak to Becky Dougall who will be the new head of the RHS from January 2010 following James's retirement. On behalf of the trustees, Sandy Joakim thanked James for his support for the trust and wished him, and his wife Suzie, a happy, healthy and fulfilling retirement.
2. Dr. Richard Wharton, as Chairman, welcomed everyone to the AGM.
3. Apologies were received from Derwent Campbell, Judith and Phillip Cameron, Sue Howell, Teresa Wharton, Vivien Hynes, Theresa Whiteside, Tony Howell, Brian Joakim and David Edwards.
4. The Minutes of the 2008 AGM were read by Sandy Joakim and as there were no matters arising, the minutes were approved by the meeting and signed off by the chairman.
5. The proposal was that the trustee officers – Chairman (Richard Wharton), Treasurer (Mark Hynes) and Secretary (Sandy Joakim) should be collectively nominated and seconded to serve until the next AGM in November 2010 – which they were. All other trustees

– Richard Steele, Michael Robson, Sue Lucas, Bernard Whiteside and Derwent Campbell (in absentia) were nominated and seconded to continue in post until November 2010.

6. The accounting statements, report and balance sheet of the SCT for the year ended 31 December 2009 were presented to the meeting by the Treasurer, Mark Hynes. The Chairman reported that the trustees had approved the accounts and thanked Mark and Sue Howell for all their work in connection with the management of the finances of the trust.

7. It was agreed that Moore Stephens should be appointed as auditors for 2010.

8. The Chairman gave his report. He stated that funds would continue to be used to fulfil and achieve the key aims and objectives of the SCT and that funds had already been committed/allocated up to 2011 for research. In relation to fundraising he explained that activities had been scaled down in anticipation of the fact that the trust has now served its purpose. The generosity of many had enabled the raising of awareness of Encephalitis Lethargica and the funding of important related research. Funding of Joel Vilensky's seminal text on encephalitis lethargica, which will include written contributions by Judith Cameron and Richard Steele, will facilitate publication in 2010. The text will be dedicated to Sophie. The new arts centre at the Royal High School will also be dedicated to Sophie.

Dr. Wharton made the point that in winding down the trust, the expectation is that it will be legally wound up at the AGM in November 2010. However, it is hoped that the website will continue (as an information/forwarding facility) and that the trustees will examine the options and report.

In his concluding remarks the chairman said that he felt that the ten years of the trust should be marked and that an event which combines the opening of The Sophie Cameron Arts Centre and the end of the work of the trust could be appropriate and discussions would take place.

9. Dr. Bernard Whiteside, Chairman of the SCT Fundraising Committee, reported that although the level of fundraising activities had reduced the trust was still receiving money from the RHS and will donations. He also made the point that Sue Howell was still working to recover tax rebates and thanked her for this work. Dr. Whiteside concluded by thanking all supporters for their commitment to the trust.

10. Richard Steele spoke to his report (copy on file) in relation to research activities. He also introduced Priyamvada Dua, the PhD

student currently sponsored by the SCT who gave an excellent presentation of her work to date following the AGM.

Sandy Joakim, on behalf of the trustees, thanked Richard Steele for his commitment to ensuring optimum outcomes for the research projects. Mrs. Joakim said that Richard Steele's efforts had enabled close co-operation between the trust and leading researchers in the field and, thus, the achievement of key objectives.

11. There were no other matters raised.

12. The date for the 2010 AGM was provisionally agreed for 23 November at 7.30 pm and the meeting was closed.