



**Action Minutes of the meeting of the Karten Network  
held on 21<sup>st</sup> July 2016 at the offices of RNIB 105 Judd Street,  
London WC1H 9NE**

**Directors Present**

Arwyn Jones (Chair)  
Rohan Slaughter (Vice Chair)  
Christine Price  
Matthew Kayne  
Joe Cash  
Vic Myko

**In Attendance**

Alex Davis (Trustee)  
Sandi Wassmer (Jewish Care)  
Dawn Green  
Martin Pistorius

Welcome and introductions were facilitated by AJ. SW was welcomed as an observer. It was noted that this would have been JE final meeting as he is resigning as a Board Director.

**1. Apologies**

Apologies were received from Joel Elias.

**2. Minutes of the last meeting (18.02.16)**

Minor amendment noted on pg 1, Tom Simon to be amended to Tim Simon. The minutes were approved as a true record by those present at the last meeting.

**3. Matters arising from the minutes**

None at this point as items were to be discussed later on in the agenda. All relevant actions had been carried out since the last meeting.

**4. Board Purpose and Ambition**

AJ gave an overview of the changing context in which we operate stating that it was timely that we take stock and be

clear about the purpose, role and ambition of the Karten Network and the Network Board. RS stated that providers are dealing with significant funding pressures. The impact of the merger of the DfE and BIS may be positive for the 0-25 agenda and funding of High Needs Students in ISPs. AJ focused the group on the opportunities such funding pressures present for the Karten Network. RS agreed and said that the IKCT/KN are the "last organisation standing" in terms of AT advice/guidance/support.

AJ stated that agenda items 4, 5 & 6 would overlap but that feedback from the KN Board's discussions would be collated and **provided for IKCT Trustees in time for their forthcoming Strategy Day.** DG/AJ

#### 5. Terms of Reference

Draft Terms of Reference had been distributed with the meeting papers. They would not be finalised until after the IKCT Strategy Day. **Directors were asked to submit comments All or suggested amendments electronically.**

#### 6. Karten Network Achievements and Development Priorities

An interactive session was co-facilitated by AJ & RS. Board members were asked to consider: Achievements; Priorities; Improvements. Themes emerged from each category. See separate document for detailed record of this activity. **This document to be shared with IKCT Trustees.** DG

#### 7. Network Events 2016

DG updated Directors with the planning to date. Dates and venues are confirmed. The outline programme was discussed and agreed. **Programme and booking details to be distributed across the Network in early September.** DG

#### 8. Future Meetings

The frequency and location of future events was discussed. London was favoured and Directors agreed that 3 meetings a year worked well. However, all agreed that a later end date of 14.30 would be preferable.

**AJ agreed to talk to Keith Valentine about a meeting venue and will report back in due course. AJ**

It was suggested that the next meeting could be held after the Network Event at Share Community on 17 November. **DG to establish availability of Directors and Trustees and ensure that a room is available at Share Community for a suggested start time of 14.30. DG**

**9. Network Development Co-ordinator's report**

DG distributed her report which had been withheld prior to earlier discussions. For information.

**10. Website update**

MP spoke to his paper. For information.

**11. Mobile Technology Advisor's report**

MP spoke to his paper. For information.

**12. Update from Israeli Centres**

Summary paper from DG was tabled for information.

**13. Israeli Network Development Co-ordinator & Mobile Technology Adviser consultancy agreements**

Directors approved the consultancy agreements.

**14. Any other relevant business**

**DG** - thank you to JE for his significant contribution to the Karten Network and Karten Network Board.

**RS** – expressed concern about Centres in Colleges that used to be part of Charities but are now run by For Profit Businesses. RS wondered whether Trustees had considered this. AD requested a short paper to present to IKCT Trustees at their



next meeting on 09.09.16. **RS to provide key points for AD via RS/DG DG. DG to ask Angela Hobbs to add to the Trustees agenda.**  
**AJ** – Reminded Directors of the protocol for claiming meeting expenses.  
**AJ** – Asked for feedback about the format of today's meeting. Positive feedback was received from all.

The meeting closed at 13.35.

**Date of next meeting**

17 November at 14.30 Share Community - TBC