



Minutes of the Meeting of the Karten Network Board

November 11, 2024

Remote Meeting – Microsoft Teams

Directors/Trustees present:

Joanne Rees-Proud (Chair)
Rohan Slaughter (Vice-Chair)
Paul Doyle
Samantha Haddock
Julie Moores
David Webster

Others present:

Dawn Green
Sal Cooke
Martin Pistorius

Prospective Trustees :

Miriam Hendry
Kayleigh Hunt
Alison Keeley

Minutes:

Pamela Johnson

1. Apologies:

Paul Doyle, Emma Stewart, Max Bianconi
Robert Boyce (no advance apologies)

2. Prospective Trustee Presentation – Alison Keeley presented first as she had to leave the meeting by 10.30am

3. St John's College presentation - Ross and Kerry from the St John's College joined the meeting to talk through a presentation of their Inklusion project. JRP thanked them for their presentation and DG requested a copy for all trustees.

4. and 5. Prospective Trustee Presentations continued - Kayleigh Hunt and Miriam Hendry made their presentations. Both Kayleigh and Miriam answered questions from Trustees and stayed online for the remainder of the meeting.

7. Declarations of conflicts of interest

- There were no conflicts of interest noted.

8. Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the last meeting were agreed as a true record by those present. Action Points were shared on screen by DG:

- MB who was not present, has had support from a software development company regarding piloting software for a project involving frontline staff using tech at Jewish Care. An update on this was suggested for the February 2025 board meeting.
- The consultation for a Professional membership body has opened out. An event took place in September. DG is also facilitating a Hot Topic discussion at the TechAbility conference in Leeds which will access a wider group of professionals for those not included in the Sept consultation.

9. Matters arising

- No matters arising.

10. KN Finances – 2023-24 budget closing budget position financial year 1 Oct 2023 – 30 Sept 2024

- There was a financial underspend of £15k – this will require ICKT's permission to carry forward into the next financial year. It was suggested it could be used to assist Karten Network's fundraising.
- DG reminded trustees this was a headline report only and a full breakdown was available for any trustees who required it.
- No comments or questions on the financial position were made and JRP thanked DG for the report.

11. IKCT – KN grant agreement proposal

- DG updated trustees on the proposed new way of working between Karten Network (KN) and Ian Karten Charitable Trust (IKCT) regarding the next stage of development for incorporating a grant agreement to formalise the transfer of grant funding from IKCT to KN.
- This outstanding issue from the previous audit, will be resolved with a new agreement finalised at IKCT's March 2025 board meeting and last for 3 years initially. IKCT will make 50% of its income available to KN for distribution to Karten Centres (payable in 2 annual payments with a year end adjustment). KN will be responsible for all the distribution and administration of grant monies. KN will therefore have flexibility to support priorities led by KN's strategic priorities/objectives and will provide efficiencies in administration.
- KN trustees involved in Centres who have made applications will need to be involved in grant making decision processes. A protocol for this will be provided by DG in a draft plan for discussion at the next board meeting. This issue will also be clarified in a follow up meeting between DG, JRP, RS and IKCT trustees Anthony Davis and Edward Copisarow in early January. PJ to arrange.

Items for information

12. Karten Network operational plan monitoring

- DG has updated the plan across the year and referenced the Red RAG rating.

13. Karten Network Development Co-ordinator update

- DG provided an update on Development Coordinator activities. She asked if anyone had knowledge of external fundraising expertise and if so would welcome a conversation. PJ offered support on this.

14. Technology Adviser update

- The Technology Advisor report was distributed prior to the meeting. There were no additional comments.

15. Israel Karten Centres update

- DG related that she was in informal contact with Debbie, the Israel KN centre contact, who is waiting to submit applications post March 2025.

At this point in the meeting JRP thanked prospective trustees for attending and both KH and MH left the meeting.

16. Appointment of prospective trustees

- A discussion of the merit of all 3 candidates took place. DG clarified that KN's articles of association state a minimum of 5 trustees and no upper maximum limit. It was considered that all candidates would bring different skills to the board and trustees accepted that all 3 would be acceptable. DG was tasked with contacting and welcoming them. Paperwork for new trustees for Companies House and the Charities Commission would be administered by PJ.

17. AOB

- Date of next meeting is 20 February, 2025 10 – 12.30pm via Teams.