



Secretary's report to AGM of AYM Ltd 13/10/21

Due to Covid-19 restrictions the AYM Executive has continued to meet virtually and following the postponement of last year's AGM from June to September 2020 the timing of this year's AGM mirrors that, but the Association is still compliant with our Articles of Association which state we must hold an AGM each calendar year.

Despite the effects of Covid-19 It's been another busy year for the AYM and its Executive Committee. The new top team of Hazel Williamson and Jacqui Belfield-Smith have in my view a terrific job of maintaining the high profile of the AYM in the youth justice arena. The oral evidence given by Hazel in June 2021 to the Joint Committee on Human Rights, chaired by Harriet Harman MP about the Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Bill, and youth justice was widely praised.

Lesley Tregear continues to do a terrific job with the monthly AYM Bulletins which are a great read and organising our ILM courses in conjunction with SOLACE for current and aspiring YOT Managers which continue to be popular with YOTs.

I continue to operate the AYM Twitter account that now has over 3100 follower's so our voice is certainly increasing year on year.

The part-time Business Support Officer role undertaken by Diana Bowden has certainly reduced my workload and has supported the work of the Chair/Vice -Chair and Treasurer. Thanks to Diana, the AYM's website is far more up to date/tidy than it's ever been

Phil Sutton our SEND Officer has continues to work with us focussing on the SEND work/YOT Quality Lead/Mark Awards and had plugged away trying to engage the YJB in revising the 'Sustaining the Success' guidance for YOT Management groups which in the AYM's view needs refreshing.

As many of you will know I retired from Hampshire at the end of April 2020. In my report last year I said I would continue as Secretary for one more year and would stand down at this year's AGM. The AYM executive have agreed to commission a piece of work to look at our structure as the AYM has continued to grow since the last review 4 years ago. This will include looking at how the Secretary's role is best undertaken. Until this piece of work is complete it would not be right for me to step aside, so if elected I am happy to continue as Secretary until this is done and will certainly have stepped down by the time of/at the next AGM (planned for the Summer of 2022 Covid permitting) at the latest. As ever, I am equally happy to stand aside now if someone else would like a go.

Ian Langley,

AYM Secretary.

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