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**MINUTES OF THE OPEN SESSION OF THE CORPORATE TRUSTEE OF THE WELSH
AMBULANCE SERVICES UNIVERSITY NHS TRUST CHARITY HELD ON
THURSDAY 31 JULY 2025 AT CARDIFF MRD AND VIA TEAMS**

Meeting started at 14:10

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Colin Dennis	Chair of Corporate Trustee
Rhiannon Beaumont-Wood	Non-Executive Director
Jayne Beeslee	Non-Executive Director (Via Teams)
Lee Brooks	Executive Director of Operations
Peter Curran	Non-Executive Director
Bethan Evans	Non-Executive Director
Professor Hayley Hutchings	Non-Executive Director
Ceri Jackson	Non-Executive Director and Interim Vice Chair
Carl Kneeshaw	Director of People
Rachel Marsh	Interim Chief Executive
Trish Mills	Director of Corporate Governance/Board Secretary
Hugh Parry	Trade Union Partner
Hannah Rowan	Non-Executive Director (Via Teams)
Chris Turley	Executive Director of Finance & Corporate Resources
Jonny Sammut	Director of Digital Services
Andy Swinburn	Executive Director of Paramedicine
Damon Turner	Trade Union Partner

IN ATTENDANCE:

David Hopkins	Head of Charity
Meshack Ezeadim	Aspiring Board Member
Steve Owen	Corporate Governance Officer (Via Teams)
Alex Payne	Corporate Governance Manager

APOLOGIES:

Estelle Hitchon	Director of Partnerships and Engagement
Angie Lewis	Director of Culture Change
Liam Williams	Executive Director of Quality & Nursing

1. WELCOME, APOLOGIES AND CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM

- 1.1 The Chair extended a warm welcome to the Corporate Trustee members and noted the apologies from Estelle Hitchon, Angie Lewis, and Liam Williams.

The Corporate Trustee RESOLVED To Note the apologies of Estelle Hitchon, Angie Lewis and Liam Williams.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- 2.1 No new declarations of interests were declared.

3 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:

- 3.1 The Minutes from the meeting held on 29 May 2025 were agreed and confirmed as an accurate record of the meeting.

The Corporate Trustee RESOLVED To Approve the minutes from the meeting held on 29 May 2025 which were confirmed as an accurate record.

4. ACTION LOG

- 4.1 There were no open actions.

The Corporate Trustee RESOLVED To Note there were no open actions.

5. 03 July 2025 – CHARITY COMMITTEE AAA

- 5.1 The Charity Committee highlight report from the meeting held on 03 July 2025 was received.

- 5.2 Peter Curran updated the meeting on a presentation from Elaine Roberts and Kelly Wallace, who have established a netball programme in Swansea with funding of £2,000 from the Charity. Although this was not a large sum, they have achieved significant progress with it. Their efforts in increasing female representation in sport, particularly among staff members, were highlighted during the presentation. The presentation demonstrated the potential impact of such awards. It was widely recognised that participating in sport can positively influence both mental and physical health. This example illustrated how the charity's financial support can generate meaningful benefits.

- 5.3 David Hopkins updated the Corporate Trustee on the Charity Strategy Delivery Plan 2025-27, which was approved at the last Corporate Trustee Meeting on 29 May 2025. David added that he was working to balance effective governance, spending, and increasing fundraising. He was currently reviewing charity applications related to cardiac arrest response for Community Resilience Funds and transforming green spaces for staff use. A detailed fundraising plan will be presented at the October Charity Committee meeting, outlining steps to meet the financial goals. Regarding

spending, strategic plans were being made to utilise existing funds like the Barmouth and Colwyn Bay Funds in the coming months.

- 5.4 David Hopkins updated the Corporate Trustee on the recruitment for the Fundraising and Communications Officer role. There has been an unfortunate delay in the process, and he has been required to go back out to advert for the position. Interest in the position is high, with over 25 applicants so far; many of whom are from the charity sector.
- 5.5 David acknowledged the delay that this recruitment will have on the delivery of the Fundraising Plan but emphasised that the plan remains achievable.
- 5.6 The Chair commented there will be significant interest in the Fundraising Plan, with the expectation that these initiatives will ultimately become self-sustaining and generate positive returns for the Charity.

The Corporate Trustee RESOLVED To Note the Charity Committee AAA report from 03 July 2025.

6. 02 APRIL 2025 CHARITY COMMITTEE MINUTES

- 6.1 The Minutes of the Charity Committee from 02 April were received.

The Corporate Trustee RESOLVED To Receive the minutes of the Charity Committee dated 02 April 2025.

7. REFLECTIONS AND SUMMARY OF DECISIONS/ACTION

- 7.1 There were none.

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- 8.1 There were none.

9. DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING

- 9.1 The date of the next meeting is 27 November 2025.

Meeting closed at: 14:20