**Suffolk Lullaby Trust; minutes of the meeting held on Monday 5th June 2023**

Via Zoom

Those present: Derek Dunstone, Sally Nice, Andrea Corser and Sally Dunstone.

Apologies were received from Christopher Boothby and Rebecca Molisso.

The minutes of the last meeting had been circulated and were approved by the committee.

Matters Arising

Fundraising

Sally intends to hold a car boot sale over the summer, but has already raised £100 from the sale of golf clubs – any donations for the car boot welcome – please contact Sally.

Befriending

The Lullaby Trust are recruiting more befrienders, especially male befrienders. Derek will contact HQ to apply to become a befriender.

SIDS Update/Protocol

An email was received from Rebecca, apologising that she was unable to attend the meeting this evening but she did say the protocol was working appropriately.

CONI Update

Andrea is retiring as a health visitor and CONI co-ordinator after 30 years of service. Andrea reported that new CONI co-ordinators are being trained and will be taking over from her shortly.

Website Update

Derek has updated the website with an account of Sally Nice’s recent honour, of being invited to a Buckingham Palace Garden Party in recognition of all her work for the charity over many years.

Presidents Comments

Derek spoke with Christopher. Christopher appreciates and is so grateful for all the work the committee has done over the last year, and he is thinking of us all.

Chairmans Comments

Derek thanked the committee for all their work over the last year. Derek also thanked Sally Nice for all her help on the national helpline, and is thrilled that Sally had such a lovely day at the royal garden party.

Secretarys Comments

The Lullaby Trust helpline keeps me busy with my usual Sunday slot and filling in for others. Fortunately, in recent weeks I have not had many calls but this can only be a good thing.

The highlight of my year was my visit with my daughter Elizabeth in May to a Garden Party at Buckingham Palace. I was introduced to the Duchess of Gloucester and she was really charming and interested in our charity.

I was also pleased to catch up with Christopher with several phone calls. It was sad to discover that both he and Ann have various health issues.

Treasurers Update

The accounts regarding the year end 31st March 2022 have now been audited by Mark Rolfe (independent auditor). Andrea has sent the accounts to 31st March 2023 to Mark for auditing.

Balance of £2588.04.

It was agreed to donate £2500 via the Big Give in December 2023.

AOB

The importance of the local group was discussed. Due to the excellent website by the Lullaby Trust and that most people fund raise via on-line portals, it was agreed in principle that perhaps a regimented committee is now longer required. Instead an informal active friendship group could be created. This group would keep in touch and meet to continue our work and support each other.

In essence all our fundraising would go directly to London, so we would no longer have any funds. We would want to keep our page on the lullaby trust website, so locally supporters of our group would understand that although we are no longer a committee we are still available locally. Derek discussed this change with Christopher, who gave his blessing for the potential dissolution of the committee. This will be discussed again at the next meeting.

Date of next meeting Monday 15th January 2024 at 7.30pm, if possible at Rowan House.