

**MINUTES OF THE 42nd COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE HILTON BLACKPOOL HOTEL ON SUNDAY 9th  
OCTOBER 2016 AT 10am**

<b>TRUSTEES PRESENT</b>	Mr D Marshall	Chairman - SAKA
	Mr M Walker	Vice Chairman – Leicestershire KPA
	Mr W Beale	Treasurer - Bristol Area KPA
	Mrs A Beale	Bristol Area KPA
	Mr G Richards	Exeter KPA
	Mr J Burdett	Northamptonshire KPA
	Mr D MacDonald	Wessex KPA
	Mr J McGann	North East KPA
	Miss D Griffiths	

<b>In attendance</b>	Mr K Tupling	President
	Mr T Statham	Chief Executive
	Mr P Revell	Head of Fundraising
	Mrs A Brown	Office Manager
	Mrs D Blizard	Senior Office & Accounts Administrator

There were 17 Official voting delegates (as per register) and 24 non-voting delegates as per the Attendance Register.

A quorum of 30% of official representatives was met.

**639 Welcome and Apologies for absence** – David Marshall welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies had been received from Sharon Orpen – Dudley KPA, Anne Glover –Southport Kidney Fund, David Myers – Royal Free Hospital KPA, Richard Van Roon – Six Counties KPA, Michael and Denise Abbott – Gloucestershire KPA.

David Marshall was pleased to inform the meeting that Denise Abbott was recovering at home after her recent spell in hospital.

**640 Minutes of the Council meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2016** - It was proposed by Ralph Slattery Addenbrookes KPA, seconded by Alison Blezard South East Scotland KPA and agreed unanimously to accept the minutes of the meeting held 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2016.

**641 Matters arising** – David Marshall asked the NKF Treasurer, William Beale how negotiations with HMRC were progressing in relation to the recovery of VAT wrongly paid on the purchase price of NKF Head Quarters. William Beale explained he was now in possession of the file from the NKF Chief Executive Officer relating to the recovery of the VAT paid to HMRC. He had a letter stating if the majority of income was from fundraising not sales the building should have been free of VAT. The auditors at the time advised not to try to recover the VAT. William Beale suggested waiting for a scandal within HMRC then request the VAT be repaid. If there was no scandal an application to recover the money would be made in the normal way. The correct procedure would have been not to pay it in the first place. Guidance was requested from the Council if the application to HMRC should be made now or wait for a scandal? Ralph Slattery, Addenbrookes KPA asked what sort of scandal was William Beale waiting for or expecting. William Beale stated to wait three or four months and if there was no scandal then he would make a claim. Sharman Maxwell, West London KPA asked how much the VAT was, William Beale stated £150k. Timothy Statham informed the meeting that the auditors had made an application to recover the

VAT from HMRC, this application had been turned down. David Marshall thought the money was lost but gave his support to go ahead and try to recover it if the application may be successful and to do this as soon as possible.

**642 NKF Half Yearly Report (attached)** – A report had been circulated prior to the meeting. David Marshall thought the NKF Head Quarters open day had been a fantastic success. There had been over forty visitors in the morning and the event should definitely happen again. The NKF profile was raised locally with many local people becoming involved. NxStage had attended with their dialysis camper van, this had been inspirational. Well done to Andrea Brown.

Kirit Modi, Lister Area KPA asked what plans had been put in place to secure the future of the NKF after the Chief Executive Officer retired in December 2018. David Marshall gave assurances that the matter was being dealt with by the NKF Executive Committee.

Kirit Modi said it had been a pleasure to represent NKF on the Kidney Research Strategy, it is important NKF is represented nationally. David Marshall requested all to let the Executive Committee know if there were meetings and work streams they thought NKF were not represented at but should be, the next couple of years were critical to NKF.

**643 Financial Reports (attached)** – Reports were circulated prior to the meeting. William Beale explained the financial trend was stable with small losses. Expenditure needed to be managed wisely and work diligently done to ensure income increased. Over the last 4.5 years there had been sustained losses, the tide is turning and will continue to change over the next couple of years, this is encouraging. Peter Revell was employed five years ago as a Fundraiser, his work was beginning to make an impact and will change the downward trend. Tough decisions have been made e.g. reducing the number of Kidney Life issues from four to three, this lost issue will be brought back as soon as possible. David Marshall said there had been many debates about Kidney Life and the fourth issue is to be brought back when the finances are right. Timothy Statham pointed out another major change, the loss of the Advocacy Officers. It was proposed by Sharman Maxwell West London KPA, seconded by Angela Beale Bristol Area KPA and agreed unanimously to accept the financial reports.

**644 Feedback on this year's Conference** – Sharman Maxwell, West London KPA thought the conference was too young people oriented and because of the audience age group the young speakers weren't applicable. Judith Sidaway, Dudley KPA had enjoyed the conference but thought the speakers were too patient orientated and more professionals were needed. Jim Higgins, Northamptonshire KPA expressed his disappointment at the low number of delegates attending the presentations. Richard Oglesby, United Norwich KPA would have liked to see more technical and dialysis information available. Diane Griffiths thought the balance of the conference was wrong, it had been too young person orientated. Wajid Iqbal, Manchester Royal Infirmary KPA had enjoyed the conference, but would like to see more interactive activities. He thought it was a positive that there were young people attending. Ken Tupling, NKF President stated the conference was held to help all and if only one person had a positive experience then it had been worthwhile. **David Marshall to pass feedback to Denise Abbott Conference Chairman.**

**645 Open Forum** – John Richardson, Northamptonshire KPA asked how NKF influences bodies and how many times meetings were attended with such bodies now there were no Advocacy Officers. Timothy Statham stated NKF looks at an issue then resolves them not the other way round. NKF had been successful with issues last year, topics are responded to but regular meetings are not attended.

David Marshall thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.45am

Chairman ..... Date .....