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## **Ernest Bailey Charity Committee**

**Minutes of an Ernest Bailey Charity Committee meeting held at 6.00 pm on Thursday, 17th November, 2022 in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Matlock, DE4 3NN.**

### **PRESENT**

Councillor Andrew Statham - In the Chair

Councillors: Jason Atkin, Sue Burfoot, Paul Cruise, David Hughes, Mark Salt and Steve Wain

Karen Henriksen (Director of Resources), Emma Mortimer (Community Development Officer), Carolyn Lucas (Senior Estates Surveyor) and Lucy Harrison (Democratic Services Assistant)

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### **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor(s): Matt Buckler, Martin Burfoot, Steve Flitter, Dermot Murphy, Garry Purdy and Colin Swindell

### **194/22 - ELECTION OF THE CHAIRMAN**

It was moved by Councillor Jason Atkin, seconded by Councillor Mark Salt and

### **RESOLVED** (unanimously)

That Councillor Andrew Statham be elected as Chair of the Ernest Bailey Charity Committee for the 2022/23 municipal year.

### **195/22 - APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

It was moved by Councillor Sue Burfoot, seconded by Councillor Mark Salt and

**RESOLVED** (unanimously)

That the minutes of the meeting of the Ernest Bailey Charity Committee held on 11th November 2021 be approved as a correct record.

The Chairman declared the motion **CARRIED**.

**196/22 - INTERESTS**

**Item 8 - Distribution of Charitable Funds**

Councillor Steve Wain declared a pecuniary interest in Item 8 Application 2/22 Cavendish Sports Field Association due to being an employee of the Association.

**197/22 - STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION**

The Director of Resources introduced a report setting out the financial position of the Charity as of the end of the 2021/22 financial year and providing estimates for 2022/23. The report also sought approval for the investment of the Charity's funds.

The charitable fund administered by the District Council had earned on average an interest rate of 0.28% during the year.

It was noted that the amount available in the distribution fund (excluding provision) was £34,071.45. In accordance with normal practice, the amount available for distribution this was £1,357, being equal to the estimated interest receivable in the year. The Committee were informed that, should they wish to do so, they could award grants totalling £1,357 plus up to £4,747 and still retain the £150,000 investment. The Committee agreed to use £3,980 this year.

The Committee noted that the Review remained on hold for the time being, with no further progress being made due to other priorities.

It was moved by Councillor Jason Atkin, seconded by Councillor David Hughes and

**RESOLVED** (unanimously)

1. That the financial statement for the 2021/22 financial year be received.
2. That the funds of the Charity continue to be invested with Derbyshire Dales District Council.
3. That progress on the Review be noted.

The Chairman declared the motion **CARRIED**.

**198/22 - EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS**

At this point the Committee excluded the public and press from the meeting for consideration of the remaining items of business for the reasons shown in italics.

It was moved by Councillor Andrew Statham, seconded by Councillor Jason Atkin and

**RESOLVED** (unanimously)

That the public and press be excluded for the remaining items of business for the reasons as set out in the report.

*(The following applications are exempt because they contain information relating to individuals.)*

The Chairman declared the motion **CARRIED**.

**199/22 - LAND AT POPE CARR ROAD, MATLOCK**

The Senior Estates Surveyor introduced a report updating the Committee in relation to a site that is held by the Council on behalf of the Trust. The report sought to update Members on the part sale of a section of the site affected by encroachment and provided information on the remaining land holding.

Members were reminded that at the last meeting of the Committee a request was made by Trustees for the site to be valued and its potential as a residential development site explored. Following this an environmental report had been obtained and an independent valuation report commissioned.

It was noted that in relation to the encroachment, negotiations had progressed to regularise the position and the sale, subject to contract which had been agreed with the purchaser.

It was moved by Councillor Paul Cruise, seconded by Councillor David Hughes and

**RESOLVED** (unanimously)

1. That the action proposed to regularise the encroachment of land by the freehold sale of a section of the site be approved, as outlined in 2.1.
2. That the valuation report for the remainder of the site be noted.
3. That authority be delegated to the Estates and Facilities Manager to appoint a consultant to seek planning permission to maximise the potential value of the site, and explore the viability of use of the land comparing affordable and private housing, in order for a business case to be produced.
4. That once the business case is produced, the Ernest Baily Charity Committee shall reconvene to consider the case for development.

The Chairman declared the motion **CARRIED**.

**200/22 - DISTRIBUTION OF CHARITABLE FUNDS**

The Committee considered a total of 17 applications for Grant Aid.

It was moved by Councillor Jason Atkin, seconded by Councillor Mark Salt and

**RESOLVED** (unanimously)

1. That consideration is given to the applications for grant aid as set out in the attached schedules.
2. That grant awards be made conditional upon them being used for the purpose for which the application was made and in accordance with the objects of the Trust.

#### **APPLICATION NO 1/21 – Bonsall PCC**

That a grant of £500 be awarded towards improving the building for the community, disabled toilets and accessible drinking water.

#### **APPLICATION NO 2/22 – Cavendish Sports Field Association**

**Councillor Steve Wain left the meeting during consideration of this item due to previously declaring a pecuniary interest.**

That a grant of £500 be awarded towards a new 3G all weather sport pitch.

#### **APPLICATION NO 3/22 – Cromford Institute**

That a grant of £100 be awarded towards Opaque film for windows.

#### **APPLICATION NO 4/22 – Quantum Explorer Scouts Unit**

That a grant of £350 be awards towards the purchase of an ex-army stretch tent.

#### **APPLICATION NO 5/22 – Darley Dale Scout Group**

That a grant of £150 be awarded towards a Green planet project, creating a bush craft area and environmental activities.

#### **APPLICATION NO 6/22 – First Movement**

That a grant of £200 be awarded towards the employment of creative practitioners to deliver free tester sessions.

#### **APPLICATION NO 7/22 – Matlock Netball Club**

That a grant of £200 be awarded towards kit, advanced training sessions and to help with transport to matches.

#### **APPLICATION NO 8/22 – Matlock Preschool Play Group**

That a grant of £75 be awarded towards a book bag for 25 new starters.

#### **APPLICATION NO 9/22 – River Network**

That a grant of £75 be awarded towards venue hire, expenses for tuck shop, sessional staff, volunteers and training.

**APPLICATION NO 10/22 – St Helen’s Church Darley Dale**

That a grant of £200 be awarded towards providing hot lunches to those in need in the community.

**APPLICATION NO 11/22 – Wensley Reading Room**

That a grant of £500 be awarded towards the upkeep of the building including a new roof.

**APPLICATION NO 12/22 – Starkholme Allotment Association**

That a grant of £200 be awarded towards an ecology report and alternative report site report.

The Chairman declared the motion **CARRIED**.

**APPLICATIONS: 13/22 to 17/22 (5 LOCAL RESIDENTS)**

It was moved by Councillor Jason Atkin, seconded by Councillor David Hughes and

**RESOLVED** (unanimously)

That a grant of £100 be awarded to a Matlock resident to help pay for utility bills, toddler clothing and bedding and draft strips.

That a grant of £230 be awarded to a Matlock resident to help make their home and garden more habitable.

That a grant of £200 be awarded to a Matlock resident to help their disabled daughter go on a school trip.

That a grant of £300 be awarded to a Matlock resident to help finish a garden.

That a grant of £100 be awarded to a Matlock resident to help pay utility bills.

The Chairman declared the motion **CARRIED**.

**Meeting Closed: 6.47 pm**

**Chairman**