



Market Harborough
and the Bowdens Charity
changing people's lives

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF TRUSTEES OF THE GENERAL GRANTS COMMITTEE

**AT THE OLD GRAMMAR SCHOOL, MARKET HARBOROUGH,
LEICESTERSHIRE**

28th June 2023 – 4:30 pm

Attendees:	Jenny Balme	Chair and Trustee
	Wendy Hempson	Charity Secretary
	Dr Sarah Hill	Trustee
	Chris Davies	Trustee

Apologies: Kerry Merryweather Trustee

1 Conflicts of Interest

Sarah declared a conflict of interest with Arts Fresco and Chris declared a conflict of interest with Churches Together. Both absented themselves from the meeting during the relevant discussions and took no part in the decisions taken. The remaining trustees declared they had no conflicts of interest.

2 Minutes of Previous Meeting on 17th May 2023

The draft minutes of the meeting of the GG Committee on 17th May 2023, previously circulated and amended, were agreed as an accurate record.

3 Actions from meeting on 17th May 2023

The actions from 17th May 2023 were noted. There were two outstanding issues; a discussion about how to encourage applications and a response from Dementia UK.

4 Matters arising not on main agenda

There were none.

5 Budget

The budget was noted. £27,838 had been spent from the 2023 budget of £100,000.

6 Charity Secretary's Report

The updates in the report were noted.

7. Application from Harborough Town Football Club Solar & LED - 2023-P1

An application for £12,240 (from a total of £48,960) for solar panels and for £15,723 (out of £62,892) for LED replacement floodlights. This project would bring considerable environmental and financial benefits, and the club is confident of receiving 70% of the funding from the Football Foundation's energy grants.

Trustees were disappointed by a lack of liaison with the rugby club over their floodlights and the fact that the club had accepted sponsorship from a fast-food chain. As part of the project the Charity to discuss with HTFC whether it would consider replacing the advertising banner and instead promote both the Charity and a healthier lifestyle.

Trustees were in principle in favour of supporting the application and decided to form a contact group for the project.

Action: Form a Contact Group and arrange to meet with Football Club - Charity Secretary

8 Application from Harborough Community Bus - 2023-P2

An application for £30,000 (from a total cost of £41,823) to pay for a new minibus. Harborough Community Bus is a wholly volunteer charity which operates three accessible minibuses, enabling those who might not be able to get out to do so. Members include disabled groups, residents' associations, schools, youth organisations etc. Trustees were in principle in favour of supporting the application but expressed a preference for an electric minibus. A contact group will be formed.

9 Application from Arts Fresco - 2023-G8

An application for £5,000 (from a total of £60,000) to help fund Arts Fresco - an annual, volunteer run, free, street-based arts event in the centre of town.

Trustees approved a grant of £5,000 on condition that a report was received promptly following the event and expressed a wish to see some new acts in this annual festival.

Action: Grant £5,000 to Arts Fresco and request report following the event - Charity Secretary

10 Application from TS Fernie Sea Cadets - 2023-G9

An application for £5,000 (from a total of £15,000) to help fund two converted shipping containers to safely store the cadets' uniforms and equipment. The cadets had done significant fundraising and had a good relationship with Welland Park

Academy where the containers would be stored, and trustees agreed to award the £5,000 requested.

Action: Grant £5,000 to TS Fernie Sea Cadets and request a report once the containers were in use - Charity Secretary

11 Application from T-Shirts for Year Six Leavers – Meadowdale Primary School 2023-G10

A request for £50 towards the cost of T-shirts for Year Six leavers. Trustees approved the request before the meeting so as to meet an ordering deadline.

Action: Grant £50 towards the cost of Year Six T-shirts – Charity Secretary

12 Application from Harborough Town Hub Website – 2023-G11

A request for £1,900 (from a total of £4,550) towards the development of a website for Harborough Town Hub. Trustees felt the application did not fall within the Charity's current strategic priorities and decided not to award the grant.

13 Application from Holiday at Home - 2023-G12

A request for £200 (from a total of £1,200) towards the cost of a week long holiday at home for senior citizens of Market Harborough. While organised by Churches Together, participants are not required to be religious in any sense. The week in August 2023 would include many activities, talks, music and a two-course lunch. Trustees readily approved the award of £200.

14 Any other business

Visit to Hursley Park

Jenny updated the committee on a visit she and Wendy had made to Hursley Park in Great Bowden. The park is managed by a group of local residents who, together with local community groups and volunteers, have done a lot of tree planting and habitat creation. There may be potential for the Charity to become involved in the enhancement/expansion of the park and/or the creation of a wetland area.

15 Any matters for the Board

There were none.

16 Dates of next meetings

- Wednesday 16th August 2023 at 4:30 pm
- Wednesday 20th September 2023 at 4:30 pm
- Wednesday 1st November 2023 at 4:30 pm
- Wednesday 13th December 2023 at 4:30 pm