



Market Harborough
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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE GENERAL GRANTS COMMITTEE

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

20th September 2023 – 4:30 pm

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

1 Conflicts of Interest

Sarah declared a conflict of interest with the Scout Roverway 2024 application – 2023-G18. The remaining trustees declared they had no conflicts of interest.

2 Minutes of Previous Meeting on 16th August 2023

The draft minutes of the meeting of the General Grants Committee on 16th August 2023, previously circulated and amended, were agreed as an accurate record.

3 Actions from meeting on 16th August 2023

The actions from 16th August 2023 were noted.

4 Matters arising not on main agenda

Dementia UK had informed the Charity that it had decided to relocate the second Admiral Nurse clinic to Market Harborough. Both clinics would therefore be held in the Charity's area of benefit, for a 12-month period. Consequently, trustees decided to allow Dementia UK to retain all of the £16,387 originally granted to Dementia UK under project 2022-P4. Dementia UK would be asked to submit reports on the clinics at three monthly intervals during the 12 month period.

Trustees also discussed dementia support more generally and agreed to open a dialogue with the practice manager at Market Harborough Medical Centre regarding this increasing need in the local community.

Action: Inform Dementia UK that they did not need to return 50% of the £16,387 granted to the Admiral Nurse project – 2022-P4, on condition that

reports were submitted every three months during the 12 months that the clinics were held – Charity Secretary

Action: Open a dialogue with the practice manager at Market Harborough Medical Centre – Jenny and Chris

5 Budget

The budget was noted.

6 Charity Secretary's Report

The updates in the report were noted.

7. Project Applications

There were none.

8. Grant Applications

8.1 Harlequins Disabled Group - 2023-G18

A request for £1,680 to pay for the group's bi-monthly outings (of which there were approximately 24 each year) with Harborough Community Bus. Trustees were in favour of supporting these excursions which had clear mental health benefits for the participants. As half the group's members lived in the Charity's area of benefit, trustees decided to grant half the amount requested.

Action: Grant £840 to Harlequins Disabled Group (2023-G18) on condition a report is submitted after 12 months – Charity Secretary

8.2 Scouts Roverway – 2023-G19

A request by two scouts for £300 each towards the cost of attending Roverway 2024, an international scouting event in Norway for 5000 16–22-year-olds. Trustees were in favour of supporting the request, on condition that the scouts submitted individual reports after the event, demonstrating their learning and personal development from the experience.

Action: Grant £300 each to two scouts towards the cost of participating in Roverway 2024 (2023-G19), on condition that personal reports are submitted after the event – Charity Secretary

9. Contact Group visit - Hursley Park Paths project – 2023-P3

An application for £42,500 (25% of £170,039) to help finance tarmac paths, benches and tables, plus fencing for some allotments, which the property developer failed to complete. Kerry and Sarah visited the park on 12th September 2023 and requested that up-to-date quotes were obtained. The park is focused on the environment and the Charity has already awarded a 2023 grant to help finance the creation of a

wetland within it. The residents' group agreed to seek more information including the possibility of financing the project through the parish council, thus avoiding VAT.

10 Any other business

It was agreed to review the committee's areas of focus and its priorities for 2024 at the next meeting on 1st November 2023.

11 Any matters for the Board

There were none.

12 Dates of next meetings

- Wednesday 1st November 2023 at 4:30 pm
- Wednesday 13th December 2023 at 4:30 pm