



DRAFT MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE GENERAL GRANTS COMMITTEE

Conducted by email - 17th January 2024

1 Participants

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

2 Conflicts of Interest

Chris declared a potential conflict of interest in the applications from the Rotary Club and St Dionysius' church and therefore did not send any comments or recommendations and took no part in the decision making process. The remaining trustees declared they had no conflicts of interest.

3 Minutes of Previous Meeting on 13th December 2023 – Appendix 1

The draft minutes of the meeting of the General Grants Committee on 13th December 2023, previously circulated and amended, were agreed as an accurate record.

4 Actions from meeting on 13th December 2023 – Appendix 2

The actions from 13th December 2023 were noted.

5 Matters arising not on main agenda

There were none.

6 Budget

The budget was noted.

7 Charity Secretary's Report - Appendix 3

The updates in the Charity Secretary's report were noted.

8. Project Applications

8.1 St Dionysius Church – 2023-P4 - – Appendices 4 & 5

An application from St Dionysius Church for £23,000 (out of £46,536) towards the cost of repairs to the church's west tower. A second quote had been obtained, as requested, and clarification over the costs was needed.

The contact group for this application would meet following the Charity's Away Day on 19th January 2024.

9. Grant Applications

9.1 The Rotary Club – Welland Park Tree Planting – 2024-G1

An application for £500 to fund part of the cost of planting 206 new native trees close to the river in Welland Park, to create a coppice and a more biodiverse area. This would be done in a collaborative spirit with support from the Council, park staff, local volunteers and local schools. Trustees supported the project and agreed to award the full amount. They requested that the trees be sourced locally where possible.

Action: Award £500 to The Rotary Club for the planting of trees in Welland Park – 2024-G1 – Charity Secretary

9.2 St Dionysius Church – Clock repair – 2024-G2

An application for £5,000 (out of £16,250) to carry out much needed repairs to the clock on the church tower which was last repaired 15 years ago. The church was a Grade 1 listed building, part of the cultural quarter and the heart of the town. A quote had been obtained from the company which had previously serviced the clock, and another to clean and prepare the belfry. £10,000 had been pledged by the Council.

Trustees would have preferred the application to have formed part of the larger project application for repair to the church's west tower (2023-P4), but in principle supported the application and agreed to award the full amount requested.

Action: Award £5,000 to St Dionysius Church to help fund repairs to the church clock – 2024-G2 – Charity Secretary

10 Any other business

There was none.

11 Any matters for the Board

There were none.

12 Dates of meetings in 2024

- Wednesday 21st February 2024
- Wednesday 3rd April 2024
- Wednesday 8th May 2024
- Wednesday 19th June 2024
- Wednesday 14th August 2024
- Wednesday 25th September 2024
- Wednesday 6th November 2024
- Wednesday 11th December 2024