



MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE GENERAL GRANTS COMMITTEE AT THE OLD GRAMMAR SCHOOL, MARKET HARBOROUGH

3rd April 2024 – 4:30 pm

1 Participants

Jenny Balme	Chair of General Grants and Trustee
Chris Davies	Trustee
Wendy Hempson	Charity Secretary
Dr Sarah Hill	Trustee
Tony Walters	Trustee

Apologies: Ed Green, Kerry Merryweather

2 Conflicts of Interest

Sarah declared an interest in the 1st Bowden Scout Group application (2024-P1). Jenny noted for the record that both she and Wendy (Charity Secretary) were members of the Market Harborough Cricket and Squash Club, which was owned by the Charity. Trustees did not consider this a conflict of interest but would bear it in mind during any decision making.

3 Minutes of Previous Meeting on 21st February 2024 – Appendix I

The draft minutes of the meeting of the General Grants Committee on 21st February 2024, previously circulated and amended, were agreed as an accurate record.

4 Actions from meeting on 21st February 2024 – Appendix II

There were no outstanding actions from previous meetings.

5 Matters arising not on main agenda

There were none.

6 Budget

The budget for 2024 had not been decided but grant allocations for 2024 would be monitored in relation to the 2023 budget.

7 Charity Secretary's Report - Appendix III

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

8. Project Applications

8.1 1st Bowdens Scout Group – new hut – 2024-P1

It was noted that the contact group would visit the 1st Bowden Scout group on 11th April 2024. Trustees observed that there was more than one scout group in the Area of Benefit and expressed interest in what cooperation existed between the groups.

8.2 Market Harborough Cricket and Squash Club Changing Facilities – 2024-P3 Appendix IV

Trustees decided to form a contact group and to consider this application together with the Market Harborough Cricket and Squash Club - Acoustics Fence application - 2024-G9 - **Appendix XI**. More information was needed regarding the club's long-term plans to improve the facilities. The club's latest financial accounts, its current membership numbers and quotes for the projects were needed and would be requested. Sarah, Tony and Jenny would form the contact group and a site visit would be planned.

Action: Form a Contact Group to consider the Cricket and Squash Club Changing Facilities application (2024-P3) in conjunction with the Cricket and Squash Club Acoustics application (2024-G9) – Charity Secretary

9 Grant Applications

9.1 Great Bowden Music Fest – 2024-G5 – Appendix V & VI

Trustees noted that the Great Bowden Music fest was a successful and popular event, but expressed disappointment that it was dependent on overseas artists. Trustees would have preferred it to be a more sustainable event which celebrated local musical talent. It was agreed in principle to offer a grant of £1,000 and this would be confirmed by email by trustees once additional financial information had been obtained and considered.

Action: Obtain additional information regarding the music fest's accounts and if confirmed by email by the committee, grant £1,000 to the music fest (2024-G5) – Charity Secretary

9.2 Market Harborough Girls Cricket Team – 2024-G6 – Appendix VII & VIII

Trustees questioned what contact had been made between the applicant and the already existing and popular girls and women's cricket team in Great Bowden. More information would be requested.

Action: Request more information regarding what contact and cooperation existed with the Great Bowden women's cricket team – Charity Secretary

9.3 Harborough Town Hub – 2024-G7 – **Appendix IX**

Following a thorough debate, trustees concluded that it would not be possible to support this request for assistance with insurance cover. The request was considered incompatible with the Charity's current priorities and strategic direction.

Action: Inform Harborough Town Hub that it was not possible to support the application for help with the cost of insurance cover – Charity Secretary

9.4 Market Harborough Cricket & Squash Club – Squash roof repairs - 2024-G8
Appendix X

Trustees noted that the request for assistance with the leaking squash court roof was urgent and that the squash courts were a charity asset which was being damaged. The latest accounts would be requested as well as membership numbers and quotes for the repairs, as a matter of urgency. Trustees were in principle supportive, but more information was required before a decision could be taken.

Action: Request the club's latest accounts and membership numbers as well as the quotes for the repair of the squash court roof – Charity Secretary

9.5 Market Harborough Cricket and Squash Club – Acoustics Fence – 2024-G9
Appendix XI

Trustees decided to consider this application in conjunction with the Market Harborough Cricket and Squash Club Changing Facilities – 2024-P3 **Appendix IV**. Clarification regarding the club's on-going appeal to the Council was needed, as well as the club's accounts, membership numbers and quotes. A contact group for the two applications would be set up (see 8.2).

10 Any other business

There was none.

11 Any matters for the Board -

There were none.

12 Dates of meetings in 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