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**RELIEF IN NEED COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD AT THE OLD GRAMMAR SCHOOL
ON MONDAY 28 APRIL 2025**

Present:

Mrs Jenny Balme, Trustee
Mrs Sue Berridge, Trustee
Mrs Rohini Corfield, Trustee
Mrs Chris Davies, Trustee
Mrs Dawn Dyke, Assistant Charity Secretary
Mr John Feavoyour, Trustee
Mrs Linda Kvatch, Chair of Committee

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| 1 | Apologies
No apologies had been received. | |
| 2 | Conflicts of interest
All the Trustees present confirmed that they had no conflicts of interest or loyalty arising from any item on the agenda. Furthermore, that if any such conflict emerged, they would declare it and not participate in any related decisions or votes. | |
| 3 | Minutes of previous meeting & matters arising
The minutes of the meeting held on the 31 March 2025 were approved as a correct record and there were no matters arising. | |
| 4 | Secretary's Report
The application updates in the Secretary's report were noted. | |
| 5 | Budget
Budget of £50,000 for 2025 - £24,142.22 pledged leaving a balance of £25,857.78. | |
| 6 | New applications | |
| 6.1 | <u>R14/25</u>
The application had been submitted by Beacon Care and Advice. The applicant had applied for a grant for flooring for a 2-bedroom bungalow, carpets/blinds and a fridge. The applicant was unable to work due to a medical condition and relied on government benefits. The Trustees were pleased to note that Beacon Care had referred the applicant to another charity for support.

The Trustees agreed to offer a grant for the above items at an estimated cost of £1000. | DD |
| 6.2 | <u>R15/25</u>
The application had been supported by a member of staff at Platform Housing. The applicant was not able to work due to various medical issues and therefore relied on government benefits. A grant for flooring for a 1-bedroom property was requested to make the property warmer and dust free. | DD |

This application was not considered by the Trustees as the applicant did not live in the area of benefit.

6.3 R16/25

DD

The application had been supported by a member of staff at Platform Housing. The applicant was not working due to health issues and relied on government benefits. A grant for a divan bed and a fridge freezer from Argos was requested. The Trustees were pleased to note that the property had carpets and curtains as these were in good condition and not removed by the Housing Association. Dawn agreed to contact Platform Housing to ask if this was a change in policy.

The Trustees agreed to offer a grant for the above items at a total cost of £615.95.

6.4 R17/25

DD

The application had been supported by a member of staff at Platform Housing. The applicant had a young child so relied on government benefits. A grant for a washing machine, some kitchen utensils and blinds/curtains for 5 windows was requested.

The Trustees agreed to offer a grant for the above items at a total cost of £600 (estimate)

7 Any Other Business

Jenny noted that the age profile of the applicants requesting grants this month had changed from young to middle aged people, with two applicants having experienced domestic violence.

8 Matters for the Board

There were no matters for the Board.

9 Date and time of next meeting

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 27 May at 4.00 pm in the OGS. Linda offered her apologies for May and June meeting.