



**RELIEF IN NEED COMMITTEE
DRAFT MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD AT THE OLD GRAMMAR SCHOOL
ON MONDAY 30 JUNE 2025**

Present:

Mrs Jenny Balme, Trustee
Mrs Rohini Corfield, Trustee
Mrs Chris Davies, Trustee
Mrs Dawn Dyke, Assistant Charity Secretary
Mr John Feavyour, Trustee

1 Apologies

Apologies had been received from Sue Berridge and Linda Kvatch.

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2 Conflicts of interest

Jenny Balme confirmed that she knew applicant R21 in a professional capacity.

All the other 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 28 April 2025 were approved as a correct record and there were no matters arising. The May meeting had been cancelled due to a lack of applications.

4 Secretary's Report

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

5 Budget

Budget of £50,000 for 2025 - £29,163.89 pledged leaving a balance of £20,836.11.

6 New applications

6.1 R18/25

The application had been supported by a Housing Officer at Harborough District Council. The applicant had been offered a new property in Market Harborough after being homeless. The applicant was not able to work due to health problems and therefore relied on Government benefits. A grant for carpets/curtains, white goods, a bed and sofa had been requested.

The Trustees considered this application and responded via email as the May meeting had been cancelled due to a lack of applications. They recognised that the applicant was in urgent need of financial help and agreed to offer a grant for the goods requested.

Grant of £2805 awarded for the above goods.

6.2 R19/25

The application had been submitted by The Bridge Leicester (a homeless charity) and supported by a Probation Officer. The applicant had been living in temporary accommodation

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but had now been given a new property in Market Harborough. The applicant was not able to work due to health problems and therefore relied on Government benefits. A grant for carpets, a cooker and a wardrobe was requested. The Open Hands Charity had agreed to provide a sofa and bed but there was a delivery fee of £30 and a £40 donation. Charity Link had provided a washing machine and fridge freezer.

Grant of £1400 (estimate) awarded for cooker, carpets, wardrobe and £70 delivery fee to Helping Hands Charity.

6.3 R20/25

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The application had been supported by a Housing Officer from HDC. The applicant had been made homeless due to domestic violence but had now been given a new property in Market Harborough. The applicant was self-employed with variable income, so had requested a grant for a cooker and single bed, having sourced second hand goods and paid for carpeting.

Grant of £600 awarded for a cooker and bed.

Addendum: The cooker is no longer required as this has been awarded by another Charity.

6.4 R21/25

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The application had been supported by a local primary school. The applicant and family were living in temporary accommodation due to a fire at their home. The Trustees noted that extensive repairs and household goods would be needed before the house could be made habitable, therefore they agreed to offer a grant towards the repair and replacement costs.

Grant of £5000 awarded for house repairs and household goods to be paid in 2 instalments.

6.5 R22/25

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The application had been supported by Beacon Care and Advice. The applicant was moving into ground floor accommodation due to mobility issues and had requested a grant for carpets and household goods. The Trustees noted that the applicant was retired but did have some surplus income each month, therefore they agreed to offer a grant for carpets.

Grant of £850 (estimate) awarded for carpets.

7 Any Other Business

There was no other business to be discussed.

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 Monday 28 July at 4.00 pm in the OGS.