

Minutes of the General Purposes and Arbitration Committee

21st March, 2016 at 6.00 pm
at the Sandwell Council House, Oldbury

Present: Councillor Haque (Vice Chair in the Chair);
Councillors S Crumpton, P Davies, S Hosell,
Meehan and Melia.

Apology: Councillor Dhallu (Chair).

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Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 10th August, 2015 were confirmed as a correct record.

Matter delegated to the Committee

2/16

Use of Resources held within Leonard Andrew Poole Trust

The Leonard Andrew Poole Trust was created in 1977 following a bequest to the local authority and a sum was invested in Charities Official Investment Fund Income Shares held by CCLA Investment Management Ltd.

The Trust was for the benefit of residents of Grafton Lodge residential care unit in accordance with the terms of the bequest.

The original managing trustees were members of the Social Services Committee and this responsibility was subsequently transferred to the General Purposes and Arbitration Committee.

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The managing trustees had authorisation to approve the use of income generated by the investments for the benefit of residents of Grafton Lodge, but not to utilise the capital sum.

(Councillor Meehan joined the meeting at 6.05pm)

Approval was sought to utilise £6,700 of available resources held by the Leonard Andrew Poole Trust to invest in extend classes (exercise to music) at a cost of £2,600, monthly entertainment, monthly pet therapy/social therapy at a cost of £3,600 and for the purchase of craft materials/activities at a cost of £500.

The Committee, as Managing Trustees, was minded to approve the request, subject to clarification as to whether it was authorised to spend the yearly amount generated by the income plus interest (£4,000) or the total current cash figure which had accumulated (£18,430). These sums were separate to the investment amount which could not be accessed.

Resolved that, subject to confirmation of the amount of funds available to spend, that approval be given to:-

- (1) the purchase of weekly extend classes (exercise to music) within Grafton Lodge, at a cost of £2,600.00;
- (2) monthly entertainment, monthly pet therapy/ social therapy at a cost of £3,600.00;
- (3) the purchase of craft materials/activities for residents to utilise within Grafton Lodge, at a cost of £500.00.

Matter not delegated to the Committee

3/16

Nominations for the Offices of Mayor and Deputy Mayor of Sandwell for the 2016/17 Municipal Year

In accordance with the Council's agreed process for the selection of Mayor, the Committee considered the nominations received for the office of Mayor for the 2016/17 Municipal Year. Nominations were received for Councillors Eaves, Edis and Webb and all nominations were supported by the requisite five serving members of the Council.

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Members considered that all three nominations had merit, however, at this time it was felt that Councillor Julie Webb should be nominated to the office of Mayor.

It was reported that the Leader had deferred the making of a nomination to the office of Deputy Mayor and this matter would be considered at the next meeting of Council.

Resolved to recommend to the Council:-

- (1) that Councillor Julie Webb be nominated for the office of Mayor of the Borough of Sandwell for the 2016/2017 Municipal Year;
- (2) that a nomination for the office of Deputy Mayor of the Borough of Sandwell for the 2016/2017 Municipal Year be considered at the meeting of Council.

(Meeting ended at 6:25pm)

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