

Minutes of the General Purposes and Arbitration Committee

**20 November, 2017 at 6.00 pm
at the Sandwell Council House, Oldbury**

Present: Councillor Dhallu (Chair);
Councillors S Crumpton, P Davies, S Hosell
and Melia.

Apology: Councillor Rouf.

8/17 **Minutes**

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 9 October, 2017 be confirmed as a correct record.

9/17 **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.

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. The current capital sum was £108,516 and current available resource was £15,614.

Approval was sought to utilise £9,360 of available resources held

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by the Leonard Andrew Poole Trust to invest in :-

- extend classes (exercise to music) at a cost of £2,600,
- monthly entertainment,
- pet therapy/social therapy at a cost of £5,760 and, for the purchase of craft materials/activities at a cost of £1,000.

The Committee, as Managing Trustees, discussed the possibility of volunteers providing exercise sessions and were advised by the Adult Social Care Operations Manager that the residents needed routine and that there needed to be consistency in the service delivered. The exercise sessions provided were at the same time every week 52 weeks a year. She advised that carers at Grafton Lodge were committed to care duties and helping residents to carry out daily tasks and that the regular exercise classes were a necessary addition for the residents. She clarified that the entertainment varied between floors and that not every resident attended every week.

The Committee was satisfied that Grafton Lodge spent the funds on facilities to enhance the lives of residents.

Resolved that from available resources held by the Leonard Andrews Poole Trust, in accordance with the terms of the bequest :-

- (1) the purchase of weekly exercise to music classes (Extend classes) within Grafton Lodge, at a cost of £2,600.00 be approved;
- (2) the purchase of monthly entertainment for all residents, including pet therapy, hand therapy, craft sessions and singing entertainment at a cost of £5,760.00 (6 sessions per month at £80 = £480 per month x 12) be approved;
- (3) the purchase of craft materials, garden supplies and activities for residents to utilise within Grafton Lodge, at a cost of £1000.00 be approved.

(Meeting ended at 6.18 pm)

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