

**General Purposes and Arbitration
Committee**

**Monday, 20th November 2017 at 6.00 pm
in Annex 1,
at the Sandwell Council House, Oldbury**

Agenda

(Open to Public and Press)

1. Apologies for absence.
2. Members to declare any interest in matters to be discussed at the meeting.
3. To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 9th October 2017 as a correct record.

Matter Not Delegated to the Committee

4. Use of Resources held within Leonard Andrews Poole Trust.

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Chief Executive

Sandwell Council House
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Distribution:

Councillor Dhallu (Chair);
Councillor P Davies (Vice-Chair);
Councillors Allen, S Crumpton, S Hosell, Melia and Rouf.

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Minutes of the General Purposes and Arbitration Committee

**9th October, 2017 at 6.00pm
at the Sandwell Council House, Oldbury**

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

Apology: Councillor Allen

Minutes

6/17 The minutes of the meeting held on 12th June 2017 were confirmed as a correct record.

Matter not delegated to the Committee

7/17 Honorary Freemen of the Borough

The Committee considered a proposal to admit a suitable person as an Honorary Freeman of the Borough.

Under Section 249 of the Local Government Act 1972, a City or Borough was able to confer the office of Honorary Freeman on persons who, in the opinion of the Council, had rendered eminent service to the city or borough.

A nomination had been submitted by Councillor Gavan in respect of Dr Roy Richardson. Dr Richardson was one of Sandwell's most successful businessmen building a multi-million-pound company and was instrumental in the creation of, and major funder to, the Richardson Bros foundation.

The foundation supported many local and national causes including Macmillan care and Support, Guide Dogs, Alzheimer's Society,

Save the Children Fund, Crimestoppers, The Prince's trust
Children's Hospital, Ellie Bishop Trust and many other charities and
sports clubs locally.

Resolved to recommend to the Council:-

- (1) that the office of Honorary Freeman of the Borough be conferred upon Dr Roy Richardson;
- (2) that the Director – Monitoring Officer, in consultation with the Mayor and Leader of the Council, be authorised to make the appropriate arrangements to implement the decision.

(Meeting ended at 6.14pm)

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Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council
Report to General Purposes & Arbitration Committee
20 November 2017

Use of Resources held within Leonard Andrews Poole Trust

1. Summary Statement

- 1.1 Approval is sought to utilise £9,360.00 of available resources held by the Leonard Andrews Poole Trust. This being for the benefit of residents of Grafton Lodge residential care unit in accordance with the terms of the bequest.
- 1.2 Grafton Lodge is part of the Sandwell Community Caring Trust Organisation.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 That approval is given for the purchases of weekly exercise to music classes (Extend Class) within Grafton Lodge, at a cost of £2,600.00. Funding to be provided from available resources held by the Leonard Andrews Poole trust. in accordance with the terms of the bequest.
- 2.2 That approval is given for monthly entertainment for all residents, which will include pet therapy, hand therapy, craft sessions and singing entertainment at a cost of. £5,760 (6 sessions per month at £80 = £480 per month x 12 = £5,760.00) funding to be provided from available resources from the Leonard Andrews Poole Trust in accordance with the terms of the bequest.
- 2.3. That approval is given for the purchase of craft materials, garden supplies and Gazebo for residents to utilise within Grafton Lodge, at a cost of £1,000.00. Funding to be provided from available resources held by the Leonard Andrews Poole trust in accordance with the terms of the bequest.

Bev Hellend
Adult Social Care
Operations Manager Direct Services

Use of Resources held within Leonard Andrew Poole Trust

3. Strategic Resource Implications

There is £15,614 available in the Leonard Andrew Poole Trust which in accordance with the terms of the bequest can be utilised for the benefit of the residents of Grafton Lodge.

The resources requested have no strategic resource implication and are intended to be utilised to compliment improvements already completed and resourced by Grafton Lodge Sandwell Community Caring Trust

4. Legal and Statutory Implications

In accordance with the Deeds of the Charitable Trust the General Purposes Committee as Managing Trustees, have the authorisation to approve expenditure from the Charity.

The Managing Trustees will authorise expenditure at their discretion in providing special amenities of any kind for the residents of Grafton Lodge Residential Care Home

5. Background Details

- 5.1 The Leonard Andrews Poole Charity was created in 1977 in accordance with a bequest. The sum of £10,460.25 invested in Charities Official Investment Fund Income Shares held by CCLA Investment Management LTD.

The value of the current share portfolio is approximately £108,516.00

- 5.2 The original Managing Trustees being the members of the Social Services Committee. The General Purposes Committee has since replaced this committee and as such the role of Managing Trustees now sits with the members of the General Purposes Committee.
- 5.3 The Managing Trustees have authorisation to approve the use of any yearly income generated by the investment plus bank interest accrued. This currently stands at £15,614 cash in the bank, with approximately £3,500 per annum being generated from the investments held.
- 5.4 The aim of this report is to access the available funds to enhance the quality of life experienced by the residents of Grafton Lodge. Access to the trust fund was last made in 2016 for weekly exercise classes, monthly entertainment and purchase of craft supplies and garden planting.

6. Proposal

6.1 Activity Programmes

To ensure residents are stimulated for their wellbeing an activity programme will assist regular planned events such as extend classes, pet therapy, social intervention (puppeteer) vocalist entertainment. The proposal is to help with the costings towards such activities (Appendix A).

6.2 Craft Materials/ activities

For residents to be creative and stimulated materials are always having to be replaced. Specific activities to support older people with dementia are required again to encourage interaction, stimulation and wellbeing.

Conclusion

The proposals in this report are all in line with the requirements of the Leonard Andrews Poole Trust in as much as they are special amenities for the residents of Grafton Lodge Residential Care Home.

Recommendations

That the proposals contained in this report are endorsed by the Manager of Trustees Sub Committee and the costs be met from the Leonard Andrews Poole Trust.

Bev Hellend
Operations Manager
12 October 2017

Susanne Moore
Principal Accountant
12 October 2017

Appendix A

Leonard Andrews Poole – Expenditure Analysis

Purchase	Location	Quantity	Price
Weekly entertainment exercise to music	Both lounge floors	52 sessions	£2,600.00
Monthly entertainment to include, singers, pet therapy, craft workshops, hand therapy (8 sessions per month)	Both lounge floors	6 sessions per month	£5,760.00
Craft/Activity Materials including garden planting and Gazebo	Both Lounge floors and garden area.		£1,000.00
Total Cost			£9,360.00

All costings include VAT where applicable