

NEWARK AND SHERWOOD DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of **Trustee Board of the Gilstrap and William Edward Knight Charities** held in the Civic Rooms 1 & 2, Castle House, Great North Road, Newark NG24 1BY on Tuesday, 27 February 2024 at 6.00 pm.

PRESENT: Councillor P Taylor (Chair)

Councillor S Haynes, Councillor J Kellas and Councillor I Brown

Councillor R Cozens, Councillor S Crosby, Councillor D Darby, Councillor D Moore, Councillor N Ross

APOLOGIES FOR Councillor A Amer, Councillor M Spoons

ABSENCE:

46 APPOINTMENT OF TEMPORARY CHAIR

AGREED (unanimously) that Councillor P Taylor be appointed Chair for this meeting only.

47 NOTIFICATION TO THOSE PRESENT THAT THE MEETING WILL BE RECORDED AND STREAMED ONLINE

The Chair advised the Council that the meeting was being recorded and streamed online in accordance with usual practice.

48 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS FROM MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

NOTED that:

(a) the following voting Members declared Interests in Agenda Item No. 8 – Land Off Cedar Avenue/Lincoln Road, as elected Members of Newark Town Council.

Councillor I Brown
Councillor J Kellas
Councillor P Taylor

(b) the following non-voting Member declared an interest in Agenda Item No. 8 – Land Off Cedar Avenue/Lincoln Road, as elected Member of Newark Town Council.

Councillor S Crosby
Councillor D Darby
Councillor N Ross
Councillor D Moore

49 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 11 JANUARY 2023

AGREED that that minutes of the meeting held on 11 January 2023 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair, subject to an amendment to refer to members of the Committee as Members in the minutes, rather than Trustees.

50 TRUST ACCOUNTS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

The Committee considered the report of the Assistant Business Manager- Financial Services detailing the financial accounts for the W.E. Knight Trust and the Gilstrap Endowment Fund for the financial year ended 31 March 2023.

Members noted that as previously reported, W.E. Knight had allocated the majority of its fund to the Newark R&M Cricket Club in respect of their Ground Development Project and therefore, the charity only had a minimum balance remaining. The Gilstrap Charity received £43,000 per annum for the lease of the Gilstrap building in Newark. The bank balance for the Gilstrap charity at 31 March 2023 was £276,432, all of which was available as there were no future funding committed to projects or grant funding.

AGREED (unanimously) that Members noted the financial accounts for the year ended 31 March 2023.

51 APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDING

The Committee considered an application for grant funding from the Children's Bereavement Centre, for a project to raise awareness of the free support available in Newark for bereaved families. An amount of £2002.20 was sought and information on funds raised so far was included in the report.

Members felt that the application was in line with the criteria to reflect the Gilstrap Charity's purpose and objectives.

AGREED (unanimously) that the application for funding of £2002.20 be granted to the Children's Bereavement Centre of 2 Kings Road, Newark.

52 APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDING - THE FREE FOOTBALL CLUB

The Committee considered a request for a grant for £200 for the Free Footballing Club to provide the first sessions and equipment for underprivileged children in Newark on Trent to access sport.

In consideration the Committee felt that in order to grant the application, further information was required, including where the project would be based, how the service users would be identified and what other funding had been sourced. The Committee were very supportive of the aims of the project.

AGREED (unanimously) that the application be declined and the applicant approached to seek further information in support of the application.

53 LAND OFF CEDAR AVENUE/LINCOLN ROAD NEWARK - UPDATE

The Committee considered an update report on progress with the land off Cedar Road/Lincoln Road Newark. The Clerk explained that the Charities Commission were still considering the potential disposal of the land to Newark Town Council and a request had been made to the Commission for further updates.

The Committee confirmed their intention to dispose of the land to Newark Town Council for use as an amenity space and not for development.

AGREED (unanimously) that the report be noted.

Meeting closed at 6.32 pm.

Chairman