

# THE RECTOR AND FOUR AND TWENTY OF BEDALE

The Bedale Welfare Charity – Charity Commission Reference Number 1206644

## GENERAL MEETING

### Minutes of the General Meeting of The Rector and Four and Twenty of Bedale

Bedale Welfare Charity – HMCC reference number 224035

Bedale Educational and Bedale 750 Charity – HMCC reference number 529517

Held at Bedale Hall, 6pm on 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2024

#### Present:

Revd. Canon Simon Moor (Chair), John Noone (Vice Chair), Yvonne Rose (Treasurer), Anna McCready (Brewin Dolphin), Judith Asquith, Carol Gill, Sam Chisholm, David Shaw, Michael Chaloner, Clive Pointon, Mike Barningham, Keith Bailes, Harry Livingstone, Janet Maddocks, Malcolm Young, Christine Mollard, Amanda Coates, Trevor Johnson, Alan Johnson

Kayleigh Catford (Clerk)

#### Apologies:

Annabel Wilkinson, Mark Kettlewell, Ian Marr, Susan Inglis

#### 1. Chairman's Welcome and apologies

The Chairman welcomed members to the meeting and apologies of absence were recorded as above.

#### 2. Approval of minutes from 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2023 meeting

Proposed as a true and correct record of the meeting by JN, seconded by CP, and approved.

#### 3. Matters Arising

None

#### 4. Brewin Dolphin

Anna McCready from Brewin Dolphin gave an overview of responsible investing for charities, particularly in relation to ESG (Environmental, Social, and Governance) factors. Trustees were also given a more in depth look at fossil fuel investment, some insight and comparison into our portfolio's carbon intensity and questions to consider in this area. As an estimate, Anna suggested less than 5% of our portfolio is invested in fossil fuel organisations (exact figure can be provided if we want it).

Anna left the meeting, trustees discussed the topic further.

MC proposed: we should withdraw our investment from fossil fuel extraction and transportation on moral grounds.

The proposal did not get a second and therefor was not put to vote.

## **5. Finance Report**

YR provided an overview of the charity accounts.

The cash balances at the bank were:

Welfare: £38,076.57

Education: £8635.46

The balances of our investment portfolios were:

Welfare: £566,899.62

Education: £18513.85

The above includes a compensation gesture of £85 and £75 from Barclays for the inconvenience of not making swift progress on matters over recent months.

## **6. Requests for assistance**

### **6.1 Update on the grant approved at the last meeting and between meetings for the individual in need in Leeming Bar**

Following correspondence between meetings, we've now provided the individual with curtain poles and curtains for 3 x windows and doors. And we've provided him with a freezer.

Total amount spent £1394.63. This application is now closed.

### **6.2 Consideration of a grant application from Bedale Hall to fund an easy access door system for the rear hall entrance**

MB, CP, JN, YR, JA and CY declared an interest in this application CM asked if the project was receiving funds from elsewhere, YR and MB explained this application was one part of a larger project of ongoing improvement works at the hall, and so no funding had been allocation for this specific task.

AC voted to support the application and pay the full amount requested, JM seconded this voted, the majority were in favour (those with a declared interest did not vote)

MC was against supporting the application  
£2460 to be paid to Bedale Hall

### **6.3 Consideration of a grant application from Aiskew and Leeming Bar CE Primary School for new IT equipment for pupils due to a significant rise in the number of pupils**

AC proposed we support the application and pay the full amount requested

MD seconded the proposal and all were in favour

£4605.46 to be paid to Aiskew and Leeming Bar Primary School

### **6.4 Consideration of a grant application for a tumble dryer for an individual with very limited mobility (RR) in Bedale**

Trustees discussed providing a condenser tumble dryer, cheaper to purchase but expensive to run, vs a heat source tumble dryer, which is around £100 more expensive to purchase but more cost efficient to run.

KB proposed we support the application and purchase the heat source dryer

JM seconded this proposal and all were in favour

KC to purchase and arrange delivery of tumble dryer from Scott's electrical at a cost of £379

#### **6.5 To consider giving funds to a local boy, Alfie, who is living with a brain tumour and wishes to make some memories with his family**

The just giving page for Alfie had a target of £20,000 to get the family to Lapland and help make some magical memories. At the time of the meeting, the fund was £739 off reaching the target.

MY proposed we pay the outstanding amount in full, JN seconded the proposal, and the majority were in favour £739 to be paid to Alfie's Just Giving Fund

#### **6.6 Update from The Dales Centre following their grant for flood doors**

They have now received their final quotation and following the prompt receipt of their grant they are progressing with work. Thanks were sent to The Rector and Four and Twenty for their support.

### **7 Any other business**

KC To reach a final decision on the new logo for the Four and Twenty. It was agreed that the wording should read "The Rector and Four and Twenty of Bedale"

YR A reminder that names of any individuals in need of assistance are not to be shared publicly, names are strictly for information purposes only and not to be noted on minutes

In order to progress matters between meetings, YR suggested any emails requiring a decision must be replied to within seven days. Everyone agreed this is a reasonable time frame.

### **8 Agree date and time for next meeting**

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June 6pm

The meeting closed at 7.10pm

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