

Minutes of the Meeting of Worksop Charter Trustees held on 24th June 2019.

Present:

Councillors Sanders, Pressley, K Greaves, S Greaves, Potts, Merryweather, Shepherd, Jones, Richardson, White and Eaton.

M Welch (Clerk)

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Councillor Fielding.

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3. Minutes of the meeting held 20th May 2019

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 20th May, copies of which had been previously circulated to members were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

4. Matters Arising

Charter Day – Tony reported that he is meeting with Steve tomorrow.

5. Finance

Audit – This has been completed and the notice will be displayed. The cheques need sorting and signatories need to remember to sign the cheque stubs as well.

Budget – the clerk has circulated the budget sheet showing expenditure from last year and also the agreed budget for this year. The Mayor has prepared a separate budget which she proposed be accepted and explained the breakdown which also included civic and community events, school visits and projects. Councillor Entwistle had suggested plaques be put into the square for famous people in Sheffield and other towns, Councillor Richardson will discuss this with Steve Brown. Councillor White explained that if you google Worksop nothing comes up and suggested a website linked into other sites including Bassetlaw and Sherwood Forest identity map it was agreed this is a good idea and should be put on the next agenda. The newsletter was discussed and VE Day on 8th May next year which will be discussed with the Royal British Legion. Councillor Pressley asked if we could do something for the Worksop Town Football Club, this was discussed and it was agreed that Councillor White should contact the club secretary to discuss how we could mark their achievement.

Cheque signatures - Josie will contact Sybil to arrange to go to the bank.

Cheques were agreed for M Welch salary June £51.82, M Welch printer cartridges £58.98, hire of hall £38 and J Haddon audit £65.

6. Charter Mayor and Deputy Allowances

Councillor White asked Councillor Richardson for her view before she left the room. Councillor Richardson explained how Retford pay an allowance and outlined the hard work involved which she feels should be paid accordingly. She worked hard and tirelessly last year and feels she should be paid an allowance accordingly for that and she feels the role is nearly akin to the Chairman of the Council, she then left the meeting for allowances to be discussed. The clerk reported that she had circulated advice received including the advice from the Nottinghamshire County Association which is the same as the advice from the auditor and advised that a payment cannot legally be made stressing that any such payment would be against her advice however, expenses can be paid to the Chairman

as stated in the email from the County Association and the Standing Orders but would require supporting invoices. Councillor White said there were two issues to be considered the principle of the allowance and the amount. The mayor should be accountable listing her work as mayor and we as trustees see the mayor as a pivotal role and she believes an allowance should be made, this was unanimously agreed and it was proposed the mayor should forward her invoices and expenses to the clerk.

The amount to be budgeted for this was discussed and a proposal for £2000 with the ability to come back if more was needed, there were with four councillors in favour, this was followed by a counter proposal for £3000 with six councillors in favour and one abstention, this was agreed. The clerk asked about amending the budget, Councillor White proposed the Charter Day be reduced to £800 and £1000 be taken off grants this was unanimously agreed. Councillor Richardson returned to the room and Councillor White explained that they had agreed an allowance for £3000 which will be taxable and that it is critical we do have statements for audit.

7. Charter Day

Councillor Potts asked if there was any chance of having floats on Charter Day, it was felt there may be health and safety issues but Councillor Richardson will look into this. Eight stallholders have expressed an interest again this year. Concerns were raised that we would be competing with the event at Retford on the same day and after discussion it was unanimously agreed to plan Charter Day for next year and do something to support the food festival on 25th July.

8. Community Events

This had been discussed with the budget.

9. Junior Mayor Role

It was agreed that there would be child protection issues and this should be crossed off.

10 Exchange of information

The clerk was asked to include Vice-Chairman and also money for the VC Memorial on the next agenda.

11. Dates of meetings

A meeting will be arranged in July.

The meeting closed at 7.20p.m.