

Coles', Moorpool & The Eyre St Thomas Day Charity Minutes

Minutes of the meeting of Rampton Parish Council acting as the Corporate Trustee, together with the co-opted Trustees of the above charity, held on the 9th Sep 2019 at Woodbeck Community Centre, Chadwick Walk, Woodbeck, Retford, DN22 0JS. The meeting commenced at 6:30pm.

Present	Sue Kyle	Corporate Trustee Chairman
	Libby Hauton	Corporate Trustee
	Felicity Ferriter	Corporate Trustee
	Barry Bullimore	Corporate Trustee
	Selena Eyre	Co-opted Trustee

Also, present Ed Knox, Clerk/Responsible Financial Officer
0 Members of the Public

69 To Approve Apologies for Absence

After discussion, the Trusteeship **resolved to accept** the apologies from Muriel Arden, Ivor Lewin & Pam Hawkins due to illness. Felicity Ferriter arrived during item 72.

The Chairman noted that we have a vacancy for a co-opted trustee because Felicity is a Corporate Trustee. Felicity agreed to approach members of Rampton Parochial Church Council in the first instance, to see if they have a suitable member who would fill the post (in a nod to the historic church involvement with the St Thomas Day Trust), if no one was forthcoming, it will then be widely advertised.

70 To Approve Minutes of the Previous Meeting

After discussion, the Trusteeship **resolved** to accept the minutes. The chairman signed the minutes of the previous meeting as a true and accurate record.

71 Declarations of Interest

None.

72 To Receive Financial Update

The Trusteeship **approved** the following accounts: -

<u>Payee</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Rampton Parish Council	Net cost, Over 60's Aft Tea, Food, Drinks & Catering Items	£146.06*
Rampton Parish Council	Hall Hire Over 60's Afternoon Tea	£32.00
Information Commission	GDPR Data Processors Annual Fee	£35.00
Total Payments		<u>£283.06</u>

Receipts Received:

<u>From</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Amount</u>
COIF CCLA	Quarterly Share Dividend	£129.24
Total Receipts		<u>£129.24</u>

Bank Balances

The Current Account Balance today is	<u>£104.39</u>
The Deposit Account Balance today is	<u>£1</u>

*The Trusteeship discussed the Over 60's Afternoon Tea Expenditure

All trustees felt that whilst there had been 3 afternoon teas in total in the past 18 months, the turnout to these were very small, around 15 at the latest one. The trustees stated that not every home in the parish had received a leaflet this time, the afternoon teas for the over 60's benefits only one demographic of people and wasn't reaching the wider community. However, when the previous afternoon tea was widely advertised for the February 2019, (as per the decision of the Nov 2018 meeting which said that every home in the parish would be leaflet dropped, advertised on the noticeboards, Retford Times, Social Media, Website and The Roundabout), only 5 or 6 more people attended. The expenditure of approximately £500 over 18 months has benefited a very small proportion of the population and all trustees felt this is not the best way to allocate funds.

A recently discovered letter from the Charity Commission in 1996, (found with the Tarmac Lease), advised that the funds of the Moorpool Charity must be spent on general charitable purposes which can benefit all people of all ages in the parish, suggesting the Village Hall itself or other recreational facilities as suitable. The Trustees had reservations that the afternoon teas have included the serving of wine and felt that it wasn't appropriate for the charity to fund and serve alcoholic beverages.

Felicity Ferriter clarified that we must not return to the old ways of 'boxes of chocolate for the elderly' type donations which are not suitable, as it selects one section of the population. (This was confirmed by Charity Commission in 1987 that the funds of Coles' charity cannot be specifically spent on one age group and should be spent on those in need of all ages).

Alternative ideas were discussed, which resulted in the the idea of offering an annual donation to C&T to cover the cost of one of their sessions so that the money was benefiting a wider audience of people from the parish of all ages came about.

After further discussion, the Chairman summarised a proposal and called for a vote, **all** trustees were in favour and **resolved to 1)** abolish the over 60's afternoon teas with immediate effect. **2)** approach C&T to discuss the idea of funding £200 per year, in the spirit of Moorpool Charity to benefit all people of all ages who come to C&T. **3)** To allow funds to build so that the previously agreed idea of reinvesting half of the funds per quarter into the charity shares account and carry over the remaining so that there are fund available should anyone in need come forward.

Action, The Chairman to contact C&T to put forward the idea and finalise the details.

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Closure of Meeting

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked everyone for their contributions and closed the meeting at 7:00PM.

Signed _____

Date _____