

**CHARITABLE TRUST COMMITTEE**  
**19/12/2024 at 6.00 pm**



**Present:** Councillor Rustidge (Chair)  
Councillors Byrne, Iqbal and Ball

Also in Attendance:  
Zoe Theofilopoulos – Legal Services  
John Eddisbury – Finance Services  
Peter Thompson – Constitutional Services

1           **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Bashforth and Marland.

2           **URGENT BUSINESS**

There were no items of urgent business received.

3           **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest received.

4           **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

There were no public questions for this meeting of the Committee to consider.

5           **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

Resolved:  
That the minutes of the meeting of the Charitable Trust Committee held 16<sup>th</sup> July 2024, be approved as a correct record.

6           **ARCHIE BROWN CHARITABLE TRUST UPDATE**

Further to the Committee's meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> April 2024 (minute 6 refers), Members were advised that the Council was waiting for approval from the authority's Estates Team to dispose of the property concerned. It was anticipated that this approval would be forthcoming in January 2025, when the property would be marketed for sale by auction.

At the appropriate time an advertisement would be placed in a local newspaper inviting applicants to submit bids for funding from the Archie Brown Charitable Trust.

Resolved:  
That the report be noted.

7           **SARAH ANNE LEES CHARITABLE TRUST UPDATE**

The Committee were reminded that at a previous meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> March 2024, it had been resolved that in respect of the charitable trust known as "The Sarah Anne Lees Charitable Trust", an application to the Charity Commission be made to seek for authority for the Charity to spend up to 100% of its capital funds (which is permanent endowment) via donations and/or (on application) grant funding, to appropriate bodies or organisations that provide assistance or services in keeping with

the objects of the charity. The Committee was advised that letters had been forwarded to the Charity Commission to give effect to the Committee's resolution but no reply had yet been received. This matter would be pursued in early 2025.

The Trust's monetary value was £312,368.25.

Resolved:  
That the report be noted.

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### **CHARITABLE LAND/TRUSTS FOR GENERAL ANNUAL REVIEW**

Officers briefed the Committee on Charitable Trusts and Land that were due for annual review. None had changes proposed for the future. The areas concerned were:

- a. Clayton Playing Fields (Town green)
- b. Lower Failsworth Memorial Park (1924)
- c. Werneth Park and Lodges (Sarah Anne lees was original donor)
- d. Bardsley Playing Fields
- e. The Charles and Mary A. Ward Recreation Ground
- f. The North Moor Playground

Resolved:  
That the Charitable Land/Trusts for General Annual Review be noted.

The meeting started at 6.00pm and ended at 6.30pm