

CHARITABLE TRUST COMMITTEE

Agenda

Date Tuesday 25th February 2025

Time 6.00 pm

Venue Lees Suite, Civic Centre, Oldham, West Street, Oldham, OL1 1NL

Notes 1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST- If a Member requires advice on any item involving a possible declaration of interest which could affect his/her ability to speak and/or vote he/she is advised to contact Alex Bougatef or Constitutional Services at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting.

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MEMBERSHIP OF THE CHARITABLE TRUST COMMITTEE
Councillors Rustidge (Chair), Ball, Bashforth, Byrne, Iqbal and Marland

Item No

1 Apologies For Absence

2 Urgent Business

Urgent business, if any, introduced by the Chair

3 Declarations of Interest

To Receive Declarations of Interest in any Contract or matter to be discussed at the meeting.

4 Public Question Time

To receive Questions from the Public, in accordance with the Council's Constitution.

5 Minutes (Pages 3 - 4)

The Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 19th December 2024 are attached for approval.

6 Exclusion of the Press and Public

To consider that the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business, pursuant to Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 on the grounds that discussions may involve the likely disclosure of exempt information, under paragraph 3 as defined in the provisions of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act, to the Local Government Act 1972 and public interest would not be served in publishing the information.

7 Clayton Playing Fields

Report to follow

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 16th July 2024, be approved as a correct record.

6 **ARCHIE BROWN CHARITABLE TRUST UPDATE**

Further to the Committee's meeting on 15th 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 5th 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