# Minutes of a meeting of Charity Trustees held on Wednesday, 28th February, 2024 from 6.45 pm

### Present:

M Kennedy P Kenny R Eggleston A Bashar S Ellis M Miah P Lucraft AM Cooke D Eggleton A Eves C Cherry AM Cooke I Gibson G Casella J Hitchcock M Avery C Wood J Henwood L Carvalho S Hatton R Bates S Hicks G Zeidler A Bennett T Hussain L Farren P Brown R Jackson J Belsey J Knight J Russell E Prescott P Chapman A Peacock K Berggreen R Clarke C Phillips C Hobbs M Cornish D Sweatman D Pascoe J Dabell R Whittaker A Rees J Edwards

**Absent:** Councillors A Platts, M Belsey, G Marsh and J Mockford

1. TO BE AGREED BY GENERAL AFFIRMATION THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 13 DECEMBER 2023.

The minutes of the meeting held on 13 December 2023 were agreed by Members and signed by the Chairman.

2. TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST FROM MEMBERS IN RESPECT OF ANY MATTER ON THE AGENDA.

**Councillor Bates** declared an interest as he is the Council's representative for Beech Hurst Gardens.

3. TO CONSIDER ANY ITEMS THAT THE CHAIRMAN OF THE CHARITY TRUSTEES AGREE TO TAKE AS URGENT BUSINESS.

None.

4. REQUEST FOR FUNDING FOR THE HAYWARDS HEATH AND BEECH HURST BOWLS CLUB NEW STORAGE FACILITY (CHARITY NUMBER 305202)

Kevin Toogood, Solicitor to the Trustees introduced the item, noting that the recommendation is consistent with the purposes of the Trust, which is to provide recreation activities for the residents of Haywards Heath.

The item was proposed by Councillor Jackson and seconded by Councillor Henwood.

The Chairman took Members to a vote on the recommendation contained in the report. This was agreed with 43 in favour.

#### **RESOLVED**

The Charity Trustees approved the release of £18,060 + VAT for a new storage facility at Beech Hurst Bowls Club.

## 5. BEECH HURST GARDENS TENNIS COURTS.

Kevin Toogood, Solicitor to the Trustees introduced the report, noting that the tennis court provides a revenue stream to the Trust. The recommendation is consistent with the purposes of the Trust and it is anticipated that the improvements will enable the income to be enhanced.

The item was proposed by Councillor Jackson, seconded by Councillor Henwood and a further Councillor added his support to the proposal. The Chairman took Members to a vote on the recommendation contained in the report. This was agreed with 42 in favour.

## **RESOLVED**

The Charity Trustees agreed to make available up to £50,000 (excluding VAT) to finance the renovation of all three tennis courts at Beech Hurst Gardens.

The meeting finished at 6.52 pm

Chairman