

CHARLOTTE COXE TRUST COMMITTEE

MINUTES of the meeting held on Thursday, 30 January 2025 commencing at 9.00 am and finishing at 9.15 am

Present:

Voting Members:

Councillor Geoff Saul – in the Chair

Councillor Felix Bloomfield

Councillor Freddie van Mierlo

Councillor Jenny Hannaby (In place of Councillor Robin Bennett)

Officers:

Whole of meeting Richard Hodby, Solicitor; Colm Ó Caomhánaigh,
Democratic Services Manager

The Scrutiny Committee considered the matters, reports and recommendations contained or referred to in the agenda for the meeting and agreed as set out below. Copies of the agenda and reports are attached to the signed Minutes.

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

(Agenda No. 1)

Apologies were received from Councillor Jane Murphy and Councillor Robin Bennett (substituted by Councillor Jenny Hannaby).

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

(Agenda No. 2)

There were no declarations of interest.

3 MINUTES

(Agenda No. 3)

The minutes of the meeting held on 22 August 2024 were approved.

4 FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR TO 31 MARCH 2024

(Agenda No. 5)

The Committee considered the report on financial activities for the 2023/24 financial year.

Richard Hodby summarised the report. There had been little activity in the period of the report. The Trust received garage rental income and higher than expected

interest. There had been no expenditure. The County Council donated back the accountancy fees so makes no profit from the accountancy work.

The Chair put the recommendations to the Committee and they were agreed.

RESOLVED to

- (a) Approve the Statement of Financial Activities for the year to 31 March 2024 annexed to this report; and**
- (b) Authorise a Council officer to submit data from the Statement to the Charity Commission online before midnight on 31 January 2025 so that annual financial reporting obligations are complied with.**

5 PETITIONS AND PUBLIC ADDRESS

(Agenda No. 4)

The Chair agreed to a request to speak from Gill Bindoff.

Gill Bindoff expressed her frustration that no date had been set yet for a meeting of the Committee to make any substantive decisions despite the Committee meeting with some urgency last August. She was concerned that with the County Council election due in May the Trust's interests would be low on the agenda.

She was further concerned that the Government's plan for devolution introduced further uncertainty. She asked that informal discussions be held soon in advance of a Committee meeting.

Members gave assurances that there would be no lack of interest in the business of the Committee and agreed to aim to hold a meeting again by March.

..... in the Chair

Date of signing 2025