

## STOKE CLIMSLAND CHARITY TRUST MINUTES

A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE STOKE CLIMSLAND PARISH CHARITY TRUST  
HELD ON MONDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2019 AT 7:00 PM IN THE AH ROOM AT  
THE OLD SCHOOL (POSTPONED FROM 21<sup>ST</sup> JANUARY)

1. **PRESENT:** Sarah Ross – Chairman (SR), Martin Howlett (MH), Nigel Cooper (NJC), James Coumbe (JC), Stuart Cazaly (SC)

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Ren Jackaman – Clerk (RJ)

2. **Apologies:** NONE

3. **Finance**

- **Bank Mandates: to recap the complaint against NatWest and the outcome thereof**

RJ has attempted to get herself registered as the new contactee, to get the mandate changed to reflect the new trustees and to remove old signatories. This has been unsuccessful and a history of failure has been uncovered on the part of NatWest Bank which dates as far back as a decade.

RJ has lodged a formal complaint with NatWest, who have conceded that they have failed the Stoke Climsland Charity Trust in their duty to offer an adequate banking service. They have credited the account with £200 but have not provided an appropriate solution with regard to changing the account mandate.

- **To discuss moving the account to a different bank.**

After discussion of the above issues, it was proposed by NJC, seconded by MH and AGREED to authorise the creation of a new Treasurer Account with the Callington Branch of Lloyds Bank and to transfer the funds from the NatWest account, after which the said NatWest account to be closed, all in favour.

**ACTION: RJ will open the new account at Lloyds, organise the transfer of funds and close the NatWest account. RJ will update the banking details with the CCLA and Charity Commission.**

4. **Constitution**

- **To discuss and vote on the proposal to remove the clause requiring a parent of the applicant to live in Stoke Climsland Parish.**

JC presented the view that without this clause in the constitution it would be very difficult to ensure that any applicants had a solid link with Stoke Climsland. He suggested that the clause be left in the constitution but reviewed again in 12 months. SR queried why there is a clause associated with the Primary School attendance and whether this clause should be removed instead. A discussion followed in which it was established that the original constitution of 1977 tied the charitable intentions very firmly to educational purposes.

It was proposed by NJC, seconded by JC and RESOLVED to retain both the requirement relating to residency and attendance at Stoke Climsland Primary School and to review the matter again in 12 months, all in favour.

- **Any other clauses to be discussed and approved.**

- a) A discussion of clause 14.4 was undertaken and the wording of this clause was reviewed. SR raised the point that this clause was badly worded and suggested the following changes:

14. Advancement of Education

4. In exceptional cases the Trustees may grant assistance to persons otherwise eligible ~~therefore~~ **but for the fact that** they are resident immediately outside the area of benefit, ~~have~~ **and/or** have attained the age of 25 years, but who, in the opinion of the Trustees, ought **to** nevertheless be treated as eligible for assistance.

It was proposed by JC, seconded by MH and AGREED to adopt the changed wording of this clause.

- b) A discussion of the need for a new item to be inserted under clause 14. relating to the discretionary nature of any grants. The following changes were suggested:

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**5. All awards, whether financial or in the form of goods or services, are made at the discretion of the Trustees.**

It was proposed by MH, seconded by NJC and RESOLVED to add this clause into the existing constitution, all in favour.

**ACTION: RJ to redraft the constitution for review and approval, to be formally adopted at the next meeting.**

**5. Date of next Meeting:** 18<sup>th</sup> March 2019, at 7 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

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