



FARNHAM TOWN COUNCIL

Notes Farnham South Street Trust

Time and date

7.30 pm on Thursday 25th May, 2023

Place

Council Chamber - Farnham Town Hall

Farnham South Street Trust Members Present:

Councillor David Beaman
Councillor Mat Brown
Councillor Sally Dickson
Councillor Alan Earwaker (Chair)
Councillor Tony Fairclough
Councillor George Hesse
Councillor Chris Jackman
Councillor Andrew Laughton
Councillor Michaela Martin
Councillor Brodie Mauluka
Councillor Mark Merryweather
Councillor Kika Mirylees
Councillor George Murray
Councillor John Ward
Councillor Graham White

Officers: Iain Lynch (Town Clerk).

1. Election of Trust officers

The Mayor and Deputy Mayor were elected as Chair and vice- chair of the Trust. Cllr George Hesse, nominated by Cllr Merryweather and seconded by Cllr Martin was elected unopposed as the Honorary Treasurer. It was noted that the finance paperwork was undertaken by the Council's bookkeeper and Town Clerk.

2. Disclosure of interests

Cllr Beaman declared that he was a Director of Creative Response.

3. Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr Woodhouse.

4. Minutes of the previous meeting

The Minutes of the previous meeting held on January 26th 2023 were agreed.

5. Background to the Farnham South Street Trust

The background and history to the Trust, attached at Appendix B, was welcomed. Council acts as the Trustee of the South Street Trust, formed in 1880 by philanthropists James and John Knight for the instruction of children and adults in drawing, painting, designing for architecture, manufacture and decoration and not other purpose.

When the later sale of the Farnham School of Science and Art took place, the proceeds were invested and the income applied for 'promoting the education in art and allied subjects of people residing or studying in Farnham. The governing document of 10th March 1980 was superseded by the Charity Commission Scheme of 19th June 1988.

In furthering the objectives of the Trust, the Trustee makes grants to schools and other organisations in the Farnham area to enable those organisations to organise educational workshops, projects and activities covering art and associated subjects.

The Trustee noted the published criteria for the award of grants and which subjects were not considered as eligible (including performing arts, drama, music and dance).

6. End of year Accounts 2022-23

The End of Year Accounts for 2022-23 were agreed for submission to the Independent Examiner, Milne Eldridge & Co.

Discussion took place on the Investment and Reserves policies and the Trustee noted that it was in line with and formed part of the Investment Policy approved by Farnham Town Council on an annual basis.

7. Appointment of Independent Examiner

The Trustee noted the appointment of R. J. Smith, FCA of Milne Eldridge & Co as the Independent Examiner for 2023/24.

8. Date of next meeting

The date of the next meeting would be scheduled in due course.

The meeting ended at 8.48 pm

Notes written by Iain Lynch