

WESTMORLAND AND FURNESS COUNCIL HOLEHIRD TRUST COMMITTEE

Minutes of a Meeting of the **Holehird Trust Committee** held on Tuesday, 9 January 2024 at 10.00 am at Committee Room 1, County Hall, Kendall

PRESENT:

Cllr J Battye
Cllr W Clark
Cllr A Connell
Cllr P Dew
Cllr P Dixon
Cllr G Simpkins

Officers in attendance:

Nicola Cassidy	Legal, Governance and Democracy Specialist - Solicitor
Ms E Clarkson	Savills
Ms E Clements	Senior Grants & Programmes Officer, Cumbria Community Foundation
Ms J Dixon	Savills
Ms P Duke	Director of Resources (Section 151 Officer)
Mr A Farrar	Democratic Services Officer
Ms J Jackson	Estates
Mr M Towers	Savills
Mrs D Walls	Legal, Governance and Democracy Specialist (Solicitor)
Mr D Wiggins	Estates & Investment Manager

PART I ITEMS CONSIDERED IN THE PRESENCE OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS

24. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

25. MEMBERSHIP

There were no changes in membership to note.

26. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST/DISPENSATIONS

The Chair declared an interest as he was a tenant of the Riverside Group. He would leave the meeting during this item and pass the Chair duties over to the Vice Chair.

27. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED, that the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following reports as they contain exempt information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information) by virtue of Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972:-

Agenda Item 9 – Property Matters

28. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the meeting held on 17 October 2023 be noted as a correct record

29. UPDATE ON FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR 2023-24 AND DISTRIBUTIONS FOR 2023-24

Members considered a report from the Director of Finance (s151 Officer) which provided an update on the financial statements for 2023-24 and sought to determine the amounts to be made available for distribution on grants and fees for the 2023-24 financial year.

The Group Accountant (Corporate) noted that the figure available for distribution in the report did not include £2,000 of returned grant. After taking this into account, the figure available for distribution was £9,494.55. However this amount was slightly lower than the figure calculated by Cumbria Community Foundation as available to distribute (£9,668). The Group Accountant (Corporate) and the Senior Grants & Programmes Officer, Cumbria Community Foundation, agreed to take this matter away to resolve and to respond back to the Committee.

A member noted the valuation of estate and requested further clarification.

The Group Accountant commented that Savills had undertaken the work in 2015 or 2017.

Mr Towers remarked that Savills had completed the work and acknowledged that a valuation of the estate would be in order.

A member queried what fee was paid to Savills for their work.

The Group Accountant (Corporate) remarked that further investigation was required and would provide an answer to the Committee.

RESOLVED that the Holehird Trust Committee,

- 1) noted the amounts made available for distribution on grants and fees for the 2023-24 financial year and the financial position at 30 November 2023.

30. GRANT APPLICATIONS

Members considered the recommendations of the Senior Grants & Donor Services Officer from Cumbria Community Foundation.

**25017 South Lakeland Breast feeding
Lactation Consultant fee and room hire costs**

Requested £5,000.00

Approved £1,000.00

Priority – Children & Young People

Charitable objectives - to provide activities to beneficiaries.

**24941 Cancer Care North Lancashire & Cumbria
One to one therapy sessions**

Requested £27,045.00 over 3 years

Approved £2,000.00 for one year only

Priority – All age groups

Charitable objectives – To relieve beneficiaries who are sick by assisting their recovery.

**25025 Studio Morland
Saturday Art Club**

Requested £8,215.00

Approved £1,668.00

Priority – All ages

Charitable objectives - to provide facilities to beneficiaries.

The Chair left the meeting for this grant application and Cllr Dew took the Chair for this grant application.

**25006 The Riverside Group
IT Club in Eden rural Foyer**

Requested £14,378.05

Approved £2,000.00

Priority – All age groups

Charitable objectives - to provide activities to beneficiaries.

Cllr Clark rejoined the meeting and resumed as Chair.

**24739 Going For Old
Health and Wellbeing workshops**

Requested £5,671.00

Approved £1,000.00

Priority – Older People
Charitable objectives - to provide activities to beneficiaries.

24894 Citizens Advice Carlisle & Eden

Drawing Attention To..." Creative workshops.

Requested £5,840.00

Approved £2,000.00

Priority – All ages

Charitable objectives - to provide services to beneficiaries.

Members reiterated that only projects that provided benefits in the old county of Westmorland would be funded.

31. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED, that the next scheduled meeting will take place on Tuesday 30 April 2024 at 10.00 am.

32. PROPERTY MATTERS

The representatives from Savills land agents attended the meeting and presented a report on activity in relation to individual properties owned by the Trust.

- The sale of Holehird Mansion and Stables Cottage
- Highfold
- Low Borrans Cottage
- Low Borrans East
- South Lodge
- Residential Rent Reviews
- General

The Chair thanked Savills and the Senior Estates Surveyor for their report. The Committee also received three presentations from interested parties on the sale of Holehird Mansion and Stables Cottage.

The meeting ended at 2.00 pm