

BLINDCRAFT CHARITABLE TRUST FUND

29th November 2019.

Present: Councillor Robert Mooney (Chair), Bailie Annette Christie, Glasgow City Council; David McKerral and Fiona Sandford.

Apologies: Wendy Shannon, Glasgow City Council and Jimmy O'Rourke.

Attending: P Yule (Clerk), C Campbell, A Ross and C Woodley, Glasgow City Council.

Minutes of previous meeting approved.

1 The minutes of 22nd March 2019 were submitted and approved, subject to noting with regard to page 2, Item 4 (b) "The Fourth Valley Sensory Centre" should be amended to read "The Forth Valley Sensory Centre".

Re-appointment of Chair for 2019/20 agreed.

2 The Trustees agreed to reappoint Councillor Robert Mooney as Chair for 2019/20.

Trust accounts 2018/19 – Approval of trust accounts and audit report.

3 There was submitted a report by Aileen Ogston of Auditors Scott Moncrieff regarding the annual accounts for 2018/19 and audit management report for the year to 31st March 2019, advising that

- (1) the Blindcraft Trust Fund annual accounts had been completed for the financial year 2018/19 and had been audited by Scott Moncrieff; and
- (2) Scott Moncrieff had issued their report on the accounts and a letter of representation which required to be signed by 2 Trustees, as detailed in the report, prior to the accounts being signed off; and
- (3) that the current balance of the Trust Fund was £2,325,930.

After consideration, the Trustees

- (a) noted the auditor reports for the Fund from Scott Moncrieff; and
- (b) approved both the accounts and the Auditor's recommendations.

Trust accounts 2019/20 – Monitoring statement noted.

4 There was submitted and noted a financial monitoring statement by the Head of Corporate Finance regarding the financial position of the Blindcraft Trust for the period April 2019 to October 2019, advising that

- (1) the Trust had agreed to limit expenditure to £125,00 for financial year 2019/20;
- (2) the total committed expenditure from April 2019 to October 2019 had been £13,000; and
- (3) the remaining budget for 2019/20 was £118,000.

After consideration, the Trustees noted the report.

Applications for funding 2019/20 approved.

5 There was submitted a report by Catherine Woodley, Funding Support Officer, Glasgow City Council, regarding applications for funding for 2019/20, advising that

- (1) the Trust had made contact with the 9 previously agreed organisations namely City Building (RSBi Factory); Deafblind Scotland; Forth Valley Sensory; Guide Dogs Scotland; Scotland Macular Society; Rex Blind; RNIB; Visibility and Playback.
- (2) 8 of the 9 organisations had expressed an interest in applying for funding from the Trust and each organisation had been invited to submit proposals based on the level of grant each had been assessed as being suitable to manage as follows:-

Medium Grant (£5K to £15K)

City Building (RSBi)
Deafblind Scotland
Forth Valley Sensory
Guide Dogs
Scotland Macular Society
RNIB
Visibility

Small Grant (up to £5K)

Rex Blind

After consideration, having heard Catherine Woody, the Trustees

(a) noted that a number of organisations applied for funding, namely, Guide Dogs Scotland, Scotland Macular Society, City Building RSBi, Deafblind Scotland, Forth Valley Sensory Centre, Rex Blind RNIB and Visibility;

(b) dealt with the applications as detailed in the report, as follows;

<i>Applicant</i>	<i>Purpose of application</i>	<i>Decision</i>
City Building RSBi	Towards the cost of new equipment	Awarded £12,757.80
Deafblind Scotland	Towards the cost of staffing	Awarded £14,000
Forth Valley Sensory Centre	Towards the costs of refurbishment work	Awarded £15,000
The Guide Dogs for the Blind	Towards the cost of Staffing and Kitchen Equipment	Awarded £10,466
Macular Society	Towards the cost of staffing and advertising	Awarded £15,000
Rex Blind Parties	Towards the costs of advertising and equipment	Awarded £4,520
Royal National Institute of Blind People (RNIB)	Towards the cost of advertising, equipment and training	Awarded £12,912
*Visibility	Towards the cost of delivering projects	Awarded £15,000

(c) agreed to award additional funding totalling £25,824 to RNIB for financial years 2020/21 and 2021/22.

*Fiona Sandford declared an interest in this item and took no part in the discussion or decision thereon.

Date of next meeting.

6 The Trustees agreed that the date of the next meeting would be confirmed and all members advised accordingly.