

BLINDCRAFT CHARITABLE TRUST FUND.

Glasgow, 2nd November 2018

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

Attending: T Coyle (Clerk), E Galletly, A Piernikarz, C Woodley and K Wilson, Glasgow City Council; and J Alexander, Auditors Scott Moncrieff.

Introductions.

1 The Trustees were welcomed to the meeting.

Reappointment of Chair for 2018/19 agreed.

2 The Trustees agreed to reappoint Councillor Robert Mooney as Chair for 2018/19.

Minutes of previous meeting approved.

3 The minutes of 16th March 2018 were submitted and approved.

Trust accounts 2017/18 – Approval of trust accounts and audit report.

4 There was submitted a report by Jennifer Alexander of Auditors Scott Moncrieff regarding the annual accounts for 2017/18 and audit management report for the year to 31st March 2018, advising that

- (1) the Blindcraft Trust Fund annual accounts had been completed for the financial year 2017/18 and had been audited by Scott Moncrieff with the accounts having received an unqualified audit opinion; 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 £2,474,457.

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 2018/19 – Monitoring statement noted.

5 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 2018 to October 2018, advising that

- (1) the Trust had agreed to limit expenditure to £125,00 financial year 2018/19;
- (2) the uncommitted budget had increase due to the David Sharp Foundation donation received;
- (3) the total committed expenditure from April 2018 – October 2018 had been £23,000; and
- (4) the remaining budget for 2018/19 was £120,000.

After consideration, the Trustees noted the report.

Trust Accounts – Applications for funding noted.

6 There was submitted a report by Catherine Woodley, Funding Support Officer, CBS, regarding applications for funding in 2018/19, advising that

- (1) the Trust had made contact with the 10 previously agreed organisations namely City Building (RSBi Factory); RNIB; Visibility; Guide Dogs Scotland; Deafblind Scotland; Scotland Macular Society; Saltire Stickers; Rex Blind; Playback and Glasgow Life.
- (2) 8 of the 10 organisations had expressed an interest in applying for funding from the Trust and they 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 £25K)

(RSBi)City Building
Visibility
Guide Dogs
Deafblind Scotland
Scotland Macular Society

Small Grant (up to £5K)

Macular Society
Rex Blind
Glasgow Life

After consideration, the Trustees

- (a) heard that Visionary work alongside a number of organisation applying for funding, namely, Guide Dogs Scotland, Scotland Macular Society and Rex Blind, however there was no conflict of interest with Fiona Sandford participating in the decision making of these grants;
- (b) Agreed to increase the expenditure for 18/19 from the previously agreed sum of £120,000 to £ 140,000;
- (c) Noted that the two organisations who did not apply for funding this year (RNIB and Saltire Strikers) would welcome future opportunities to apply for funding; and
- (d) noted the report and dealt with the applications as detailed in the report, as follows;

<i>Applicant</i>	<i>Purpose of application</i>	<i>Decision</i>
Deafblind Scotland	Towards the cost of the Connect 2 Support programme	Awarded £24,000
*Glasgow Life	Towards the cost of new equipment	Awarded £5,000
Guide Dogs for the Blind	Towards the cost of staffing and sensory equipment	Awarded £21,506
Macular Society	Towards the cost of support groups and training volunteers	Awarded £15,000
Playback	New USB sticks and a USB copier machine	Awarded £15,000 over the financial years 2018/19, 2019/20 and 2020/21 subject to the receipt of satisfactory expenditure and income forecast reports

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**City Building RSBi	Towards the cost of mental health training courses	Awarded £5,000
**City Building RSBi	Towards the cost of purchase of machinery	Awarded £20,000
***Visibility	Towards the cost of delivering projects	Awarded £40,000
Rex Blind	Towards the cost of advertising, equipment and training	Awarded £4,780

*Baillie Annette Christie declared an interest in this item and took no part in the discussion or decision thereon.

** Councillor Robert Mooney declared an interest in this item and took no part in the discussion or decision thereon.

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

Date of next meeting.

8 The Trust agreed that the date of the next meeting would be March 2018, and the Trustees would be notified of the fixed date via email.