

**NEWCASTLE-UNDER-LYME ALMSHOUSE CHARITY**

Monday, 8th December, 2014

**Present:-** – in the Chair

Councillors Butler, Butler, Mrs Williams and Mrs Winfield

**1. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR**

Nominations were requested for the appointment of a Chair for the ensuing year.

Councillor Mrs Gill Williams was proposed and seconded. There were no other nominations.

*Councillor Mrs Gill Williams in the Chair.*

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest stated.

**3. MINUTES OF A PREVIOUS MEETING**

Resolved:- That the minutes of the meeting held on 27 November, 2013 be agreed as a correct record.

**4. UPDATE FROM THE CHAIR OF THE COMMITTEE**

The Trustees received an update from the Chair regarding activities over the past year.

For various reasons, the residents had not received their Christmas gifts last year. Therefore a proposal was made to give the ladies double this time.

The gas fires were to be removed and replaced with electric ones before Christmas.

A site visit had not been undertaken this year as yet, therefore this would be done before Christmas.

- Resolved:-**
- (i) That the information be received.
  - (ii) That the residents receive £40 Christmas gifts (cheques) this year.
  - (ii) That a site visit be arranged before Christmas

**5. REPORT OF THE TREASURER**

Consideration was given to the Financial Report of the Almshouse Charity.

The Trustees were advised that there was funding available and that if there were any projects which required doing, they could be considered.

A couple of years ago, electric fans in the kitchens had been requested by the residents but this had not been possible due to there being gas fires in the properties. However, with electric fires now being fitted, this could be revisited.

In addition, external planters had also been considered, this too could be looked at again.

Resolved:- (i) That the financial report be received.  
(ii) That the two projects outlined above be revisited.

**6. VACANCIES FOR TRUSTEES**

Notification was given of two vacancies for Trustees. Two names were suggested and they would be approached to see if they were interested.

Resolved:- That the information be received.

**7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

**(i) WEEKLY MAINTENANCE CONTRIBUTIONS**

It was agreed that the Weekly Maintenance Contribution be increased by £1.50 to £58.50 from 1 April 2015.

**(ii) SITE VISIT**

The Site visit had not taken place in the summer this year so it was agreed to hold it before Christmas, on 22 December at 2.30pm.

Resolved:- That the information be received

**Chair**