

## Charitable Funds Committee - Turton Tower

Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> July 2024

6pm - 7pm at Turton Tower

No	ITEM	Action
	<p><b>Attendees:</b> Cllr Matthew Jackson (Chair), Cllr Jean Rigby (Vice Chair), Cllr David Smith, Cllr Anthony Shaw, Cllr Liz Johnson, John Brunt (FoTT)</p> <p>Officers: Claire Ramwell, Rebecca Johnson, Joanne Byrne (Notes)</p>	
<p><b>1.</b></p>	<p><b>Welcome and Apologies</b> - Martin Eden, Cllr Salim Sadat</p> <p>MJ welcomed everyone to the meeting.</p> <p>MJ thanked Cllr Damian Talbot for his years of service as Chair of the Charitable Funds Committee and suggested buying Damian a gift.</p>	<p><b>MJ</b></p> <p><b>MJ</b></p>
<p><b>2.</b></p>	<p><b>Minutes of the last meeting 24-01-24 and Matters Arising</b></p> <p>The minutes of the last meeting were proposed by Cllr Jean Rigby and seconded by Cllr Anthony Shaw.</p> <p><b>Declarations of Interest</b> – J Byrne to ask Phil Llewellyn for a Declarations of Interest Form. J Byrne to email form to Cllr Jean Rigby, JR to complete/sign off.</p>	<p><b>MJ</b></p> <p><b>JB/JR</b></p>
<p><b>3.</b></p>	<p><b>Turton Tower Overview</b></p> <p>MJ provided a brief overview of Turton Tower to Cllr Liz Johnson and reported that the Tower used to be owned and run by LCC before it was transferred to BwD and set up as the Turton Tower Charitable Trust. The Charitable Funds Committee was established to form ideas and recommendations for actions.</p>	<p><b>MJ</b></p>
<p><b>4.</b></p>	<p><b>Gatehouse Lodge</b></p> <p>MJ reported the Committee made a decision to dispose of the Lodge and use receipts of sale to match fund for heritage funds for development of the stables.</p> <p>The Lodge was put on the market in 2023, 4 offers were received which were all valid and a sale was agreed</p> <p>The Committee had previously agreed to purchase a small piece of land from North Turton Parish Council to complete the curtilage of the Lodge; this will be completed concurrently with the completion of the sale of the Lodge.</p>	<p><b>CR</b></p>



	<p>upcoming EGM.</p> <p>He shared that the FoTT has seen a large decline in membership and activities; there are currently 69 members including 13 life members – this is not sustainable. With many of the previously arranged outings and activities no longer taking place.</p> <p>JB also reflected that the original purpose of the FoTT was to try to support the Tower financially, but with the changes to the Council’s approach and future discussions about the Stables this is no longer a key requirement</p> <p>JB advised the Committee that the FoTT are currently committed to spending c£10,000 on restoration of the window and that they currently support both the Tower Garden Group and Collections Group with a small annual contribution. Going forward residual funds from FoTT should be used to continue to support the Tower Graden group and to create sustainability through the Stables project.</p> <p>RJ confirmed that Life Members would continue to gain free entry to the Tower and suggested that going forward the website information could be included in theTurton Tower website – RJ to discuss this with BwD colleagues.</p> <p>JB reported that the Stables would be cleared by the end of August as agreed and that the container in the grounds was no longer a requirement. FoTT will look to offer their marquees to local organisations e.g. charity dog show in Chapel Town</p> <p>JR thanked JB for his honesty and all the work he has done for FoTT to support the Tower. MJ also extended his thanks and said it has been a pleasant experience. JB reported that any formal decision on the future of the FoTT would be announced in the coming weeks.</p> <p>JB is happy to fund the kitchen garden even though they fund themselves. MJ advised the money would be earmarked for the Stables.</p>	<p><b>RJ</b></p> <p><b>JB</b></p>
<p><b>8.</b></p>	<p><b>Any Other Business</b></p> <p>Heating System – to look at upgrading the system. Gwen Kinloch has provided some information to MJ, if anyone has any questions MJ will email the group. Historic England has a contact that can come on site to show us what we can and can’t do and issue a report.</p> <p>Year-end position is unchanged - balance in reserves is £74,000.</p> <p>Car Parking to be on the agenda for the next meeting on 4<sup>th</sup> September ’24.</p>	<p><b>ALL</b></p>
<p><b>7.</b></p>	<p><b>Next Meeting Dates</b> - MJ and the group agreed the dates below, these were agreed in the Year Planner for 24/25:</p> <p>4<sup>th</sup> September 2024 27<sup>th</sup> November 2024 12 March 2025</p>	<p><b>MJ</b></p>

