

WAVERLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL (ACTING AS TRUSTEE OF THE EWART BEQUEST TRUST) - 13 DECEMBER 2022

(To be read in conjunction with the Agenda for the Meeting)

Present

Cllr John Ward (Mayor)	Cllr Jerry Hyman
Cllr Penny Rivers (Deputy Mayor)	Cllr Anna James
Cllr Christine Baker	Cllr Jacquie Keen
Cllr David Beaman	Cllr Andy MacLeod
Cllr Dave Busby	Cllr Penny Marriott
Cllr Steve Cosser	Cllr Peter Martin
Cllr Carole Cockburn	Cllr Kika Mirylees
Cllr Jerome Davidson	Cllr Stephen Mulliner
Cllr Kevin Deanus	Cllr David Munro
Cllr Simon Dear	Cllr John Neale
Cllr Sally Dickson	Cllr Peter Nicholson
Cllr Patricia Ellis	Cllr Nick Palmer
Cllr David Else	Cllr Ruth Reed
Cllr Jenny Else	Cllr Paul Rivers
Cllr Paul Follows	Cllr John Robini
Cllr Mary Forszyski	Cllr Richard Seaborne
Cllr Maxine Gale	Cllr Julian Spence
Cllr Michael Goodridge	Cllr Liz Townsend
Cllr Joan Heagin	Cllr Philip Townsend
Cllr George Hesse	Cllr Steve Williams

Apologies

Cllr Peter Clark, Cllr Martin D'Arcy, Cllr Brian Edmonds, Cllr Jan Floyd-Douglass, Cllr Val Henry, Cllr Chris Howard, Cllr Daniel Hunt, Cllr Robert Knowles, Cllr Michaela Martin, Cllr Peter Marriott, Cllr Mark Merryweather, Cllr Julia Potts, Cllr Anne-Marie Rosoman, Cllr Trevor Sadler and Cllr George Wilson

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE (Agenda item 1)

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Clark, Edmonds, D'Arcy, Floyd-Douglass, Henry, Howard, Hunt, Knowles, Peter Marriott, Michaela Martin, Merryweather, Potts, Rosoman, Sadler and Wilson.

2 MINUTES (Agenda item 2)

The minutes of the meeting held on 14 December 2021 were confirmed and signed as a correct record.

3 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS (Agenda item 3)

There were no declarations of interest.

4 ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022 (Agenda item 4)

The Leader presented the Annual Financial Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2022 and the independent examiners report which had been circulated separately.

Waverley Borough Council, as sole Trustee of the Joseph Ewart Bequest, was required to approve the Annual Financial Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2022. The Trust owned a number of houses in the Farnham area which were held principally for elderly people with limited financial resources. The Trust operated these through Waverley's Housing Management Team. In December 2011, the Council as sole Trustee approved a delegation to the Waverley Executive acting as Trustee to make all decisions on behalf of the full Trustee, the only exception being the approval of the annual report and financial statements because it was a requirement of the Charity Commission that this be approved by the Council acting as Trustee.

The accounts had been prepared in accordance with the Charities Code of Practice and had been externally examined by Azets Audit Services Limited, and their report was attached to the supplementary papers. The reserves level was healthy and much of this was earmarked for further development which had been approved by the Trust and the council. There were no specific matters to report to the Trustee and the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 March 2022 were recommended for approval.

Councillor Hyman spoke on the report, seeking clarification on why the independent examiner's report was unsigned. The Executive Head of Finance and s151 officer clarified that the report would be signed following the Council approval.

RESOLVED that the Annual Financial Report and Accounts for the year ending 31 March 2022, be approved.

The meeting commenced at 10.04 pm and concluded at 10.05 pm

Chairman