

**Minutes of a Meeting of the Rye Relief in Need charity held on
Monday 5 June 2017 at Rye Town Hall**

PRESENT Councillors Sam Barnes, Mike Boyd (**Deputy Mayor**), Cheryl Creaser, Justin Erswell, Rebekah Gilbert, Pat Hughes, Jo Kirkham, Andi Rivett, Shaun Rogers, Andy Stuart

IN ATTENDANCE Richard Farhall - Town Clerk

The meeting commenced at 7.50pm and was chaired by the Deputy Mayor.

8 APOLOGIES

Apologies of absence – and the reasons as lodged with the Clerk – were accepted from Cllrs Jonathan Breeds (**Mayor**), Bernardine Fiddimore, Ian Potter and Ray Prewer.

9 CODE OF CONDUCT

There were no declarations of interest.

10 ACCURACY OF THE MINUTES

AGREED To adopt the Minutes of the meeting held on 8 May 2017.

11 MATTERS ARISING

20 Application for a Grant (Mr B – provision of a reliable water supply and hot water) The Secretary advised that he believed the work had concluded – and that he was discussing with RDC (which commissioned it) how the payment to the contractor would be made.

12 FINANCE

Members noted the Finance Update as at 29.5.17. The total uncommitted funds were £66,101.79 – of which £5,969.35 was available for distribution.

13 EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

There was no need to consider excluding the public and press - in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 (1)(2) – from the item following because no members of the public or press were present.

14 APPLICATION FOR A GRANT

Members considered the applications following:

- (a) Ms D - £378 towards carpeting.
- (b) Ms C - £338 towards carpeting.

The Secretary advised that no second quote had been sought for each application because the contractor which had quoted is considered to be at the cheaper end of the market.

Comments included: last year the charity gave Ms C £1,000 towards advance rental cost; carpeting is not the best material to help young children climb stairways; Ms D had mentioned having a job (apparently) starting in April 2017

but had not included the weekly wage in section 5 of the application form; it appears that other charities will fund carpeting for children's bedrooms only; carpeting is desirable – but not essential; it is possible to obtain carpet remnants.

It was agreed generally that applications for funding for floor covering should no longer be considered.

RESOLVED 1 To decline both applications.

RESOLVED 2 To consider, at the next meeting, drafting a list of items that RRIN will (or will not) consider funding.

RESOLVED 3 To compile a list of possible 'exclusion items' to form the basis of the discussion at the next meeting.

The meeting ended at 8.14pm

Date Chairman