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Rye Town Council,  
Town Hall,  
Market Street,  
Rye,  
TN31 7LA

To whom it may concern

Dear Sir or Madam

#### TRUSTEE APPOINTMENT FOR THE RYE ART GALLERY TRUST

The Rye Art Gallery was set up under trust on 4<sup>th</sup> October 1957. The objects of the trust are "the propagation of knowledge concerning the fine arts and in particular the art of painting and the stimulation of interest in and the encouragement of the same by the provision and arrangement of exhibitions and lectures and of facilities for instruction in the same and practice thereof ..." followed by a list of things that can be done by the trust e.g. showing art, lectures, acquisition etc.

The trustees comprise three "nominated" trustees and any others by cooption. One of the nominated trustees is someone appointed by the Town Council of Rye where our Trust Deed states this trustee "shall be appointed by the Rye Town Council according to any valid process that they deem appropriate". The holder of this nomination until recently was Mrs Isabelle Sambrook until she retired as a trustee. On the 26<sup>th</sup> January 2020, I wrote on behalf of the trustees proposing Kate van der Pump as the "Town Council appointee". However, since then, much has happened including the Covid pandemic and, specifically to us, Kate's resignation as a trustee. Accordingly, the trustees now propose Julian Day as the "Town Council appointee" trustee. His details are below:

Julian's career began in publishing and international exhibitions where he worked with Reed Elsevier for 15 years - latterly in senior management roles. He has a passion for visual arts especially theatre and in 2007 an opportunity arose to move into gallery and museum development, working with Sir Peter Moores founder of Compton Verney art gallery and museum in Warwickshire. Julian has an MA in Shakespeare and the theatre and recently completed his PhD thesis at the University of Greenwich. His research explores print culture through an analysis of eighteenth-century media discourse using case studies of London theatre actresses. Moving with his family to Rye in 2015, Julian joined the trustees of the Rye Art Gallery Trust in 2018 with responsibility for the curatorial management of the permanent collections. This year following Covid 19 lockdown Julian took over the operational management re-opening the gallery to the public in July 2020.

Please feel free to ask for any further information you may require. That said, we are happy to work on the basis that Julian is the Rye Town Council nomination unless or until you advise otherwise.

For your information, I attach a link to our website so that you can see the range of activity undertaken by the Trust and the Gallery itself.

<http://www.ryearthens.co.uk/>

I look forward to hearing from you.

With kind regards,

Yours faithfully,

A large black rectangular redaction box covering the signature of Trevor Llanwarne.

Trevor Llanwarne  
Chair of trustees of Rye Art Gallery Trust