

Minutes of a Meeting of the Rye Relief in Need charity, held via Zoom, on Tuesday 6 April 2021

PRESENT Councillors David Amphill, David Bookless, Mike Boyd, Cheryl Creaser, Bernardine Fiddimore, Rebekah Gilbert (**Mayor** – Speaker of the Cinque Ports), Chris Hoggart, Jo Kirkham, Andi Rivett (**Deputy Mayor**), Andy Stuart

IN ATTENDANCE Richard Farhall – Secretary (Host); Colonel Anthony Kimber – RNP Co-ordinator [*part*]

The meeting commenced at 6.32pm and was chaired initially by the Mayor – and then, because of a technical issue, by the Deputy Mayor.

8 **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence – and the reasons as lodged with the Secretary – were accepted from Cllrs Pat Hughes and Sam Wood.

9 **CODE OF CONDUCT**

There were no declarations of interest - nor requests for dispensation.

10 **MINUTES**

AGREED To adopt, as an accurate record, the Minutes of the meeting held on 8 February 2021 (RR01).

11 **MATTERS ARISING**

7 Application for a Grant The Secretary confirmed that the goods had been purchased and had been received by the applicant.

12 **FINANCE**

It was noted that £13,371.63 was available for distribution.

13 **EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS**

AGREED In accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 (1)(2) to exclude the public and press from the item following on the grounds that it would include the consideration of personal information.

14 **APPLICATION FOR A GRANT**

Members were invited to consider an application from a support worker for a grant of £474.98 to provide Mr A with a working cooker and fridge-freezer.

The Secretary advised that the support worker was unable to be present. He would seek to arrange for a STEPS representative to attend a future meeting in order to outline what the charity does. **Secretary**

Comments included: Anecdotal evidence suggests Mr A currently has a means by which to heat/prepare food; Mr A may be aware of the circumstances of a recent grant made by RRIN; charities/outlets providing PAT tested refurbished white goods

(which are typically guaranteed for 3 months) will – or are likely to – open next week; in the current circumstances it would be appropriate to consider mental health – as well as material needs; had the support worker verified the need for the items?

AGREED Subject to obtaining verification of the (material) need, to budget up to £300 towards the purchase of a suitable refurbished cooker and fridge-freezer. **Secretary**

The meeting ended at 6.50pm.

Date

Chairman