

FELIXSTOWE OLD PEOPLES WELFARE ASSOCIATION

A Charitable Incorporated (Foundation model) Organisation Registration no. 1,160,222

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Trustees Annual Report in respect of year ended 31st December 2022

This is the eighth annual report after C.I.O. Charity Registration was awarded on 29th January 2015.

The Trustees at the start of the year were (in alphabetical order) Anthea Cooper, Peter Finbow, (Vice-Chairman) Jan Garfield, Jon Garfield, Roy Gray, Jenny Holland (Secretary) Richard Holland (Chairman) Tony Horrocks (Treasurer) Fatima Howard and Chris Strang. Two more Trustees could be appointed to reach the maximum number permitted of twelve. Mid-year saw the beginning of a gradual hand-over of Treasurer duties from Tony Horrocks to Chris Strang.

The method to be adopted for the recruitment and appointment of new Trustees is not formalised, but will continue to be based on personal recommendation of existing Trustees and local knowledge of any potential new Trustee. Appointment is entirely within the remit of the remaining Trustees with no other person or body external to the charity entitled to appoint a Trustee.

Management of the Association is achieved by frequent day to day liaison between individual Trustees either face to face or by phone and emails, with one Trustee meeting per annum in January or February to include approval / adoption of the Accounts for the preceding year, approval / adoption of Trustees Annual Report to the Charity Commission, election / re-election of Trustees, and election / re-election of Officers in accordance with our Constitution, Policies and Rules. The objective(s) of the Association remain unchanged being for "the relief of the elderly being those aged 60 or over by providing facilities which meet their needs and improve their wellbeing regardless of their personal background, faith, gender, race or personal circumstances". Constitution Clause 15 (1) (a) allows any Charity Trustee to call a meeting of the charity trustees.

The Association's financial year runs 1st January to 31st December with quarterly financial reports to Trustees. Our reserves Policy is that adequate reserves are maintained to cover possible major costs as happened this year with replacement of all external roller shutters at "the Hut". and in accord with our Lease commitment to "use our best endeavours to repair and improve the state and condition of the premises", and other contingencies while not increasing prices unnecessarily. The Association does not hold funds as custodian trustee on behalf of others. Apart from a small donation to the Jubilee Club, no other donations / grants were given in 2022, with other organisations previously in receipt of our grants having closed or remaining suspended or no longer in need of our grant aid.

The main activities of the Association are -

Broadway House is operated under a June 2019 Lease with Felixstowe Town Council in force until 11th June 2024, open every weekday morning and afternoon and Saturday mornings. Visitor numbers are improving following the drop caused by Covid lockdown with many newcomers. We are and have been a warm haven for the elderly since starting in 1974 but have kept outside the local authority's new 2023 "Warm Room" scheme a) not agreeing with their intrusive monitoring systems nor their "all-age" and "all free", rules nor b) in need for their financial support. We have taken advantage of the scheme to publicise Broadway House. Evening use by outside groups has resumed as before covid lockdown.

"the Hut" beach-front facility is operated under a Lease with East Suffolk Council until 31st December 2023, at a nominal rent. Discussions started this year to renew or extend the Lease. Normally open for about 200 days each summer for groups of elderly visitors from Care, Nursing and Residential homes, elderly people's groups and the like.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees

Richard Holland
(Chairman)