

Association of Friends of Ecclesholme Benevolent Fund

Registered Charity No: 510151

Minutes of Annual General Meeting

Sunday 19th January 2020

Ecclesholme, Vicars Street, Eccles, Manchester M30 0DG

Attendees

President.....	Mark Stephen Gregory	West Lancashire (Trustee)
Chairman.....	Peter Hegarty	East Lancashire (Trustee)
Secretary.....	Mark P Howard	West Lancashire
Treasurer.....	James Carmichael-Prince	West Lancashire
Vice President.....	Malcolm Warren	West Lancashire (Trustee)
Vice President.....	Donald Roberts	East Lancashire
Vice President.....	Jonathan M Heaton	West Lancashire (Trustee)
Home Manager.....	Mrs Beverley Niland	
Publicity.....	Niall Perry	East Lancashire

Committee members

Leigh Group Representative.....	Phil Wrotchford-Thomas	West Lancashire
Wigan Group Representative.....	Eric Bailey	West Lancashire
Chorley Group Representative.....	Richard Frazer-Bastable	West Lancashire
Eccles Group Representative.....	Mike Sincup	West Lancashire
Warrington Group Representative.....	Leslie Savage	West Lancashire
Widnes Group Representative.....	Brian Boothroyd	West Lancashire
Southern District Representative.....	Paul Waring	East Lancashire
Cheshire Provincial Representative (Areas 4 & 5).....	Walter Grundy	Cheshire

In Attendance

Wigan Group Chairman.....	Geoffrey M Porter	West Lancashire
Chorley Group Chairman.....	C Peter Lockett	West Lancashire
South Eastern Group Chairman.....	Gareth Jones	West Lancashire

Apologies

Vice President.....	Ernest Daniels	West Lancashire
Vice President & Almoner.....	Stan Bibby	East Lancashire
Vice President.....	Jim Simms	West Lancashire
Almoner.....	Andrew Cogle	West Lancashire
Leyland Group Representative.....	Jeff Lucas	West Lancashire
Salford District Representative.....	John C Hesketh	East Lancashire
Bolton & Bury District Representative.....	Derek Calrow	East Lancashire
Manchester District Representative.....	Stan Bibby	East Lancashire

Welcome

The meeting was opened by the Chairman Peter Hegarty at 14:12. A warm welcome was extended to those present and the Chairman thanked all for their attendance.

Minutes

The Secretary read aloud the previously circulated minutes of the previous AGM held on 20th January 2019. Donald Roberts PROPOSED that they be confirmed and adopted as a true and accurate record. This was SECONDED by Malcolm Warren and PASSED by those present.

Treasurers Report for the Year ending 30th September 2019

As in previous years, the Accounts presented include pledges and expenses from the previous year as they could not be realised in the accounting period in which they actually occurred. Donations from Lodges in all Provinces continues to increase. However, the anticipated donation from the Province of West Lancashire was not received during the Accounting Period. As a consequence, income was marginally down (3.3%) on the previous year.

Expenditure increased more than 3 fold – from £14,560 to £55,845.

The sum of £21,000 was voted over to the Residents Amenities Fund. A substantial increase on the previous year (£9,250).

The overall increase in outgoings was also due to the introduction of the Nordoff Robbins Music Therapy programme, funding of soft furnishings for all 50 bedrooms (£300 per bedroom) and the provision of a special bath with lifting facility (£6k). None of this was covered in the £500k RMBI refurbishment.

The fund remains in a healthy condition, sitting at £48,064 at the end of the Financial Year, and there should be no cause for concern.

Accounts for the Year ending 30/09/2019 were circulated and presented by the Treasurer. Eric Bailey PROPOSED and Phil Wrotchford-Thomas SECONDED that they be accepted. This was PASSED by those present.

The Chairman thanked the Treasurer for his continued hard work.

Report on behalf of the Association 2019 (Secretary)

Once again, the Association and Ecclesholme have had a busy and financially rewarding year. Most of the donations by the Association have been used in providing social and personal activities and therapy to the Residents of Ecclesholme, to pay for regular entertainers and therapists, and to enrich the level of comfort and engagement for all.

The Summer Fair was opened by the Provincial Grand Master for Cheshire R.W.Bro. Stephen M Blank and the Christmas Fair was opened by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master of East Lancashire V.W.Bro. John R Farrington. Both speakers were warmly welcomed at the events by our President and Chairman and both guests enjoyed their afternoon with us. The Association extends its thanks to them both and their partners for their kind attendance and support. The fairs were reasonably well attended, and both generated a healthy amount of money.

This year's Gala Dinner at Widnes Masonic Hall was well attended and a great success. The Association extends it's appreciation and thanks to the Widnes Group for hosting the event and their diligent efforts in organising what was a very successful and most enjoyable evening. It was a pleasure to receive our Patron R.W.Bro. James Anthony Harrison Provincial Grand Master for West Lancashire and his wife Maureen as the Principal Guests on the evening. A very kind toast to the Association was proposed by the Assistant Provincial Grand Master W.Bro. Kevin Peter Poynton. The Association thanks them all for their attendance and support.

During 2019 the Residents Amenity Fund received donations of £39,000.00 from the Association, helping to fund the following projects and activities:

- Curtains and fixtures for all 50 bedrooms in the home
- Podiatry services
- Musical health therapy

- Travelling Zoo Lab
- Miscellaneous entertainments
- Summer 'Tiki bar' BBQ
- Activity items
- Provisions for the Festive Season and New Year

The Association continues to receive very significant donations from the Provinces of West Lancashire, East Lancashire and Cheshire through their respective charities. We express our most grateful thanks for their generosity and continued support.

Donations from Lodges, Chapters and other orders remain strong and we are once again indebted to them and everyone who gives so generously to our cause. Included amongst these donations are the generous support we receive from the West Lancashire Masonic Bowling Charity and the extraordinary donation of £1,500.00 from St Oswald Lodge No. 5170 (on surrendering their Warrant).

Thanks must go to our Ladies, our Association Officials, Eccles Masonic Hall and all who have played a part in supporting the Association and it's fund raising activities.

On a final note, a very big thank you to the Home Manager Beverley Niland, her Deputy and all her staff who work so tirelessly, not only in ensuring the residents are well cared for and motivated but, more importantly in making them feel they are valued and a part of the family. Their diligence and compassion makes the care they give to our residents second to none.

The Chairman expressed thanks to the Secretary for his diligent hard work.

Home Managers Report

Since our last meeting we have unfortunately had two deaths here at Ecclesholme, we currently have currently got 3 empty rooms and we have two people on the waiting list hoping to come in soon.

The residents at Ecclesholme had busy Christmas thanks to the kind donations from the friends over the month of December the following activities have taken place.

13/12/19	staff did a Christmas pantomime for residents and family of course included drinks and buffet.
17/12/19	Christmas cracker show
19/12/19	craft workshop
20/12/19	Ukulele music session
21/12/19	Puss in boots pantomime by theatre group
23/12/19	Ecclesholme Christmas party for residents and relative music and quiz buffet and drinks, a most enjoyable evening had by all.
24/12/19	Winter wonderland entertainment show.
31/12/19	New year's eve party and entertainment.

The home looked lovely over the Christmas Period with four New fully decorated Christmas tree's

All the residents received lovely Christmas presents.

On behalf of all the residents and staff I would like to thank you all for your support it is greatly appreciated.

We are preparing ourselves for the CQC inspection and currently have the RMBI audit team in the home to ensure we are hitting the standards.

I am pleased to announce that we are looking forward to welcoming Mr Peter Lockett to the team here at Ecclesholme as our New activities coordinator, this position has taken a long time to fill with the right kind of person and we wish Peter well and hope he enjoys working with us.

The Home Manager expressed her thanks to the Association.

Other Business

Geoffrey M Porter, Chairman of the Wigan Group (West Lancashire) presented a donation of £1,000.00 on behalf of the West Lancashire Masonic Bowling Charity. The Chairman expressed the very grateful thanks of the association for the donation and the continued support we receive from the West Lancashire Masonic Bowling Charity.

The Chairman congratulated Beverley Niland on completing 10 years as Home Manager. All present showed their appreciation of the sterling work Beverley does and her achievements as Home Manager over the past decade.

There being no further business the meeting was closed by the Chairman at 14:31.

SignedChairman

Signed..... Secretary

SignedPresident