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Minutes

Meeting of : Lower Bemerton Trust AGM
Date : 13 July 2026
Meeting held in : The Guildhall, Salisbury
Commencing at : 1800 hours

Present:

Chair:

Vice Chair: V Charleston

Cllrs: P Beaven (18:19), S Charleston, S Foster, S Hocking, R Johnson, T Last (18:15), J Nettle, P Podger (18:19), S Rideout, R Rogers, P Sample, A Suddards (18:22), J Wells.

Officers: Asa Thorpe, Janine Whitty, Steve Bishop, Jay Gawthorpe, Mostyn Coombes, Clare Dickinson.

There were 2 members of the public and 0 press present.

1. Apologies:

Apologies were received from Cllr A Bayliss, J Bolwell, C Corbin, B Dalton, A Hoque, V Milos, A Riddle, E Rimmer and C Taylor. Cllr M Brown was not present.

2. Public Questions/Statement Time:

There were no questions or statements submitted by members of the public.

3. Trustee Questions/Statement Time:

There were no questions or statements submitted by councillors.

4. Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

The minutes of the meeting of the Lower Bemerton Trust Annual General Meeting held on 14 July 2025 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

5. Annual Report to the Annual General Meeting:

Steve Bishop, Responsible Finance Officer, presented an overview of the research around the Trust as well as the finances for the year 2025/2026.

A member of the public from spoke requesting that the Trust's funds to be used on the recreation ground, such as for adult gym equipment or a refurbishment of the toilets. They recommended involving the trustees of Lower Bemerton Community Limited as well as the school to reduce opposition if there were to be a move to wind up the Trust formally.

An incoming Trustee requested that there were more frequent meetings held in order to ensure that time was not wasted in progressing any actions for the Trust which was agreed by Steve Bishop.

Proposed By: Cllr J Nettle

Seconded By: Cllr S Charleston

A vote was taken, and it was:

Resolved to:

- 5.1 Authorise a payment of £14,550 to the Council, being the annual recharge for maintenance costs in respect of 2025/26.

Proposed By: Cllr J Nettle

Seconded By: Cllr S Charleston

A vote was taken, and it was:

Resolved to:

- 5.2 Approve an annual revenue grant for 2026/27 to Salisbury City Council of up to £15,000 from the Lower Bemerton Recreation Ground and Endowment Fund Trust.

Resolved to:

- 5.3 Note the emerging considerations regarding potential future improvements to site accessibility and facilities, including a possible upgrade of the toilets and the installation of accessible paths and inclusive play equipment. Trustees are asked to consider whether Trust funds could, in principle, be used to support such enhancements, subject to further proposals and costings being brought forward.
- 5.4 Note the absence of any specific objectives for the Trust and the question marks over the need for it in the future.

6. Urgent Matters (if any) which by reason of special circumstances the Chair, decides should be considered as a matter of urgency:

There were no matters considered under this item.

The meeting closed at 1823 hours.

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