

8 November 2018

**MALVERN HILLS TRUST
ANNUAL MEETING OF LEVY PAYERS**

**Council Chamber, Avenue Road, Malvern
Thursday 8th November 2018 7:00 pm**

Board members present: Mr D Baldwin, Mr R Bartholomew, Dr S Braim, Mr D Bryer, Mr M Cordey, Mr M Davies, Dr P Forster, Mr S Freeman (Chair), Mr A Golightly, Mr R Hall-Jones, Mr D Hawkins, Mrs L Hodgson, Mr J Michael, Mr C Penn, Mrs G Rees, Ms S Rouse, Ms H Stace, Mr D Street, Mr P Watson, Mr T Yapp.

Others: CEO, Finance and Administration Manager, Secretary to the Board, Mr D Butler (Bishop Fleming), 23 members of the public.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Ms C Bovey Mrs P Cumming, Mrs C O'Donnell, Mr J O'Donnell, Prof J Raine, Mr C Rouse, Ms S. Stewart.

2. TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS HELD ON 9 November 2017 and 8 March 2018

On the proposal of Ms Stace, seconded by Mr Freeman, it was **AGREED** that the minutes of the meetings be signed as a true and correct record.

3. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

See appendix.

4. TO RECEIVE THE ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2018

On the proposal of Mr Davies, seconded by Mr Cordey, it was **RESOLVED** unanimously to approve the Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2018.

5. APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS FOR THE YEAR 2018/19

On the proposal of Mrs Rees, seconded by Mr Penn, it was **RESOLVED** by 22 votes to 1, (precept payers only voting) to re-appoint Bishop Fleming as auditors to MHC for the year 2018/9.

The meeting closed at 7:10pm

Appendix

From Angus McCulloch

1) How much money was spent in FY 2017/2018 on rebranding the Malvern Hills Conservators as the Malvern Hills Trust?

eg documentation, signs including branding on vehicles, legal costs, consultants, design of logo, and the new website.

It is difficult to isolate what is attributable to the re-brand. MHT had delayed updating signage, replacing uniforms and the web site for a number of years because the re-brand was planned. The web site, for example would have to have been replaced in any event as it was not easily useable with a mobile phone/tablet. Stationary had been run down to almost nothing and the vehicles were replaced and would have to have had new graphics.

Expenditure on branded goods totalled £3,827.00 and breaks down as follows:

Signage inc. vehicle graphics £938, car parks £298, exhibition stand £332, clothing £1142, stationary £1003, web site £114

2) How much money in FY 2017/2018 was spent on legal advice?

£6,723 (excluding the Charity Commission Scheme)

From Graeme Crisp

When was the application fee for the Chance Lane Easement paid and was it, excluding legal and other costs, less than £1000?

5 September 2017 and it was not less than £1,000 – it was £1,000.