

Witney Town Charity

Registered Charity No. 202996

Clerk to the Trustees
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Dear Sirs

Re - Appointment of two Nominative Trustees from Witney Town Council

Further to the email and telephone exchange between the Deputy Town Clerk (Adam Clapton) of Witney Town Council and the Chair (Ashley Farmer) and the Clerk (Mark Baker) of Witney Town Charity, we write to clarify and ask for some changes to the appointment of Nominative Trustees from Witney Town Council.

You will be aware that there are currently 2 vacancies for Nominative Trustees. The Board of Trustees of the Charity, comprises 14 Trustees, made up of 8 Cooptative Trustees appointed by Witney Town Charity and who serve a 5 year term, together with 6 Nominative Trustees appointed by Witney Town Council, and who serve a four-year term.

The Trustees of the Charity are being proactive in the way the Charity operates and attempting to widen its scope of being able to provide assistance to the poor, disadvantaged and needy population of Witney and its environs, and particularly in respect of providing Assisted Living facilities and more assistance to young adults., To this end, the Charity would like to build a team focusing on the projects it has underway or is planning and is happy to accept recommendations on those who can help.

In particular the Charity is focusing on:

- 1 Social Housing and Homelessness
- 2 Issues affecting young people particularly aged 11 to 25
- 3 Poverty

In order to guide the Trustees on future activities in these areas the Charity is looking to enlist Trustees who have appropriate experience in these areas, or are interested and willing to learn.

Witney Town Charity is asking Witney Town Council to consider the following:

- The Charity is quite happy for the Town Council to retain 6 Nominative Trustees as set out in the constitution of the Charity.

- The Council Nominees may be serving Town Councillors or non-Town Councillors
- This will enable the Charity to build a team focusing on its projects and is happy to accept recommendations on those who can help. It may well be that there are Town Councillors who have the suggested experience/skills, which is welcome. The Charity is giving consideration to suitable non-Town councillors, with a view to putting these forward to the Council for consideration.
- The decision on the appointment of Nominative Trustees still remains with Witney Town Council.

Witney Town Council has already been very helpful in allowing the reappointment of former Town Councillor and Mayor, Chris Woodward, who has the specialism in Health and Safety, which is required by the Charity.

These proposals are not intended to water down the involvement of Witney Town Council, but are intended to enable the Charity to have a stronger base and to provide additional supportive services within the Town.

The Clerk will be pleased to provide any further information that you may require.

Yours faithfully

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