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MONMOUTHSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Monmouthshire Farm School Endowment Trust held at County Hall, The Rhadyr, Usk, NP15 1GA on Monday, 14th November, 2016 at 11.00 am

PRESENT: County Councillors: A. Easson, D. Edwards, R. Edwards, D. Jones, S.B. Jones and Professor Hayes

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Andrew Evans	Senior Management Accountant
Paula Harris	Democratic Services Officer
Holly Barnard	Accountancy Assistant

1. Apologies for absence

We received apologies from County Councillor R. Greenland and Nicola Wellington.

A Member of the Committee commented on the poor attendance at meetings of the trust and stressed that when the new term starts in May 2017 the importance of attending the trust meeting was made clear to the individuals who become trustees.

2. Declarations of Interest

None received.

3. To confirm and sign the minutes of the previous meeting of the Monmouthshire Farm School Endowment Trust 18th July 2016

The minutes of the Committee meeting on the 18th July 2016 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

4. To consider whether to exclude the press and public from the meeting during consideration of the following item of business in accordance with Section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended, on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraphs 12 and 14 of Part 4 of Schedule 12A to the Act. (Proper Officer's view attached).

5. To consider a report by the Chief Officer for Children and Young People regarding applications received against the Trust Fund for the Academic Year 2016/17

We considered 27 applications received against the Trust Fund presented on behalf of the Chief Officer for Children and Young People.

The Committee was briefed on the monies available to allocate.

One application was rejected due the course subject BSc Physical Geography not falling under the term of reference for the trust.

We resolved:

- (i) that awards be made to the applicants, as agreed, subject to appropriate receipts

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and evidence of attendance being received;

(ii) to note that the total amount of funding awarded to students at today's meeting was £35,649.

(iii) two applications were given provisional grant amounts subject to further information being sought by the finance officers. **(ACTION A.W.)**

Members of the Committee questioned if standardised costs could be introduced when students ask for help with costs with items such as laptops and chainsaws.

6. Letter of complaint

Members discussed a letter received by a parent of an applicant who was refused on the grounds he lived outside the geographical boundaries for the trust.

The Members sympathised but as the applicant lived outside the boundary they were unable help. They wished him well and requested that a letter be sent in reply and suggest the applicant approached Newport City Council to ask if they had a similar discretionary fund that would assist him with expenses. **(ACTION A.W.)**

7. Date and time of the next meeting

23rd January 2017 11am
27th March 2017 11am

The meeting ended at 12.07 pm