



Minutes of the General Meeting of the Masonic Charitable Foundation (MCF)

Held at the New Mark Hall, Royal Masonic School for Girls, Rickmansworth, on Sunday July 22 at 13.30

Present: Richard Hone, President
James Newman, Deputy President

Paul Gower, Provincial Grand Master, Hertfordshire
Members of the Province of Hertfordshire

MCF Members

Mark Bassant, East Kent	Nigel Bridges, Gloucestershire
Terry Burt, Yorkshire N & E Ridings	Peter Carroll, Cheshire
John Coleman, Surrey	Andrew Crump, Monmouthshire
Paul Debenham, Durham	David Dey, Worcestershire
Brian Footit, Durham	Bruce Goodman, Lincolnshire
Michael Gooderson, BEM, Norfolk	Christopher Head, Trustee
Ryan Heal, Sussex	Neil Morse, Hampshire
Chris Noble, Hertfordshire	David Olliver, Surrey
Simon Palfreyman, Cheshire	Richard Parrott, Staffordshire
Jay Patel, Hertfordshire	Patrick Pattison, South Wales
Nigel Pett, Cambridgeshire	John Rushworth, Yorkshire, W Riding
Jack Pigott, Yorkshire, W Riding	Hugh Saville, Middlesex
Michael Spalding, Norfolk	Terry Thurley, Essex
Richard Thurlow, Northants & Hunts	Geoffrey Walker, Warwickshire
Andrew Tomblin, Staffordshire	David Watson, Trustee
Ian Walker, Somerset	Howard Wilson, Trustee
Christopher White, Trustee	

MCF Executive and Staff

David Innes, Chief Executive	Les Hutchinson, Chief Operating Officer
Charles Angus, Finance Director	Harry Smith, Head of Communications
John McCrohan, Head of Strategic Development and Special Projects	Mark LLOYD, Managing Director, RMBICC
Caroline McHale, Snr Grants Officer, Charity Grants	Linda Walker, (minutes) Executive Assistant to CEO/COO

1. Paul Gower, Provincial Grand Master for Hertfordshire welcomed all those present to "Happy Hertfordshire" and encouraged everyone to make the most of the Family Fun

Day which was being hosted by the Province of Hertfordshire in the grounds of the Royal Masonic School for Girls.

2. Richard Hone welcomed everyone to the meeting, especially those Members who had travelled significant distances in order to attend. RH thanked the PGM of Hertfordshire, for his introduction and was pleased to report that the Hertfordshire Festival appeal in support of the RMTGB was progressing well.

The minutes of the second General Meeting of the MCF, held on 13 December 2017, were confirmed and signed by the President.

3. Kevin Carson, Headmaster, Royal Masonic School for Girls, gave a short presentation on the history and more recent developments at the school.

[A copy of the presentation can be accessed via the MCF Members' area <https://mcf.org.uk/members/>]

4. David Innes briefly introduced a workshop entitled "Developing the role of MCF Members".

The room was split into two sections and Members and attendees present were invited to discuss one of the following topics.

- Increasing ways for MCF Members to gather and represent the views of Brethren in a Province.
- Enhancing the role of MCF Members in the Charity Grants process including communications activity.

Feedback from both groups can be accessed via the MCF Members' area. <https://mcf.org.uk/members/>

- DI confirmed that the MCF welcomes applications identified by Provinces or Members for a grant under the Charity Grants function. [All applications will be assessed under the existing Charity Grants eligibility criteria]
 - DI reported that a Matched Funding Scheme would be launched in the next few months. Work was currently underway in formulating Terms & Conditions for the scheme.
5. Les Hutchinson, Chief Operating Officer, gave an update on key issues and the latest developments at MCF. A copy of the informative presentation can be accessed via the MCF Members' Area. <https://mcf.org.uk/members/>
 6. Richard Hone thanked all those present for giving up their time on a Sunday and invited everyone to enjoy the Family Fun Day that would continue for the next few hours. Thanks were given to Chris Noble, MCF Member for Hertfordshire, for helping to organise the Fun Day and facilitating the attendance of MCF Members.
 7. There was no other business.

The meeting closed at 14.30.

The third MCF Annual General Meeting and Members' Meeting will be held in the Grand Connaught Rooms, London on Wednesday 12 December and will be preceded by a lunch.