

## Minutes of meeting of the Hymans Robertson Foundation Trustee Board Meeting

Tuesday 16 February 2021

### 1530 - 1700 Virtual MS Teams

Present	Clive Fortes CF (Chair)	Marcella Boyle MB (CEO)
	James Entwistle JE (Trustee)	Gill Tait GT (Trustee)
	Sarah Gilmour SG (Secretary)	Graham Stevens GS (Treasurer)
	Jake Helliwell JH (Trustee)	Peter Hennessey PH (Guest)
	Katherine Hussein KH (Trustee)	Rachel Nixseaman RN (Trustee)
	Rebecca Mitchell RM Barnardo's (Guest)	Tommy McDade TM Barnardo's (Guest)
		Marjory Logie ML (minutes)

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### 1 Opening Remarks

The Chair welcomed new Trustees, Katherine Hussein and Rachel Nixseaman to their first meeting. He noted this was James Entwistle's last meeting, as he is stepping down due to retirement. The Board thanked James for his contributions to the Foundation during his tenure.

### 2 Apologies

None.

### 3 Declaration of Interests

None.

### 4 Minutes of the Board Meeting on 8 December 2020 and matters arising

Minutes were approved as an accurate record.

### 5 2019/20 Annual Report & Accounts

The Treasurer provided an update on the 2019/20 Annual Report and Accounts and confirmed these have been filed with OSCR and Charities Commission.

### 6 CEO Update

The CEO added her thanks to JE for his commitment and contribution to setting up the financial literacy programme and subsequent establishment of the Foundation. She also thanked SG for her round up of the Foundation's 2020 activity which was shared with staff at Hymans Robertson.

MB updated the Board on actions completed following the October Trustee Strategy workshop and Board meeting. All charity partners have been contacted after the Christmas break to discuss plans for the year ahead including recovery after the current lockdown. MB met with Money Advice Pension Service (MAPS) senior lead in Scotland. Some of the Foundation's partners are already active with MAPS; the Foundation recognises MAPS as a key (unfunded) partner which will be noted on our website, providing an opportunity to showcase shared objectives, raise awareness on partnership work and encourage use of financial support services.

## **7 2021 Bursary update**

MB highlighted some impacts recorded by charity partners. FARE and Barnardo's have collectively distributed bursary funding to 46 young people in Scotland and England. Works+ submitted a separate proposal for disbursement of some of the funding to support social enterprise experience for young people as an alternative to the training/employability/volunteering support; the Board has given their approval to progress. The Prince's Trust bursary support is likely to be delivered via the Prince's Trust centre for Birmingham and the Midlands which supports the Foundation's aim for broader UK coverage.

## **8 Charity Partners Update – Barnardo's**

The Chair welcomed Rebecca Mitchell and Tommy McDade to the meeting. TM shared an update on how Bursary funding is enabling supported young people to remain in education/apprenticeships/training, with grants directed to covering vital expenses, such as travel, subsistence and work clothing. TM advised that Barnardo's have directed other funding into digital capability, to enable continued provision of planned and urgent support. Looking ahead, both TM and RM highlighted the growing crisis in children and young people's mental health. MB advised the Foundation is exploring options to support mental health provision in partnership with other charity partners.

## **9 2021 Marcoms Schedule - 5th anniversary celebrations and focus on volunteering**

SG provided a short update on the communications schedule for the Foundation's 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and confirmed the date for the AGM.

## **10 AOB**

GT noted the severe impact the pandemic continues to have on food poverty in our communities; it was also acknowledged there is a growing need for digital and technology support. MB agreed to review funding gaps and provide an update at the next meeting.

## **11 Date of Next Meeting**

13 April 2021 at 2.00pm