

## THE EILEEN TRUST

### Minutes of the meeting held on 22 March 2011 at Alliance House, 12 Caxton Street, London SW1H 0QS

**PRESENT** Mr Peter Stevens (Chairman)  
Mrs Elizabeth Boyd  
Mr Russell Mishcon  
Mrs Sue Phipps  
Mr Pat Spellman

**IN ATTENDANCE** Mrs Susan Daniels (Case Officer)

**222.11 Apologies for Absence**

Mr M Harvey (Secretary) had apologised for his inability to attend.

**223.11 Minutes of the meeting held on 27 October 2010**

The minutes, previously circulated, were approved as a correct record.

**224.11 Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

**225.11 Financial reports and matters**

Summary reports had been circulated. It was agreed that the year-end balance of some £10,000 could be carried forward. The Chairman said that the Department of Health's funding of the Trust for 2011/12 was not yet available. *(Shortly after the meeting Mr Harvey was told that the figure would be £103,792, an 18% increase over the current year's figure).*

At Mrs Daniels' request the Chairman undertook to obtain a valuation of the investment portfolios managed by Principal.

The Chairman advised that the preliminary expenses budget for 2011/12 was subject to considerable change because of possible developments in Alliance House, in particular the mooted move of all the operations to the 5<sup>th</sup> floor.

**226.11 The Ministerial Statement of 10 January 2011**

The press notice regarding the statement had been circulated with the meeting papers.

The Chairman outlined to the Board the organisational developments that were taking place to enable the measures in the Statement to be implemented. He referred to the VAT implications resulting from the increase in staff levels that would be necessary for Skipton Fund and the new HCV charity, Caxton Foundation, and that advice had been received indicating that there might be a concessionary arrangement available from HMRC. It was also noted that the definition of those

eligible for help from Caxton was somewhat wider than that in the Eileen Trust Deed of Trust.

It was noted that the non-discretionary payments to the Trust's beneficiaries administered by MFET Ltd were to be upgraded annually in line with the CPI, but again the timing and extent of this increase had not yet been disclosed. *(Shortly after the meeting this information also became available, the 2011/12 payment being increased by about 3% to £13,200).*

#### **227.11 Case Officer's report**

Mrs Daniels spoke on her report, which had been distributed earlier to the Board.

5072A was now debt-free and had stopped using credit cards. The Board agreed to review the £10,000 loan at the next meeting after Mrs Daniels had spoken to 5072A about possible repayment arrangements.

The Board discussed 5089's request for help to obtain dental implants in Spain. While sympathetic, Trustees were unsure about the appropriateness of this without official confirmation that public funds could not be made available within the NHS or through the devolved Scottish administration. The Chairman undertook to explore these matters through the Chief Dental Officer at the DH.

It was agreed that the Trust was no longer responsible for 5087 (GRO-A), who owned her property and was of an age to be independent. The funds remaining in the Trust Fund for her would be released to her. The balance of the fund would then continue to be held for her brother in order to avoid prejudicing his welfare benefits availability.

It was noted that funding requests for respite breaks for the wife of 5090 and the mother of 5054 might be expected during the year.

The Board thanked Mrs Daniels for the comprehensive nature of her report and for her continuing help.

#### **228.11 Any other business**

It was agreed that a weekend event would be held on the weekend of 15/16 October, on the south coast, to be arranged by Mrs Daniels, who would do all she could to persuade those registrants who had not so far attended any Trust events to attend. A preliminary budget of £7,500 was agreed.

The next Board meeting would take place in the course of that event.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 12.30 pm.

GRO-C: Stevens