

Report to Bungay Town Council on Eliza Dreyer Homes Meeting

30th October 2018

I attended this meeting held at the Church Rooms, Holy Trinity Church. Those present were Rev. Ian Byrne (Chair) IB, Iain Huggins (Treasurer) IH, Terry Reeve TR, and myself SC.

IH who maintains regular contact with residents reported that all happy and no issues.

Premises inside and out are in good condition. IH recently did a 'walk round' with Danny Brown who carries out maintenance work for the alms houses. He also reported that gardens have been upgraded and are well maintained mostly by the residents themselves.

The financial position is very healthy now that all dwellings occupied and the new residents paying nearer market rate rents (all new residents eligible for housing benefit in accordance with revised ED charitable status governing document). It was agreed that from the reserves in the investment account a budget of up to £20,000 could be spent on refurbishment. As No. 19 is the only dwelling that does not have gas central heating it was agreed that funds should be spent on upgrading the heating system in line with the other homes. IH to manage this process.

It was agreed to gather all policy documents into a master file so that there could be a systematic review and upgrading. SC agreed to look at BTC policy on Data Protection, General Privacy and Retention of Documents Policy to prepare for the formulation of an ED policy document.

It was agreed that a Christmas gift of £50 would be presented to all residents.

Date of next meeting 7th March 2019.