



Report from the Meeting of the Trustees of the Plumbers Charity on 21 February 2024

Members Attending: Chairman - Past Master Robert Burgon, Vice-Chairman Past Master Steve Hodkinson, Upper Warden Charles Brooks, Assistants Michael Cooper and Janet Rivers, Liverymen Jamie Fisher and John Mager. In attendance- Honorary Secretary Liveryman Clive Sofaer.

Item 1. Communications:

- The trustees received a report on Charity communications and noted progress with some of our donee charities acknowledging The Plumbers Charity on their websites. The legacy leaflet had been circulated at the January Court lunch and would now be posted to all Liverymen. The number of visits to the Charity section of the website had more than doubled in 2023.

Item 2. Finance:

- The Trustees approved the annual accounts for the year to 29 September 2023.
- During the quarter to 31 December 2023, the standing order donations by Liverymen had increased by 9% following a 12 % in the corresponding quarter in 2022.
- The Cazenove investment portfolio had risen from £689,778 at 31 October 2023 to £743,515 at 20 February 2024.

Item 3. Governance:

- The trustees noted that Past Master Steve Hodkinson had agreed to serve for a further 5-year term commencing in October 2023.
- The trustees approved the appointment of a new trustee, whose name would be submitted to the April Court meeting.
- The trustees approved the strategic plan for 2024-2029.

Item 4. Future Fundraising:

- The Trustees considered a paper prepared by Lvy John Mager (the lead trustee on fundraising) and were pleased to be advised of two events which were likely to take place outside of the Company with proceeds being donated to the Charity.

Item 5: Grants:

- The trustees approved grants to Aimee Henderson (to continue her studies), Dolma Nepal (for a water supply project in Nepal) and a contribution to the Livery Food Initiative (to support the purchase of a truck for City Harvest)
- In the current year, the trustees have proposed total grants of £78,081 and at the date of the meeting grants had been approved totaling £42,331.

Robert Burgon, Chairman: 28 February 2024