
JANUARY 2023 NEWS

The Trustees of the Benevolent Fund meet six times per year and the most recent meeting was on 17th January 2023. Eight Trustees were present with one apology for absence.

Five awards were made, with grants totalling £18,600 and loans £352,530: total £371,130. There were two applications requiring the attention of the Emergency Committee since the previous meeting.

Two loans had been fully repaid since the previous meeting

Twelve cases were reviewed. These are cases where a loan has been made previously and remains outstanding. The Trustees review such cases at intervals of no longer than two years. Occasionally, a beneficiary might offer to start making repayments; more often, it is appropriate to offer additional assistance; most often the file is put away for a further review in two years time.

A further 20 cases were considered, either as a result of actions arising from previous meetings or correspondence being received.

Five "thank you" letters were received from beneficiaries that the Trustees had helped at previous meetings. The Trustees are always pleased to receive such letters. Sometimes they come from a brother or other beneficiary who has recently received help: some come as a follow up to full repayment, either as a lump sum or in instalments.

The next meeting of Trustees is on Tuesday 21st March 2023.