# LLOYDS AND TRUSTEE SAVINGS BANKS STAFF BENEVOLENT FUND

# Minutes of the Annual General Meeting April 2016

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# **YOUR COMMITTEE MEMBERS 2016 – 2017**

Chairman: **Treasurer: Secretary:** Tony Liversedge Lawson Coombes Iain Brodie Tv Cerrig 110B Maxwell Avenue 15 Barnaby Rudge 14 The Bryn Chelmsford Westerton Derwen Fawr Bearsden Essex CM1 4YG Swansea Glasgow Tel: 01245 442382

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Area 1 Area 5 Area 9 South West Northern Ireland North East Channel Isles, Cornwall, Devon, Northern Ireland and Cleveland, Durham, Northumberland, Tyne & Wear and Yorkshire.

Somerset and Gloucestershire. Isle of Man

Ronnie Paterson Pat Swift Tim Legge The Rectory Grainger House 3 Maralin Avenue 8 Court Road, Bangor 9A Newlands Road Newton Ferrers County Down Bishopthorpe Devon PL8 1DL BT20 4RQ York YO23 2RT

Area 10 Area 2 Area 6 East Anglia West Midlands/Wales Scotland (East) Bedfordshire, Wales, Cheshire, Shropshire,

Cambridgeshire, Herefordshire & Worcestershire, Essex, Norfolk Staffordshire, Warwickshire and West

and Suffolk. Midlands.

Clive Hardingham Lawson Coombes Aline Ewan 5, Toga Close, Ty Cerrig 52 Craigmount Bank Colchester 14 The Bryn Edinburgh **EH48HH** 

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Area 3 Area 7 Area 11 East Midlands North West Scotland (West)

Cumbria, Lancashire, Derbyshire, Leicestershire, Lincolnshire and Nottinghamshire. Greater Manchester and Merseyside.

John Taylor **Emyr Morris** Iain Brodie

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Area 4 Area 8 Area 12 South East Home Counties (North) South Central Buckinghamshire, Hertfordshire, Kent, London (South), Berkshire, Dorset,

London (North) and Hampshire, Oxfordshire Surrey and Sussex. Northamptonshire. and Wiltshire.

Sue Brough 5 Ridgeside Avenue Vacant Paul Welch Patcham 2 Sainsbury Close

Brighton BN1 8WD Andover

# ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

# Minutes of the 38th Annual General Meeting held on 20th April 2016 at 33 Old Broad Street, London

# Attendees:

L. Coombes Chairman
I.C. Brodie Treasurer
A. Liversedge Secretary

C. Hardingham
T. Legge
E. Morris
R. Paterson
P. Welch
G. Martin
P. Jain

The Secretary read the notice convening the meeting.

1. Welcome The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting.

Apologies S. Brough, P. Swift and J. Taylor

2. Minutes of the Thirty-Seventh Annual General Meeting held on 22 April 2015

The Minutes of the Thirty-Seventh Annual General Meeting were proposed by A. Ewan and seconded by P. Welch. They were accepted as a true reflection of the meeting and signed by the chairman as a true record.

3. Annual Report of the Trustees

The Annual Report of the Trustees was presented to the meeting.

The Annual Report of the Trustees (Appendix A) were proposed by T. Legge and seconded by C. Hardingham and accepted without amendment.

4. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's Report for the financial year ended 31 December 2015 was presented to the meeting. The Annual Accounts (Appendix B) were proposed by R. Paterson and seconded by E. Morris, and unanimously adopted.

5. Appointment of Officers and Independent Examiner

The Secretary, in accordance with Rules 6.2 and 13.2 of the Constitution, advised that the Committee had selected the following to act as officers and the Examiner:

Chairman L.J. Coombes
Vice Chairman J. Taylor
Secretary A. Liversedge
Treasurer I. C. Brodie

Independent Examiners A member of Lloyds Banking Group Plc Group Audit

# 6. Election of Committee Members

Vacancies became due in the following areas for the period April 2016 to April 2019.

Area 1	South West	Channel Islands, Cornwall, Devon, Somerset and Gloucestershire
Area 2	East Anglia	Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire, Essex, Norfolk and Suffolk
Area 3	East Midlands	Derbyshire, Leicestershire, Lincolnshire and Nottinghamshire
Area 4	South East	Kent, London South, Surrey and Sussex

The following were the only nominees and therefore have been appointed:

Area	Nominee	Proposed	Seconded
1	T. Legge	R. Paterson	A. Ewan
2	C.J. Hardingham	P. Welch	T. Legge
3	J. Taylor	A. Ewan	C. Hardingham
4	S. Brough	R. Paterson	P. Welch

Proposed by R. Paterson and Seconded by C. Hardingham

# 7. The was no Other Business

# TRUSTEE SAVINGS BANKS STAFF BENEVOLENT FUND 276303

# **Objectives of the Fund**

The objectives of the Fund are to relieve cases of hardship or distress for the following classes of persons:

Members, former members and retired members of the Staffs of the former Trustee Savings Banks, subsidiary companies and other approved organisations

Members, former members and retired members of TSB Bank Plc, subsidiary companies and other approved organisations

Members, former members and retired members of Lloyds Bank Plc, subsidiary companies and other approved organisations

Individual who are or have been members of Lloyds (TSB) Pension Schemes No. 1, No. 2 and Your Tomorrow or a Pension Fund of TSB Bank Plc.

Dependants of members of such staff

Dependants of deceased members of such staff

Persons maintained by deceased members of such staff at the date of their death.

We have referred to the information contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit and the trustees consider that our activities currently fall within the objectives set.

# **Support Provided to Colleagues**

At the Annual General Meeting in April 2015, our constitution was amended to widen potential beneficiaries with the agreement of the Charities Commission. Our constituency is now circa 300,000 and covers all current employees of Lloyds Banking Group Plc and the new TSB Bank Plc including those who are, or have been, members of a Lloyds or TSB Pension Scheme, plus dependants. During 2015, 11 new cases were received and the Committee reviewed a further 26 active cases. Funds distributed amounted to £39,540. The Committee is very conscious that all its funds come from donations from Members and we are fortunate at present that The Fund has been able to meet requests for assistance that fall within its guidelines. However, it was noticed that during the year donations fell more than anticipated: the Trustees request that all members check that their donation is continuing as expected.

Our web site has been fully operational for 2 years. To maintain this facility there is a nominal cost to the Fund and this year it was £114.

Hampers were sent to 42 beneficiaries during the Christmas period 2015 and many letters and phone calls of thanks were received.

### Committee

We continue to be very fortunate in having a dedicated Committee, which is made up of both serving and retired officers of the original TSB and Lloyds Bank. Together they provide a wide spectrum of experience, which is to the benefit of all our Members in the review of cases.

The Chairman would like to place on record his appreciation of the work of the Secretary and Treasurer during the year. Likewise, the Committee wishes to express their thanks to the Chairman who maintains the web site.

# **Support of Lloyds Banking Group**

The Trustees wish to record the invaluable help and support that the Lloyds Banking Group give to the Fund in providing banking, advice and administration expenses. The Committee, through that support, is able to dedicate 100% of the Fund to its objectives; except for the nominal running costs of the web site – see above.

Gavin Martin of Lloyds Banking Group Audit was again appointed as Independent Examiner to the Fund. We thank Group Audit for their advice and support during the year.

### **Reserves Policy**

All monies held by the Charity as Reserves are Unrestricted Funds. The policy for reserves is set against the background of reducing subscriptions and is as follows:

- (a) to provide funds to meet regular commitments and specific one-off needs of applicants and to enable these requests to be satisfied at short notice and
- (b) to ensure that there are sufficient realisable investments and income from those investments to meet the shortfall in income from subscribers to cover future applicants' requests and
- (c) to continue to invest any surplus investment income or realised profit from investments to ensure that in the future the reserves will be able to meet the needs of applicants.

The Trustees consider that at present the reserves are sufficient to meet policy objectives.

### Risk

The Trustees are fully aware of the trend of a continued decrease in members' subscriptions. The pool of potential beneficiaries increased in 2015 due to the inclusion of the staff and dependents from Lloyds Bank becoming eligible for support. The impact of the extension of eligibility in 2009 to pensioners and dependents of the Lloyds TSB Pension Scheme No. 1 and in 2014 to the new TSB Bank Plc continues to be minimal and there has been negligible impact seen during the 8 months since the 2015 change. Whilst the demands from the potential beneficiaries may well become greater as time passes, the funds are managed to produce both income and capital growth and over most recent years there has been a small excess. The Fund has discretion as to whom funds are distributed and there are guidelines in place to ensure that grants are distributed in a fair way and that no one beneficiary could deplete the Fund. The Fund has neither employees nor property and the Capital of the Fund is managed for the Trustees by Professional Fund Managers.

# **Legal Details**

Charity Name Trustee Savings Banks Staff Benevolent Fund Charity Number 276303

Also known as Lloyds and TSB Staff Benevolent Fund

Trustees Lawson J. Coombes (Chairman)

John Taylor (Vice Chairman) Iain C. Brodie (Treasurer) Anthony Liversedge (Secretary)

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Copies of the Rules and Constitution are available from the Secretary of the Fund at the Principal Office.

ANNUAL ACCOUNTS Appendix B

# Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the TSB Staff Benevolent Fund Year ending 31 December 2015

I report on the accounts of the TSB Staff Benevolent Fund (the Charity) for the year ended 31 December 2015, which are set out on pages 8 and 9.

# Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 (2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Charities Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

# Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

# Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
  - To keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
  - To prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements
    of the 2011 Act

have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Gavin Martin ACA C/o Lloyds Banking Group Plc Group Audit

20<sup>th</sup> April 2016

Alder Castle House 10 Noble Street London EC2V 7ED

# ANNUAL ACCOUNTS

# Appendix B

# TSB STAFF BENEVOLENT FUND

The notes on page 9 forms part of these accounts

Receipts and Payments Account for the year to 31st December 2014			
	2015	2014 £	
RECEIPTS		£	
Subscriptions	10,660	12,416	
Donations	280	120	
Investment Income	22,570	21,175	
Net Gain on Sales of Investments	0	8,381	
	33,510	42,092	
PAYMENTS			
Grants	39,540	38,841	
Administration Expenses	114	92	
Net Loss on Sales of Investments	4,276	0	
	43,930	38,933	
EXCESS OF PAYMENTS (2014 RECEIPTS) FOR YEAR	<u>-10,420</u>	<u>3,159</u>	
ACCUMULATED FUND			
Accumulated Fund (Unrestricted) Brought Forward	690,619	687,460	601,363
Excess of Payments (2014 – Receipts) for Year	-10,420	3,159	
Accumulated Fund (Unrestricted) Carried Forward	<u>680,199</u>	<u>690,619</u>	<u>687,460</u>

ANNUAL ACCOUNTS		Appendix B
TSB STAFF BENEVOLENT FUND		
Statement of Assets as at 31st December 2015		
ASSETS EMPLOYED	31.12.15	31.12.14 £
Investments at Cost	668,732	671,773
CURRENT ASSETS		
Bank Account	11,467	18,846
	<u>680,199</u>	<u>690,619</u>
REPRESENTED BY		
ACCUMULATED FUND (UNRESTRICTED)	<u>680,199</u>	<u>690,619</u>
These accounts were approved by the Committee on 20th April 2016		
(Signed) I C BRODIE (TREASURER)		
(Signed) L J COOMBES (CHAIRMAN)		

# Notes to the Accounts for the year ended 31st December 2015

# 1. Income and Expenditure

Income and expenditure is accounted for on a receipts and payments basis.

# 2. Investments

	2015	2014 £
Quoted Investments at cost	<u>668,732</u>	<u>671,773</u>
Market Value at 31st December 2015	<u>734,400</u>	<u>745,150</u>
Unrealised Profit	<u>65,668</u>	<u>73,377</u>

Lloyds Private Banking Limited manage the investment portfolio. The instructions to Private Banking are to invest part of the capital in equity markets to achieve growth with the remainder in low risk investments to provide a steady income stream.

# WILL YOU SUBSCRIBE TO THE LLOYDS AND TSB STAFF BENEVOLENT FUND?

The fund exists to relieve hardship that may be suffered by members and former members of staff and their dependents who worked for Lloyds Banking Group, the former TSB Group companies, and members of the new TSB Bank, together with those receiving pensions from Lloyds Pension Schemes No. 1 and No. 2

And...

How to INCREASE THE VALUE OF YOUR EXISTING SUBSCRIPTION to The Lloyds and TSB Staff Benevolent Fund.

If you are a self employed or personal tax-payer you can increase the value of all your donations to The Lloyds and TSB Staff Benevolent Fund at no extra cost by signing the declaration below. Should you wish to increase your subscription, or start donating, please complete both instructions.

# GIFT AID DECLARATION TO LLOYDS AND TSB STAFF BENEVOLENT FUND Amount of monthly / annual subscription (shown on your pay/pension slip) Please reclaim tax on all donations I make from the date of this declaration until I notify you otherwise. Signed Date ..... Name..... Address.... ..... .....Post Code ..... Telephone..... You can cancel this declaration at any time by writing to us, for example if you cease to pay tax, but while the declaration is in force, please let us know if you change your name or address. Remember to notify us if you no longer pay an amount of income tax and/or capital gains tax equal to the amount of tax that we claim on your donations. If you are not sure whether your donation(s) qualify for Gift Aid tax relief, please ask your local tax office for leaflet IR113 Gift Aid. Pay Administration, Lloyds Banking Group Plc (Code 573) or TSB Bank To: Employing Company / Pension Fund Name: Please deduct from my pay/pension each month the sum of: to be paid to the Lloyds and TSB Staff Benevolent Fund Charity No. 276303 Name: Pay/Pension Number: Address:

PLEASE FORWARD BOTH PARTS TO THE TREASURER, Iain Brodie, 110B Maxwell Avenue, Westerton, Bearsden, Glasgow G61 1HU (Please photocopy for additional copies)

.....Post Code.....

Signature: Date:

# LLOYDS AND TRUSTEE SAVINGS BANKS STAFF BENEVOLENT FUND

# What we do......

The Lloyds & TSB Staff Benevolent Fund provides benevolence for members, former members of staff and pensioners who work or worked for Lloyds Banking Group, the former TSB Group companies, and members of the new TSB Bank. Close relatives and dependants are also included.

The Fund exists to relieve hardship and examples of assistance that have been given are:

- o Converted bathroom for gentleman who had taken ill-health retirement
- o Family holiday for member of staff prior to child having life saving surgery
- o Purchased specialist bed for lady who had to take ill-health retirement
- Bought washing machine and replaced TV for pensioners
- Purchased mobility scooter for former member of staff
- o Provided computers for children's educational purposes
- o Replaced dangerous electrics at a pensioner's home

If you know someone who may be able to benefit from the Fund, please contact the Secretary or Area Representative (see page 2). All requests for assistance are treated as confidential to the Benevolent Fund and given impartial consideration.