

# **FELIXSTOWE OLD PEOPLES WELFARE ASSOCIATION**

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## **Report on the outcome of our Occasional Grant allocation**

Our Grant application was for a project to replace two of the five external metal roller shutters that protect "the Hut" outside normal opening hours. The original shutters had done an excellent job, but were badly corroding and becoming unreliable. The shutters provided protection for security purposes and against the harsh effects of the weather being in such an exposed position. While we have some financial reserves, paying for the whole cost of the project ourselves would have depleted them to a low level.

If the shutters had been removed but not replaced, "the Hut" windows will be exposed to frequent breakages as happened before we had the original shutters fitted, and to the continual threat of forced entry or vandalism especially during the hours of darkness and over the winter months when "the Hut" is not in daily use.

At the time of our application we had one received one quotation and were expecting to receive a second.

In the event, after securing your grant and being able to proceed, we could not make any further contact with the first company who ignored all our attempts by email or phone. We placed the order with Cooks Doors and Blinds of Norwich - the company that supplied the original blinds. (See copy order form attached).

The old shutters were removed and new ones fitted 27<sup>th</sup> / 28<sup>th</sup> March 2018.

We are delighted with the works which have not only restored the outside appearance of "the Hut" when they are in the closed position, but more importantly will continue to give the degree of security protection and protection against the elements that we consider essential.

An acknowledgment of the contribution made by the Town Council is on display inside "the Hut" (see attached). We shall be delighted to meet Councillors there to demonstrate the use of the shutters. We open "the Hut" to the general public on "Historic Car Rally Day" Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> May which will be ideal time for them to drop in.

Many thanks

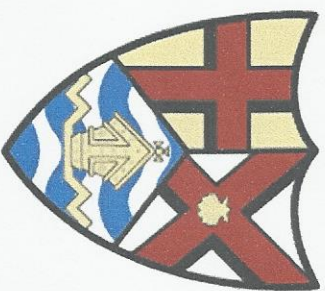
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11<sup>th</sup> April 2018

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The Trustees of Felixstowe Old Peoples Welfare Association, acknowledge with grateful thanks, the contribution of £4,500 from



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towards the overall costs of renewing the two external metal roller shutters to the sun lounge area of "the Hut".

*Richard Holland (Chairman)*

*On behalf of all Trustees*

*March 2018*

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