

Session Title: Ipswich Deaf Society Extraordinary Meeting

Saturday 20th April 2024

Attendees: Approx. 40 people.

1. Chairperson's report, sale of building and the future of IDS – Alison Berry

It has been a difficult year compared to last year's AGM. Last year 2023 had lots of positive things going on, but 2024 has been less active.

We have lost two key people on the trustee committee. Penny and Amanda have both stepped down for personal reasons. Doug is also currently absent for health reasons.

The building is costing far too much to maintain and is draining the funds. The funds should be used for the deaf community, not the building. A core group has come together to discuss what to happen next. The Suffolk Hearing Advisory Service (SHAS) who rent rooms in the building are leaving 13th May and have found another building. Their rent was not enough to cover the electricity they use. IDCS have also found a new place to rent. They were previously paying £100 a month rent. The building has been put on the market for **£365,000**.

The core group members are, Alison Berry, Gavin Songer (Vicky Songer), Linda Masterson, Doug Gray, Emma-Jane Whiting (Claire Barr), and Lorraine Thurkettle. A show of hands to vote agree/disagree - more than half of the attendees voted in agreement for the core group.

Lorraine and Alison have been making an inventory list of all the things in the building. Chairs, tables, kitchen things etc. We will rent a storage facility to keep the things we don't want to sell.

However, we will need to sell lots of other things in the building. Perhaps we could have an auction for everyone? E.g., there is a big cooker/oven in the outdoor cupboard. Electrical things are difficult to sell so it will need to be 'sold as seen'. When we know more, we will have an open day where you and other people can come to buy things from the centre.

Q. If we do not sell or if there is a lower offer, will we accept?

A. Two people have viewed the building this week, we will need to see what happens.

Q. What will happen to the money once it is sold?

A. We are not planning on buying a new building. We could join up with another social club in Ipswich to rent a venue regularly for events. We will keep the sale money in the bank for events. IDS membership will pay for rent on another building.

Q. If we rent a building, could we eventually buy the building in future? What about the future deaf generations.

A. No plans to. Many other deaf buildings are also being sold because of the cost to maintain them.

Q. Norwich deaf club rent with another social club, but they have a permanent residence in the building. They have many activities every day at the centre.

A. They rent from Norfolk County Council. Suffolk County Council have already sold many of their buildings.

IDS will not close! It is about keeping the IDS events going. Possibly a large event at Jimmy's Farm - Celebrating being deaf, deaf culture, social, sign language teaching. (Not like Norwich Deaf Festival where the focus is on equipment and helping etc).

Q. Could we have more than one day a week events in future? Sign language groups, CODA, social events, etc.

A. It will depend on what other social clubs/rented places will let us use. If we rent too many separate venues at the same time, the money will be used up very quickly! Alison has started to think about plans for an event next year. A 'Deaf Celebration' at Jimmy's Farm. The main focus will be to celebrate being deaf and our community! If we rent too many places at once, it will drain our funds very quickly!

Q. I feel strongly that we the IDS should keep going as a strong group and try to keep the building. How can we keep it going financially? Membership? Sponsorship? If we bought another building, could we use our skills collectively to maintain the building and keep it in good repair?

A. Some organisations may be willing to give us funds/donations to maintain the IDS; e.g., Ipswich Town Football Club, UK Power Network, etc.

Q. Where would the new deaf centre be? Town centre? Norwich Road Social Club?

A. Norbridge Social Club on Norwich Road would be great, but we can't offer them any rent or buy anywhere until we have sold the current building first.

Q. How much would rent be for a different building?

A. We don't know until we look around. This year, we have not charged IDS membership, so we have no income this year. If you would like to donate when you buy teas and coffee etc, every little helps!

Q. Will there be disabled and deaf access in the building that we rent? E.g. Deaf flashing alarms, lifts etc? Will insurance be covered etc?

A. Good point, we will need to think about that. Perhaps we would need to pay the place we rent to have it installed? Dereham Deaf Club share their rooms with the Royal Legion. Alison will ask Myra Daines how they work around deaf access.

Q. What happened to the Lottery bid that we did before?

A. Last year, Marie Waller (SHAS) said she was going to speak with someone at the Council about a Lottery bid. However, the IDS do not meet the criteria. Alison has been looking for other bids, but it is very difficult. Some funding bids will only fund groups for older people, but not younger people. Many funding organisations will not allow for applications for the building maintenance (Capital Funding). A big shame.

Q. What will happen to the bowling trophies, sports equipment etc?

A. We will only sell what belongs to the IDS – not personal things! Please take them home if you keep things here. E.g., We have 4 boxes of sports trophies in the cupboard, some are over 40 years old! What shall we do with them? There are also many boxes of old AGM minutes and photos etc. Alison's daughter-in-law works at the Suffolk Archives and can store them at the Suffolk Hold in Ipswich.

Q. Who will decide on a new venue? Will it be a collective vote? Can other people look around the new places to rent?

A. It is your club! We would value your input! It will be discussed with you when things happen.

Q. How long have we been at the current building?

A. We have been at Suffolk House since approx. 2013? 2011? 2010? About 15 years!

Q. Will we have a memorial plaque here?

A. Alison feels very sad to sell the building, but we cannot afford to be bankrupt! The Deaf Community is also changing, what you want may be different to next generations etc.

If you want to discuss about the building, please come and talk to us and get involved.

2. Budget update – Gavin Songer.

Gavin is currently acting treasurer, as Doug is not very well at the moment.

Doug is happy to share information about his health; he has had a bowel cancer diagnosis which was picked up through the bowel screening home testing kit. He had an operation on Tuesday (16th April) and is doing very well! He is now home and recovering.

Alison would like to remind all people, over 60 years old, to do your poo tests in the post! Even if you feel well!

Q. Claire's walk raised £1500 last year but only says £600 on the budget sheet.

A. There is still some more to come from the 'Go Fund Me' page.

Q. The electricity bill seems very expensive! £20,000!

A. There was an issue with the meter readings last year, it has now been corrected and £9,000 was refunded. It is still approx. £10,000 a year, but that is because there is no gas in the building, so electricity is used for heating and cooling too. We are hoping to get some VAT back from the electricity company as we are a charity.

3. Update from Social Club – Emma-Jane Whiting

Since EJ has taken over, the social club has had several events this year that have been very successful! Halloween party, Christmas Eve, parties etc. Have been quite successful! Some of the Friday night social evenings have been quite quiet, only 5 or 7 people sometimes!

Would be nice to have a few events as a celebration and 'close' of this building. Games and activities. Would be nice to invite other deaf societies to come join us? We could organise watching the Euro Cup at the deaf centre in June?

Claire and EJ are hoping to have a summer BBQ this year at the end of May. We will need your support and help with it! There will be a raffle, bar etc.

Norwich deaf club were supposed to come for a coffee morning in May, but messages through the deaf community says the person organising has been unwell? Is there another person who we could ask at Norwich?

Any ideas for events and activities – write ideas down on a poster, add a post on Facebook, or just tell us!

Q. Is there a definite closing date?

A. No. Not until the building sells.

Q. Is Friday still a good date for social club? Fridays have been quiet recently. Would you prefer a weekend or in the day instead of evening?

A. Claire and EJ will try to arrange something and come up with an idea. Perhaps early afternoon into evening instead of only evening? This will be better for public transport.

Q. What has happened to the Deaf Social Club money? Could we join up with the IDCS?

A. We are separate from the IDCS – they raise and keep their own funds.

Q. What is happening with the deaf church?

A. Penny will carry on with the deaf church and arrange her own events and activities. She is currently using a room in this building. Once it is sold, she will make her own arrangements.

4. AOB and keeping in touch:

- There is a new number at the bottom of the agenda. You can use this to get in touch with the core group members about anything – events, timings, news etc.
 - **Text:** 07543508507
 - **Email:** ipswichdeafsociety@gmail.com
 - **Facebook:** www.facebook.com/groups/ipswichdeafsociety
- There is a Charity Golf Day to raise money for the IDS. Thursday 2nd May from 12pm at Seckford Golf Club, Woodbridge. If interested, contact Andrew Redmond's sister.

- Wendy Turner 07944839614 or brianwendy@sky.com, or text Doug Gray.

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IPSWICH DEAF SOCIETY BANK ACCOUNT 2024
Registered Charity No. 1157646

IPSWICH DEAF SOCIETY - BANK ACCOUNT 2024 INCOME											
DATE	DETAILS	TOTAL	CODA	SOCIAL CLUB	MISC.	DONATIONS	HOLIDAY	1051.50 IDS	BERRYS	UW CREDIT	SUMUP FEE
	BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD	£24,216.19									
04.01.24	SumUp + Dep A Berry Hol	282.61	57.75	55.20			50.00		124.60		4.94
08.01.24	Donation P Lam (85)	1333.34				1,333.34					
12.01.24	Hire Room Party (87)	50.00			50.00						
12.01.24	Berrys up to 10.01.24 (86)	171.35							171.35		
25.01.24	Donation Peter Outen (88)	55.00				55.00					
25.01.24	Holiday Deposits (Sep list) (91)	510.00					510.00				
25.01.24	Cake - Albert (89)	37.63							37.63		
26.01.24	Holiday Deposits (Sep list) Chqs (90)	455.00					455.00				
29.01.24	Hertfordshire HAS (SHAS)	500.00						500.00			
30.01.24	A Berry (A Speer Deposit)	50.00					50.00				
01.02.24	R Platt - IDCS	660.00						660.00			
02.02.24	Coins - Alison Berry (92)	24.34				24.34					
02.02.24	Holiday Deposit - S Spayne (93)	50.00					50.00				
02.02.24	Hard of Hearing Contribution (94)	50.00						50.00			
02.02.24	Golf Day Sept 23 Donation (95)	435.00				435.00					
06.02.24	SumUp + Dep P Brinkley Hol	128.24					50.00		80.45		2.21
14.02.24	Rosedale Funeral	500.00				500.00					
15.02.24	MuchLoved	18.78				18.78					
21.02.24	L Mercer Holiday Deposit	100.00					100.00				
23.02.24	Grey Tin - Berrys Coffee (96)	239.70							239.70		
23.02.24	Red Tin - Berry's Coffee (96)	56.00							56.00		
23.02.24	Donations (96)	18.60				18.60					
23.02.24	Rackhams Auto Room Hire (97)	80.00						80.00			
23.02.24	Bingo 07/02/24 (97)	37.00						37.00			
28.02.24	Hertfordshire HAS (SHAS)	500.00						500.00			
01.03.24	Brown Holiday Deposit (98)	100.00					100.00				
04.03.24	Mott Spurling Gilber Hol Dep (99)	200.00					200.00				
04.03.24	Bingo 08/03/24 (99)	31.00						31.00			
05.03.24	SumUp	141.19		13.00				102.75	27.90		2.46
07.03.24	S Long Holiday Balance	300.00					300.00				
07.03.24	E Whately Holiday Balance	600.00					600.00				
07.03.24	E Whately Hol Bal Sue Coates	300.00					300.00				
12.03.24	Hargreaves & Temple Hol Bal (Chq)	600.00					600.00				
22.03.24	S O'Donnell Holiday Balance	310.00					310.00				
28.03.24	Utility Warehouse	281.82								281.82	
28.03.24	Hertfordshire HAS (SHAS)	500.00						500.00			
02.04.24	M Bell Holiday Balance	310.00					310.00				
03.04.24	SumUp	130.50		86.00					46.75		2.25
08.04.24	Bingo Raffle Dec 23 Jan 24	77.50							77.50		
08.04.24	J Frost Holiday Balance	300.00					300.00				
08.04.24	Mercer (Frost) Holiday Balance	300.00					300.00				
08.04.24	IDCS	600.00						600.00			
09.04.24	M Hawes (Russen) Hol Balance	310.00					310.00				
10.04.24	S & T Gilbert Holiday Bal (Chq) 103	600.00					600.00				
10.04.24	P Cordy Allen (Chq) 103	300.00					300.00				
10.04.24	L Kirk Holiday Bal (Chq) 103	295.00					295.00				
10.04.24	P Brinkley Hol Bal	300.00					300.00				
10.04.24	M Pearson (Turner) Hol Bal	310.00					310.00				
17.04.24	A Southgate Hol Bal	310.00					310.00				
17.04.24	K Stovell Hol Bal	600.00					600.00				
17.04.24	Brown & Blincow Hol Bal 104	560.00					560.00				
17.04.24	S Smith Hol Bal 104	300.00					300.00				
17.04.24	P Joslin Hol Bal 104	300.00					300.00				
17.04.24	J Corkill Hol Bal 104	300.00					300.00				
17.04.24	Fincham x2 Hol Bal 104	600.00					600.00				
22.04.24	Mott Spurling Hol Bal 105	600.00					600.00				
22.04.24	Dewhurst Hol Bal 106	300.00					300.00				
24.04.24	Liffen Hol Bal 107	375.00					375.00				
25.04.24	Hunt Hol Bal 108	300.00					300.00				
26.04.24	Oaten Hol Bal 109	310.00					310.00				
29.04.24	Hertfordshire HAS (SHAS)	500.00						500.00			
30.04.24	Utility Warehouse	6338.70								6,338.70	
01.05.24	Masterson Hol Bal 110	300.00					300.00				
01.05.24	Spayne Hol Bal 110	420.00					420.00				
01.05.24	Redmond Hol Bal 110	300.00					300.00				
01.05.24	Gray Hol Bal 110	300.00					300.00				
01.05.24	Monroe Hol Bal 110	300.00					300.00				
01.05.24	Danmar Logistics Ltd	250.00				250.00					
03.05.24	Sum Up	66.35		18.50					49.00		1.15
04.06.24	Refund Daish To Be Repaid	426.90					426.90				
05.06.24	SumUp	15.23		16.00							0.77
06.06.24	Extra Hol Mon Rpd Liffen etc	60.00					60.00				
03.07.24	SumUp	81.54		64.25					18.70		1.41
10.07.24	L Kirk Bingo/Raffle (Chq)	95.00						95.00			

05.08.24	SumUp	143.57								2.53
27.08.24	L Kirk Bingo/Donation (Chq)	50.00			30.00		20.00			
28.08.24	Golf Day May 24 Donations	343.00			343.00					
28.08.24	Donations & Raffle on 18.08.24	385.00			385.00					
04.09.24	SumUp	89.33								1.57
03.10.24	SumUp	82.17								
15.10.24	Thrifty Van Rental Deposit	250.00		250.00						
05.11.24	SumUp	3.93								
29.11.24	Donations jar	223.25			223.25					
29.11.24	Danmar Logistics Ltd	350.00			350.00					
04.12.24	SumUp	33.30								
31.12.24	Utility Warehouse	798.75							798.75	
TOTALS:		£54,816.81	£57.75	£252.95	£300.00	£3,966.31	£13,661.90	£3,675.75	£929.58	£7,419.27
										£19.29

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BALANCE: **£17,050.43** (as of 31.12.24)

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IPSWICH DEAF SOCIETY - BANK ACCOUNT 2024 OUTGOINGS																	
DATE	NAME/DETAILS	PAYMENT METHOD	TOTAL	SOCIAL CLUB	PHONE & WI-FI	MISC	BUILDING COSTS	CLEANING	BANK CHARGES	SALARY	IPSWICH B COUNCIL	UTILITIES	INSURANCE	GARDEN	HOLIDAY	BERRYS	SALE OF BUILDING
02.01.24	Virgin Media	DDR	48.00		48.00												
04.01.24	HMRC	BACS	2.00							2.00							
06.01.24	Krustys	Debit Card	24.00													24.00	
09.01.24	Iceland - Bakes	Debit Card	6.16													6.16	
10.01.24	Lidl - Choc Bars etc	Debit Card	4.94													4.94	
17.01.24	Starling Tree Co	BACS	70.80											70.80			
15.01.24	Biscuits for Berrys	Debit Card	1.25													1.25	
17.01.24	Coffeelink	BACS	180.60													180.60	
23.01.24	Ansvar Insurance	DDR	167.79										167.79				
24.01.24	O2	DDR	15.48		15.48												
26.01.24	Wave - Anglian Water	BACS	450.74									450.74					
31.01.24	Bank Charges		16.42						16.42								
31.01.24	OneCom	DDR	95.18		95.18												
31.01.24	Utility Warehouse	DDR	1497.97									1497.97					
02.02.24	Daish Holiday (33 x £30)	BACS	990.00												990.00		
02.02.24	Virgin Media	DDR	48.00		48.00												
02.02.24	Daish Holiday	BACS	60.00												60.00		
20.02.24	E King Appliance Test	BACS	85.00				85.00										
20.02.24	E King Repairs	BACS	66.12				66.12										
21.02.24	Ansvar Insurance	DDR	167.79										167.79				
22.02.24	O2	DDR	15.48		15.48												
23.02.24	Daish Hol	BACS	60.00												60.00		
29.02.24	Bank Charges		28.75						28.75								
29.02.24	OneCom	DDR	95.18		95.18												
29.02.24	Utility Warehouse	DDR	2608.76									2608.76					
05.03.24	Tesco - photocopier paper	Debit Card	9.50			9.50											
11.03.24	IBC - Waste Collection	BACS	264.72								264.72						
11.03.24	Coffeelink	BACS	180.60													180.60	
04.03.24	Virgin Media	DDR	48.00		48.00												
12.03.24	Otis Lifts	BACS	63.70				63.70										
14.03.24	Ipswich & Suffolk Est Agent	BACS	600.00														600.00
16.03.24	Balance of Hol 1	BACS	1420.00												1420.00		
19.03.24	Starling Tree Co	BACS	21.22											21.22			
19.03.24	Chubb	BACS	286.94				286.94										
21.03.24	Ansvar Insurance	DDR	167.79										167.79				
26.03.24	O2	DDR	15.48		15.48												
28.03.24	Bank Charges		11.23						11.23								
28.03.24	OneCom	DDR	95.18		95.18												
02.04.24	Virgin Media	DDR	48.00		48.00												
06.04.24	Starling Tree Co	BACS	42.44											42.44			
09.04.24	Balance of Hol 2	BACS	2870.00												2870.00		
17.04.24	Wave - Anglian Water	BACS	434.61									434.61					
17.04.24	Coffeelink	BACS	1083.60													1083.60	
17.04.24	Balance of Hol 3	BACS	2830.00												2830.00		
22.04.24	R Hinchley Salary	BACS	1.06							1.06							
22.04.24	HMRC	BACS	0.20							0.20							
22.04.24	E Nichols-Love AGM	BACS	115.00			115.00											
23.04.24	Ansvar Insurance	DDR	167.79										167.79				
24.04.24	O2	DDR	15.48		15.48												
24.04.24	R Lennon - AGM	BACS	150.00			150.00											
28.04.24	Balance of Hol 4	BACS	2439.00												2439.00		
30.04.24	Bank Charges		10.36						10.36								
30.04.24	OneCom	BACS	102.71		102.71												
02.05.24	Virgin Media	BACS	48.00		48.00												
03.05.24	Final Hol Balance	BACS	1953.00												1953.00		
07.05.24	Spd Money -IDS Hol PB		670.00												670.00		
16.05.24	Starling Tree Co	BACS	42.44											42.44			
21.05.24	Ansvar Insurance	DDR	167.79										167.79				
23.05.24	O2	DDR	16.84		16.84												
31.05.24	Bank Charges		42.28						42.28								
31.05.24	OneCom	DDR	102.71		102.71												
03.06.24	Utility Warehouse	DDR	754.54									754.54					
03.06.24	Virgin Media	DDR	48.00		48.00												
05.06.24	Starling Tree Co	BACS	162.44											162.44			
05.06.24	C Liffen Hol Refund	BACS	142.50												142.50		
06.06.24	S Smith Hol Refund	BACS	123.00												123.00		
06.06.24	F Fincham Hol Refund	BACS	240.00												240.00		
14.06.24	Firepower	BACS	294.00				294.00										
21.06.24	Ansvar Insurance	DDR	167.79										167.79				
24.06.24	O2	DDR	16.84		16.84												
28.06.24	Bank Charges		7.14						7.14								
28.06.24	OneCom	DDR	102.71		102.71												
28.06.24	Utility Warehouse	DDR	525.44									525.44					
02.07.24	Virgin Media	DDR	48.00		48.00												
05.07.24	A Berry Safestore Invoice	BACS	293.82			293.82											
05.07.24	Starling Tree Co	BACS	42.44											42.44			
11.07.24	Dyno-Rod	BACS	210.00				210.00										
17.07.24	IBC - Waste Collection	BACS	264.72								264.72						
23.07.24	Ansvar Insurance	DDR	167.79										167.79				
24.07.24	O2	DDR	16.84		16.84												

O2	15.48	
Ansvar Ins	167.93	
Electricity	1432.26	
Water	174.93	524.79 Qtr?
One Com	95.18	
Waste Removal	85.2	£255.60 Qtr?
Virgin	49.34	
Starling Tree Co	136.2	Not in Winter
Bank Charges	17.11	Varies
<u>2173.63</u>		

31.07.24	Bank Charges		5.32					5.32									
31.07.24	OneCom	DDR	102.71	102.71													
31.07.24	Utility Warehouse	DDR	450.81							450.81							
31.07.24	Wave - Anglian Water	BACS	472.65							472.65							
01.08.24	Starling Tree Co	BACS	63.66									63.66					
02.08.24	Virgin Media	DDR	48.00	48.00													
15.08.24	Safestore Limited	DDR	279.87			279.87											
19.08.24	W Turner - Farewell BBQ	BACS	225.66			225.66											
19.08.24	S Emmanuel - Facepainting	BACS	80.00			80.00											
21.08.24	Ansvar Insurance	DDR	167.79									167.79					
22.08.24	O2	DDR	16.84	16.84													
30.08.24	Bank Charges		5.25					5.25									
30.08.24	OneCom	DDR	102.71	102.71													
02.09.24	Starling Tree Co	BACS	117.44									117.44					
02.09.24	Virgin Media	DDR	48.00	48.00													
12.09.24	Safestore Limited	DDR	445.16			445.16											
24.09.24	O2	DDR	16.84	16.84													
30.09.24	Utility Warehouse	DDR	1256.56							1256.56							
30.09.24	OneCom	DDR	102.71	102.71													
30.09.24	Collins skip hire	BACS	624.00			624.00											
30.09.24	Bank Charges		9.64					9.64									
01.10.24	TV Licence	DDR	169.50			169.50											
01.10.24	Starling Tree Co	BACS	42.44									42.22					
02.10.24	Virgin Media	DDR	48.00	48.00													
08.10.24	Thrifty Van Rental	BACS	93.49			93.49											
09.10.24	Edwards Insurance	BACS	90.00									90.00					
10.10.24	Safestore Limited	DDR	445.16			445.16											
14.10.24	Thrifty Van Rental Deposit	BACS	250.00			250.00											
14.10.24	Morrisons Ipswich	BACS	5.50			5.50											
14.10.24	IBC - Waste Collection	BACS	264.72						264.72								
15.10.24	Collins skip hire	BACS	48.00			48.00											
17.10.24	Ashbee Asbestos Surveying	BACS	816.00			816.00											
18.10.24	Wave - Anglian Water	BACS	358.92							358.92							
21.10.24	A Berry coffee morning	BACS	69.05												69.05		
23.10.24	O2	DDR	16.84	16.84													
31.10.24	Utility Warehouse	DDR	127.20							127.20							
31.10.24	OneCom	DDR	114.65	114.65													
31.10.24	Bank Charges		4.20					4.20									
04.11.24	Virgin Media	DDR	48.00	48.00													
04.11.24	Starling Tree Co	BACS	72.44									72.44					
07.11.24	Safestore Limited	DDR	445.16			445.16											
21.11.24	Ansvar Insurance	DDR	178.25									178.25					
22.11.24	O2	DDR	16.84	16.84													
29.11.24	Utility Warehouse	DDR	1382.82							1382.82							
29.11.24	OneCom	DDR	114.65	114.65													
29.11.24	Bank Charges		4.90					4.90									
02.12.24	Virgin Media	DDR	48.00	48.00													
05.12.24	Safestore Limited	DDR	445.16			445.16											
10.12.24	CODA+ Christmas event	BACS	113.10			113.10											
23.12.24	Ansvar Insurance	DDR	178.12									178.12					
30.12.24	B&Q - packing boxes	BACS	21.50			21.50											
31.12.24	Bank Charges		5.41					5.41									
31.12.24	OneCom	DDR	114.65	114.65													
TOTALS:			£37,766.38	£0.00	£2,001.55	£4,259.58	£1,821.76	£0.00	£150.90	£3.26	£794.16	£10,321.02	£1,788.69	£677.54	£13,797.50	£1,550.20	£600.00

Not applicable.