

## BARBICAN CENTRE BOARD

Wednesday, 26 March 2014

### Minutes of the meeting of the Barbican Centre Board held at the Guildhall EC2 at 10.30am

#### Present

#### Members:

Deputy Catherine McGuinness (Chairman)	Trevor Phillips (External Member)
Deputy John Tomlinson (Deputy Chairman)	Keith Salway (External Member)
Stuart Fraser	Deputy Dr Giles Shilson
Tom Hoffman	Jeremy Simons
Vivienne Littlechild	Alderman David Graves (Ex-Officio Member)
Jeremy Mayhew	Christopher Purvis (Ex-Officio Member)
Cllr Guy Nicholson (External Member)	John Scott (Ex-Officio Member)

#### Officers:

Matthew Pitt	- Town Clerk's Department
Niki Cornwell	- Chamberlain's Department
Huw Rhys Lewis	- City Surveyor's Department
Sir Nicholas Kenyon	- Managing Director, The Barbican Centre
Jo Daly	- Barbican Centre
Michael Dick	- Barbican Centre Board
Sandeep Dwesar	- Barbican Centre
Steve Eddy	- Barbican Centre
Sean Gregory	- Barbican Centre
Louise Jeffreys	- Barbican Centre
Robyn Lines	- Barbican Centre
Toni Racklin	- Barbican Centre
Leonora Thomson	- Barbican Centre
Jim Turner	- Barbican Centre

#### 1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Roly Keating, Brian McMaster, Wendy Mead and Deputy Richard Regan.

#### 2. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS UNDER THE CODE OF CONDUCT IN RESPECT OF ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

There were no declarations.

#### 3. MINUTES

**RESOLVED** – That the public minutes and summary of the meeting held on 22 January 2014 be approved.

3.a) **Minutes of the Finance Committee**

**RESOLVED** – That the public minutes and summary of the Finance Committee of the Barbican Centre Board held on 19 February 2014 be noted.

3.b) **Minutes of the Risk Committee**

**RESOLVED** – That the public minutes and summary of the Risk Committee of the Barbican Centre Board held on 14 January 2014 be noted.

4. **TERMS OF REFERENCE**

**RESOLVED** – That the revised Terms of Reference be approved.

5. **MANAGEMENT REPORT BY THE BARBICAN'S DIRECTORS**

The Board received a report of the Managing Director providing an update from each of the Centre's Directors.

The Managing Director advised that the Cultural Hub was progressing with colleagues across the City Corporation and external partners.

The Director of Arts advised that Benedict Cumberbatch would be starring in a production of Hamlet at the Centre during summer 2015. She added that the Centre's Arts Council grant application had recently been submitted and her team were working through the action points from the recent cinema presentation discussion.

The Director of Creative learning reported the recent success of Barbican Box and looked forward to the upcoming launch of the Barbican Art Book. He also reported that Creative Learning projects in the first three months of 2014 had already involved sustained engagement with 1500 young people in East London.

The Chairman was encouraged by the work the Centre were undertaking to ensure the Board were aware of the views of this important next generation of Barbican users.

The Operations and Buildings Director reported that practical completion had been awarded on the Theatre Flying System replacement project and that the Centre would no longer be housing birds in the Garden Rooms as this was considered detrimental to their welfare.

The Chief Operating and Financial Officer reported on the touring success of Digital Revolution, Bond and Game On 2.0.

The Chairman noted the disappointment at the cancellation of the Just Jam event but hoped that work since undertaken to ensure better co-ordination and understanding between the Centre and the City of London Police would assist in the smooth running of any future events.

The Chairman emphasised the importance of working across the City Corporation to achieve a Cultural Hub. In response to a Members comments,

the Managing Director stated that all stakeholders, including the City of London Festival, would be included within the consultation.

## **QUESTIONS ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE WORK OF THE BOARD**

There were no questions.

### **7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS URGENT**

There were no urgent items.

### **8. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC**

**RESOLVED** – That under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act.

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### **9. NON-PUBLIC MINUTES**

**RESOLVED** – That the non-public minutes of the meeting held on 22 January 2014 be approved.

#### **9.a) Non Public Minutes of the Finance Committee**

**RESOLVED** – That the non-public minutes of the Finance Committee of the Barbican Centre Board held on 19 February 2014 be noted.

#### **9.b) Non Public Minutes of the Risk Committee**

**RESOLVED** – That the non-public minutes of the Risk Committee of the Barbican Centre Board held on 14 January 2014 be noted.

### **10. OUTSTANDING ACTIONS OF THE BOARD**

The Board considered a report of the Town Clerk.

### **11. REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN BETWEEN MEETINGS**

The Board noted a report of the Town Clerk.

### **12. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE DIRECTOR REPORT**

The Board discussed non-public matters arising from the Directors report.

### **13. THEATRE PRESENTATION**

The Board received a presentation of the Head of Theatre.

## **EXTENSION OF THE MEETING**

At this point, the time limit for Committee meetings as set out in Standing Order 40 had been reached, but there being a two-thirds majority of the Committee present who voted in favour of an extension, the Committee agreed to continue the meeting.

14. **CATERING STRATEGY: RETENDERING OF CONTRACTS**  
The Board approved a report of the Managing Director.
15. **AUTHORITY TO START WORK - WEBSITE AND CONTENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM**  
The Board approved a report of the Director of Audiences and Development.
16. **BUSINESS REVIEW 2013/14 PERIOD 10 AS AT 2 FEBRUARY 2014**  
The Board received a report of the Chief Operating and Financial Officer.
17. **LONG TERM FINANCIAL PLAN**  
The Board received a verbal update of the Chief Operating and Financial Officer.
18. **DEVELOPMENT REPORT**  
The Board received a report of the Head of Development.
19. **UPDATE ON CAPITAL WORKS**  
The Board received a report of the Operations and Buildings Director.
20. **ISSUE REPORT 2 - BARBICAN CINEMAS**  
The Board approved a report of the City Surveyor.
21. **OUTCOMES REPORT - BARBICAN CINEMAS-CAFE BAR PROJECT (0210056)**  
The Board approved a report of the Operations and Buildings Director.
22. **OUTCOME REPORT - VOLTAGE OPTIMIZATION UNITS (02100053 AND 02100033)**  
The Board approved a report of the Operations and Buildings Director.
23. **EXHIBITION HALL 2 UPDATE**  
An update on this item was provided within the Update on Capital Works report (Item 17).
24. **QUESTIONS RELATING TO THE WORK OF THE BOARD**  
There were no questions.
25. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS URGENT**  
There were no urgent items.

**The meeting closed at 1.04pm**

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Chairman

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