

CULTURE, HERITAGE AND LIBRARIES COMMITTEE

Monday, 2 March 2015

Minutes of the meeting of the Culture, Heritage and Libraries Committee held at Guildhall on Monday, 2 March 2015 at 11.30 am

Present

Members:

Vivienne Littlechild (Chairman)	Jeremy Mayhew
John Scott (Deputy Chairman)	Sylvia Moys
Mark Boleat	Barbara Newman
Dennis Cotgrove	Graham Packham
Deputy Billy Dove	Emma Price
Deputy Anthony Eskenzi	Henrika Priest
Kevin Everett	Judith Pleasance
Lucy Frew	Stephen Quilter
Deputy the Revd Stephen Haines	Deputy Richard Regan
Tom Hoffman	Alderman William Russell
Wendy Hyde	Deputy Dr Giles Shilson
Jamie Ingham Clark	Mark Wheatley
Deputy Alastair King	Deputy John Tomlinson (Ex-Officio Member)
Paul Martinelli	

Officers:

Julie Mayer	Town Clerk's
Mark Jarvis	Chamberlain's Department
Steven Chandler	City Surveyor's Department
Margaret Jackson	Culture, Heritage and Libraries Department
Emma McGovern	Culture, Heritage and Libraries Department
David Pearson	Director of Culture, Heritage and Libraries
Geoff Pick	Culture, Heritage and Libraries Department
David Wight	Culture, Heritage and Libraries
Andrew Buckingham	Public Relations Office
Nick Bodger	Culture, Heritage and Libraries Department
Christopher Earlie	Culture, Heritage and Libraries Department
Helen Marriage	Director of Artichoke
Hannah Standen	Artichoke

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Delis Regis, Gerald Pulman, Alderman Sir Roger Gifford, Ann Pembroke, John Owen-Ward and Alderman David Graves.

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

There were no declarations.

3. **MINUTES**

RESOLVED, that: the minutes and non-public summary of the meeting held on 26th January 2015 be approved.

Matters arising

- In respect of the Pocket Book, Members were reminded that the Aldermen had been reluctant to cease production of a separate, Aldermanic version.
- The Director of Culture, Heritage and Libraries had sought legal advice in respect of the Membership of the Keats Foundation Trust Deed and the City of London Corporation were not under any obligation to nominate Members of the Culture Heritage and Libraries Committee as Trustees. The Chairman and Deputy Chairman of the Culture, Heritage and Libraries Committee had since resigned and the Director had written to the Chairman of the Keats Foundation, explaining the position.

4. **350TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE GREAT FIRE OF LONDON**

The Committee considered a report of the Director of Culture, Heritage and Libraries concerning the recommendations of a feasibility study into a major public spectacular to commemorate the 350th Anniversary of the Great Fire of London.

The Chairman agreed to consider this item in conjunction with agenda items 13 (a presentation by Artichoke) and 14 (the Feasibility Study). Whilst accepting that Artichoke would reserve artistic freedom, it was suggested that a Member of the Culture, Heritage and Libraries Committee be appointed to the Project Board. There was some challenge as to the value of including Members on project boards, given that they receive regular updates via Committees. Furthermore, if an exception were to be granted in this case, it was suggested that representatives from the Policy and Resources and Finance Committees should also be invited. The Town Clerk agreed to consider this request and report back to Members.

RESOLVED: that:-

1. The Artichoke feasibility study be endorsed; and
2. Authority be delegated to the Director of Culture, Heritage and Libraries to ensure that the City of London Corporation's objectives as 'Founding Sponsor' are realised through delivery of the event, subject to the decision of the Finance Committee to fund the project.

5. **CITY ARTS INITIATIVE: RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE CULTURE, HERITAGE AND LIBRARIES COMMITTEE**

The Committee considered a report of the Director of Culture, Heritage and Libraries concerning the recommendations of the City Arts Initiative, which considered the shortlist for the Sculpture in the City Programme 2015/16. Members also received a brief presentation by the Assistant Director, Department of the Built Environment and noted that the report before them sought an agreement in principle but the next report to the Committee, in May 2015, would set out more financial detail.

During the discussion on this item, the following matters were raised/noted:

- Given that some works were more vulnerable to damage than others; a clause had been included in loan agreements covering fitness for purpose and external supply. Powder coatings were no longer used and non-aggressive security would be allocated accordingly.
- There was some debate as to whether the dagger in the heart piece might be in bad taste and might be perceived as supporting a culture of violence. However, a further view was expressed in that art is highly subjective and, therefore, it might not be appropriate for individual Members to express personal judgements.

RESOLVED, that: all the artwork on the shortlist, as set out in the report, be approved in principle, with further financial detail emerging in the next iteration of this report.

6. **CULTURE, HERITAGE AND LIBRARIES BUSINESS PLAN 2013/14 - QUARTER 3 MONITORING REVIEW**

The Committee received a report of the Director of Culture, Heritage and Libraries concerning the Culture, Heritage and Libraries Business Plan 2014-15 - Quarter 3 Monitoring Review. Members noted that, since the Agenda had been published, figures had been received from Ancestry for the London Metropolitan Archives. Members noted that the next presentation of the Business Plan would include digitisation targets.

RESOLVED, that: the Culture, Heritage and Libraries Business Plan 2013/14 (quarter 3) be noted.

7. **COMMITTEE'S TERMS OF REFERENCE**

The Committee considered a report of the Town Clerk in respect of the Committee's Terms of Reference. Members noted that, if they were minded to approve Item 8 on the agenda, in respect of future Membership of the Benefices Sub Committee, a situation could arise whereby the Sub Committee would consist entirely of non-Culture, Heritage and Libraries Members (with the exception of the Chairman and Deputy Chairman, as ex-officios). Members agreed that, should this situation arise, then the Chairman of the Benefices Sub Committee should be appointed as an ex-officio Member of the Culture, Heritage and Libraries Committee.

RESOLVED, that: the Terms of Reference of the Culture, Heritage and Libraries Committee be approved for submission to the Court; with a provision that, should the need arise, the Chairman of the Benefices Sub Committee be appointed as an ex-officio member.

8. **MEMBERSHIP OF THE BENEFICES SUB COMMITTEE**

The Committee considered a report of the Town Clerk concerning succession planning for the future membership of the Benefices Sub Committee, by seeking nominations from all Members of the Court of Common Council. Members were advised of the provisions of The Patronage (Benefices) Measure 1986 and the Patronage (Benefices) Rules 1987, which seeks to confine the right to present Clergy to a responsible person, who is an actual Communicant Member of the Church of England or of a Church in Communion with it. By widening the field of nominees, there would be a greater opportunity to build a pool of members able and willing to make a declaration of membership (of the Church of England) should the need arise.

RESOLVED: that, all Members of the Court of Common Council be canvassed to seek nominations for the Benefices Sub Committee.

9. **QUESTIONS ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE WORK OF THE COMMITTEE**

There were no questions.

10. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS URGENT**

13. The Chairman asked Members to join her in thanking John Scott as it would be his last meeting as Deputy Chairman (i.e. as past Chairman of the Committee). Mr Scott had served the Committee well as a Member, Chairman and Deputy Chairman for a number of years.

14. The Chairman also congratulated Emma Corpade from the City Information Centre for learning Mandarin, this was extremely useful, given the diversity of visitors to the City.

15. The Director of Culture, Heritage and Libraries agreed to provide a report to the next meeting on the Guildhall Library Centenary Fund.

11. **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.

Item No.

Paragraph No.

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12. **NON PUBLIC MINUTES**

RESOLVED, that: the non-public summary of the meeting held on 26th January 2015 be approved.

13. **A PRESENTATION BY ARTICHOKE**

Members received a presentation from Artichoke in respect of Agenda item 4, the 350th Anniversary of the Great Fire of London and the Feasibility Study at item 14.

14. **350TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE GREAT FIRE OF LONDON: FEASIBILITY STUDY RECOMMENDATIONS**

The Committee received a feasibility study into a major public spectacular to commemorate the 350th anniversary of the Great Fire of London. It was considered in conjunction with items 3 and 13 on the Agenda.

15. **NON PUBLIC QUESTIONS ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE WORK OF THE COMMITTEE**

There were no questions.

16. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS URGENT AND WHICH THE COMMITTEE AGREE SHOULD BE CONSIDERED WHILST THE PUBLIC ARE EXCLUDED**

There were no items of urgent business.

The meeting ended at 12:55 pm

Chairman

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