

FINANCE COMMITTEE OF THE BARBICAN CENTRE BOARD

Wednesday, 24 September 2014

Minutes of the meeting of the Finance Committee of the Barbican Centre Board held at Committee Rooms, 2nd Floor, West Wing, Guildhall on Wednesday, 24 September 2014 at 10.30 am

Present

Members:

Deputy John Tomlinson (Chairman)	Keith Salway (External Member)
Deputy Catherine McGuinness (Deputy Chairman)	Jeremy Simons
Lucy Frew (Ex-Officio Member)	Deputy Dr Giles Shilson
Judith Pleasance	

In Attendance:

Emma Kane	Chairman, Barbican Centre Trust
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Officers:

Sir Nicholas Kenyon	Managing Director, Barbican Centre
Sandeep Dwesar	Chief Operating & Financial Officer, Barbican Centre
Sean Gregory	Director of Creative Learning, Barbican Centre
Michael Dick	Director of Operations & Buildings, Barbican Centre
Louise Jeffreys	Director of Arts, Barbican Centre
Leonora Thomson	Director of Audiences & Development, Barbican Centre
Caroline Al-Beyerty	Financial Services Director, Chamberlain's Department
Alexandra Bentley	City Surveyor's Department
Gregory Moore	Town Clerk's Department

1. APOLOGIES

There were none.

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

There were none.

3. MINUTES

The public minutes and summary of the meeting held on 8 July 2014 were approved.

Matters Arising

Exhibit B

The Managing Director provided Members with an update on the events that had taken place the previous night leading to the cancellation of the theatre installation Exhibit B.

Security had been planned for the event specifically to accommodate peaceful protest, following considerable dialogue with the protestors in advance of the show opening. Unfortunately however, when protestors had knocked over barriers and rushed the doors of the building, the police advised that the safety of the cast, staff and audience could not be guaranteed if the performance continued, and therefore the Manager of the Vaults felt he had no option other than to cancel the performances. All audience, staff and performers were safely evacuated.

It was noted that Exhibit B had toured successfully around the world, including elsewhere to the Edinburgh Festival, without such incident until now and had received a number of highly favourable reviews praising its impact and thought-provoking message.

In response to questions, it was advised that both the British Transport Police (who held jurisdiction over the Waterloo Vaults) and the Metropolitan Police had been fully briefed in advance of the event. It was also confirmed that no arrests were made, and that the Barbican Centre was not insured against the financial loss caused.

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

There were no questions.

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

There were no urgent items.

6. **EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC**

RESOLVED – That under Section 100(A) 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 I of the Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act.

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Exemption Paragraph(s)

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7. **NON PUBLIC MINUTES**

The non-public minutes of the meeting held on 8 July 2014 were approved.

8. **OUTSTANDING ACTIONS**

The Sub Committee received a report of the Town Clerk, setting out the outstanding actions list, and noted the updates and additions.

9. **CREATIVE LEARNING FINANCIALS**

The Sub-Committee received a report of the Director of Creative Learning.

10. **DEVELOPMENT UPDATE**

The Sub-Committee received a report of the Head of Development.

11. **AEA EFFICIENCY REVIEW UPDATE**
The Sub-Committee received a report of the Chief Operating and Financial Officer.
12. **BUSINESS REVIEW**
The Sub-Committee received a report of the Chief Operating and Financial Officer.
13. **ART GALLERY ROOF**
The Sub-Committee considered a report of the Director of Operations & Buildings.
14. **UPDATE ON CAPITAL WORKS**
The Sub-Committee received a report of the Director of Operations & Buildings.
15. **QUESTIONS ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE WORK OF THE COMMITTEE**
There was one question.
16. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS URGENT**
There were no urgent items.

The meeting ended at 12.10 pm

Chairman

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