

GRESHAM (CITY SIDE) COMMITTEE
Friday, 13 February 2015

Minutes of the meeting of the Gresham (City Side) Committee held at Committee Rooms, 2nd Floor, West Wing, Guildhall on Friday, 13 February 2015 at 12.00 pm

Present

Members:

Simon Duckworth (Chairman)
Tom Hoffman (Deputy Chairman)
Deputy Ken Ayers
Deputy Anthony Eskenzi
Brian Harris
Alderman Professor Michael Mainelli
Wendy Mead
Ian Seaton
Deputy Dr Giles Shilson

Officers:

Philippa Sewell	Town Clerk's Department
Steven Reynolds	Chamberlain's Department
Kirpal Kaur	Comptroller & City Solicitor's Department
Colin Wilcox	City Surveyor's Department
Elizabeth Donnelly	Community & Children's Services

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from the Rt Hon. The Lord Mayor, George Gillon and Alderman Ian Luder.

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 non-public summary of the meeting held on 10 October 2014 be approved as a correct record.

Matters Arising

Livery Company Almshouses

The Town Clerk undertook to put together a list of Livery Companies that ran sheltered housing or Almshouses schemes.

Contingency Increase 2015/16

Members noted the contingency budget increase had been written in, and would be considered by the Finance Committee at their February meeting.

4. TERMS OF REFERENCE

Members reviewed their current terms of reference.

RESOLVED – That the current terms of reference be approved for submission to the Court of Common Council.

5. **CITY OF LONDON GRESHAM ALMSHOUSES UPDATE**

Members received a report of the Director of Community & Children's Services which gave an update on the Almshouses in Lambeth.

Members discussed the request for funding to equip the communal hall. The Chamberlain confirmed there was enough money left in the budget to cover these costs, and the Chairman asked for a costed list of equipment and furniture required. Members agreed that a donation of up to £5,000 should be made, with details provided on the costed list to be decided via delegated authority to the Town Clerk in consultation with the Chairman and Deputy Chairman.

In response to a Member's query concerning tree roots, officers confirmed that there were ongoing issues that needed to be resolved before the road was resurfaced, and undertook to speak to the City Surveyor's Department about the remedial works required. A Member reminded officers of a damaged wall at the Almshouses; officers advised that this had been pinned previously so posed no immediate danger, but confirmed that more substantive work on the wall was part of the 30 year programme of works in place.

With regard to the Almshouses gardener, Members noted he came 5 days each week, one of which was dedicated to the Gresham properties.

RESOLVED – That:

- (a) A donation of up to £5,000 be made to equip the communal hall appropriately, with details to be decided via delegated authority to the Town Clerk in consultation with the Chairman and Deputy Chairman;
- (b) The recommendation made by officers to the Housing Management and Almshouses Sub Committee regarding eligibility criteria for applicants to City of London Almshouses Trust properties be noted and adopted for Gresham Almshouse applicants;
- (c) Housing officers liaise with the City Surveyor's Department about the remedial works required to the tree roots; and
- (d) The report be noted.

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

There were no questions.

7. **ANY BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS TO BE URGENT**

There was one item of other business.

8. **EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC**

RESOLVED – That, under Section 100A 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 Nos.	Exempt Paragraph(s)
9, 11	3
10, 13	1
12	-

9. **NON-PUBLIC MINUTES**

RESOLVED - That the non-public minutes of the meeting held on 10 October 2014 be approved as an accurate record.

10. **DECISION MADE UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY**

The Committee received a report of the Town Clerk detailing a decision taken under delegated authority in October 2014.

11. **JOINT GRAND GRESHAM COMMITTEE MATTERS - CITY SIDE CONSIDERATION**

The Committee considered the various items on the agenda for the meeting of the Joint Grand Gresham Committee that day.

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

There were no questions.

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

There was one item of business.

The meeting ended at 12.30 pm

Chairman

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