

BENEFICES SUB (CULTURE, HERITAGE & LIBRARIES) COMMITTEE

Wednesday, 5 June 2019

Minutes of the meeting of the Benefices Sub (Culture, Heritage & Libraries) Committee held at the Guildhall EC2 at 11.30 am

Present

Members:

Andrew McMurtrie (Chair)	Deputy Wendy Hyde (Ex-Officio Member)
Simon Duckworth (Deputy Chairman)	Deputy Jamie Ingham Clark
Deputy the Revd Stephen Haines	Graham Packham (Ex-Officio Member)

Officers:

Chloe Rew	- Town Clerk's Department
Vicki Wells	- Comptroller & City Solicitors

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Caroline Haines, Ann Holmes, Alderman Greg Jones, Deputy Richard Regan, James de Sausmarez and Ian Seaton.

2. DECLARATIONS BY MEMBERS OF ANY PERSONAL AND PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS IN RESPECT OF ITEMS ON THIS AGENDA

Simon Duckworth and Deputy Jamie Ingham Clark declared an interest as Members of the Guild Church Council of St Lawrence Jewry.

3. SUB-COMMITTEE'S TERMS OF REFERENCE

Members noted the Sub-Committee's Terms of Reference.

4. ELECTION OF A CHAIRMAN

Members elected a Chairman in accordance with Standing Order no. 29.

RESOLVED – that, being the only Member willing to serve, Andrew McMurtrie be elected as Chair of the Benefices Sub-Committee for 2019/20.

5. ELECTION OF A DEPUTY CHAIRMAN

Members elected a Deputy Chairman in accordance with Standing Order no. 30. Alderman Gregory Jones and Simon Duckworth expressed a willingness to serve. A ballot was therefore conducted, and the results were as follows:

	Votes
Simon Duckworth	6
Alderman Gregory Jones	0

RESOLVED – that, Simon Duckworth be elected Deputy Chairman of the Benefices Sub-Committee for 2019/20.

6. **MINUTES**

The public minutes of the previous meeting held 4 March 2019 were agreed as a correct record.

7. **NEW MEMBERSHIP**

The Chair welcomed new Members, Deputy Richard Regan and Simon Duckworth, to the Sub-Committee.

8. **QUESTIONS ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE WORK OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE**

There were no questions.

9. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS URGENT**

The Chair noted that a Member suggested that all Benefices should be acquainted with King Edward's and Christ's Hospital Schools which give boarding education to under-privileged children. It was noted that the Benefices, given their role in their local communities, would be able to identify children in their communities who may benefit from this type of education. The Committee Clerk will circulate information to the Benefices' Vicars.

10. **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 of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part I of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act.

Item	Paragraph
8	3
9	1 & 2
10-12	3
13	1 & 2

11. **NON-PUBLIC MINUTES**

The non-public minute of the previous meeting held 4 March 2019 were agreed, subject to two amendments.

12. **ST PETER'S BETHNAL GREEN**

Members considered a report of the Town Clerk & Chief Executive relative to St Peter's Bethnal Green.

13. **BENEFICES SURVEY**

Members discussed the responses to a survey sent to the various Benefices following the last meeting.

14. **QUERY REGARDING CHURCH COMMISSIONER APPOINTMENT**

Members discussed correspondence with the City Solicitor regarding the City Corporation's right to appoint a Church Commissioner.

15. **VISITS TO THE VARIOUS BENEFICES**

Members discussed their respective visits to the various Benefices.

16. **RECRUITMENT UPDATE**

Members heard an update from the Chair relative to recruitment.

17. **QUESTIONS ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE WORK OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE**

There was one question.

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

There was one item of urgent business.

The meeting closed at 12:37 pm

Chair

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