

BARBICAN CENTRE BOARD

Wednesday, 28 November 2012

Minutes of the meeting of the Barbican Centre Board held at the Guildhall EC2 at 11.00am

Present

Members:

Deputy Catherine McGuinness (Chairman)	Christopher Purvis (Ex-Officio Member)
John Tomlinson (Deputy Chairman)	Matthew Richardson
Roly Keating	Deputy Richard Regan
Vivienne Littlechild	Deputy Dr Giles Shilson
Jeremy Mayhew	Jeremy Simons
Deputy Wendy Mead	Alderman David Graves (Ex-Officio Member)
Cllr Guy Nicholson	

Officers:

Matthew Pitt	- Town Clerk's Department
Mathew Lawrence	- Town Clerk's Department
Sir Nicholas Kenyon	- Managing Director, The Barbican Centre
Rob Baker	- The Barbican Centre
Nikki Cornwell	- Barbican Centre
Jo Daly	- Barbican Centre
Sandeep Dwesar	- Barbican Centre
Sean Gregory	- Barbican Centre
Louise Jeffreys	- Barbican Centre
Shaun Kerfoot	- Barbican Centre
Leonora Thomson	- Barbican Centre
Peter Martin	- Barbican Centre

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Tom Hoffman, Brian McMaster Sue Robertson and Keith Salway,

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

There were no declarations.

3. MINUTES

The public minutes and summary of the meeting held on 26 November 2012 were approved.

4. **MINUTES OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE - TO FOLLOW**

The public minutes and summary of the Finance Committee meeting held on 13 November 2012 were received.

RECEIVED.

5. **MINUTES OF THE RISK COMMITTEE**

The public minutes and summary of the Risk Committee meeting held on 11 October were received.

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6. **ELECTION OF ADDITIONAL MEMBERS TO THE BARBICAN RISK COMMITTEE**

The Chairman called for additional Members to serve on the Risk Committee of the Barbican Centre Board and Vivienne Littlechild indicated her willingness to serve.

RESOLVED – That Vivienne Littlechild be elected to serve on the Risk Committee of the Barbican Centre Board for the remainder of the year.

[The Chairman took this opportunity to congratulate Matthew Richardson on becoming Alderman Elect for the Ward of Billingsgate].

6a. **Beech Street Tunnel - Gateway 2**

The Board received a report of the Director of the Built Environment regarding the project proposal at the Beech Street Tunnel.

The Board were advised that the Centre was working with other departments across the City Corporation to look at all options and Member feedback into the project was welcomed.

In response to a Member's query, the Chairman highlighted that improving the tunnel was an important part of the Board's work and asked the Port Health and Environmental Services Committee to examine which chemicals are used in the road building process within the tunnel.

The Managing Director added that this project was not isolated and was a part of the West Smithfield Area Strategy and advised that the tunnel could define how the Barbican sat in relation to other developments nearby.

7. **MANAGEMENT REPORT BY THE CENTRE'S DIRECTORS**

The Board received a report of the Managing Director updating the Members on each of the five departments' progress, issues and activities and drawing attention to upcoming events and developments.

The Director of Creative Learning advised the Board that 'Unleashed', a show curated and implemented entirely by young people and coordinated by Boy Blue, had been a great success. He added that, the Centre successfully hosted

the Battle of Ideas for the first time and was looking to bring the event back for a second time next year.

The Director of Audiences and Development reported that she was pleased that the Centre had maintained the momentum built up earlier in the year in the post-Olympic period. She added that the new digital content producer was in demand across departments to work with them on various new projects and she would circulate some of the material to the Board at a future meeting.

The Chief Operating and Financial Officer advised that talks were progressing well with the London Film School and that strong interest still existed in Exhibition Hall 2 from educational organisations. He noted that whilst the budget targets for this year would prove challenging the Bond exhibition had already been sold on to Canada and China and that the catering operation was performing well.

The Chairman added that 'Unleashed' had laid a fantastic building block from which to build on in the future and stressed that the recent residents meeting had proved very useful in helping to improve relations.

In response to a Member's query, the Board were advised that the Neuroscience Exhibition was a good example of commercial businesses and the Creative Learning department working together.

In response to a Members query regarding 'Unleashed', the Managing Director added that the project and others of its type were based upon continuing relationships with East London Boroughs. The Director of Creative learning reported that this kind of project was part of opening the Centre up to new pathways for capturing young people that stood alongside existing ones such as Centre for Young Musicians and Junior Guildhall. He further added that two similarly ambitious community projects were planned for 2013 and 2014.

8. QUESTIONS ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE WORK OF THE BOARD

In response to a Members question, the Chairman and the Managing Director agreed to look into the possibility of Board Members being associated with particular areas of the Barbican Centre's work.

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS URGENT

There were no urgent items.

10. 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 No.	Exemption Paragraph(s)
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24 & 25	-

11. **NON PUBLIC MINUTES**

The non-public minutes of the meeting held on 26 September 2012 were approved.

12. **NON PUBLIC MINUTES OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE**

The non-public minutes of the meeting held on 13 November 2012 were received.

RECEIVED.

13. **NON PUBLIC MINUTES OF THE RISK COMMITTEE**

The non-public minutes of the meeting held on 11 October 2012 were received.

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14. **BARBICAN NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE**

The minutes of the Nominations Committee of the Barbican Centre Board were received.

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15. **OUTSTANDING ACTIONS OF THE BOARD**

The Board received a report of the Town Clerk.

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16. **MARKETING AND COMMUNICATIONS PRESENTATION**

The Board received a presentation of the Director of Audiences and Development, the Head of Marketing and the Head of Communications.

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17. **BUSINESS REVIEW - FINANCIAL YEAR 12/13 PERIOD 6**

The Board received a report of the Chief Financial and Operating Officer.

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18. **BARBICAN CENTRE - BUDGET 2013/14**

The Board approved a report of the Chief Operating and Financial Officer.

19. **UPDATE ON CAPITAL WORKS**

The Board approved a report of the Operations and Buildings Director.

20. **BARBICAN TICKETING/CRM SYSTEM PROCUREMENT AND DECISION**

The Board approved a report of the Director of Audiences and Development.

21. **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.

22. CAPITAL CAP - RISKS ASSOCIATED WITH PROGRAMME CUTS

The Board received a report of the Managing Director.

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23. DEVELOPMENT REPORT

The Board received a report of the head of Development.

RECEIVED.

24. RISK REGISTER UPDATE

The Board received a report of the Chief Operating and Financial Officer.

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25. QUESTIONS ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE WORK OF THE BOARD

There were no questions.

26. ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS URGENT

There were no urgent items.

The meeting closed at 1.05pm

Chairman

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