

GRESHAM (CITY SIDE) COMMITTEE

Friday, 15 May 2015

Minutes of the meeting of the Gresham (City Side) Committee held at the Guildhall EC2 at 12.00 pm

Present

Members:

Simon Duckworth	Alderman Ian Luder
Deputy Anthony Eskenzi	Alderman Professor Michael Mainelli
George Gillon	Wendy Mead
Deputy Brian Harris	Ian Seaton
Tom Hoffman	

Officers:

Philippa Sewell	Town Clerk's Department
Steven Reynolds	Chamberlain's Department
Alan Bennetts	Comptroller and City Solicitor's Department
Colin Wilcox	City Surveyor's Department
Jacqueline Whitmore	Community & Children's Department

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor Alderman Alan Yarrow and Deputy Dr Giles Shilson.

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

There were no declarations.

3. ORDER OF THE COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL

The Committee received an Order of the Court of Common Council of 23 April 2015 appointing the Committee and approving its Terms of Reference.

4. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

The Committee proceeded to elect a Chairman in accordance with Standing Order No.29. The Town Clerk read a list of Members eligible to stand and Simon Duckworth, being the only Member who expressed his willingness to serve, was duly elected as Chairman of the Committee for the ensuing year.

The Chairman thanked outgoing Member Ken Ayers for his service. The Chairman advised that there was a vacancy on the Committee which would be filled at the upcoming Court of Common Council.

5. ELECTION OF DEPUTY CHAIRMAN

The Committee proceeded to elect a Deputy Chairman in accordance with Standing Order No.30. The Town Clerk read a list of Members eligible to stand and Deputy Dr Giles Shilson, being the only Member who expressed his willingness to

serve, was duly elected as Deputy Chairman of the Committee for the ensuing year.

6. **MINUTES**

RESOLVED – That the public minutes and non-public summary of the meeting held on 13 February 2015 be agreed as an accurate record.

Matters Arising

Livery Company Almshouses

Members noted that the list of Livery Companies that ran sheltered housing or Almshouses schemes had been circulated electronically by the Town Clerk on 7th May.

City of London Gresham Almshouses

The Sheltered Housing Manager updated Members as to the communal hall, road works, and damage to a boundary wall.

- Communal Hall

Members noted a delay in obtaining furniture owing to the need for specialist pieces for reasons around accessibility and fire safety.

- Road Works

Members noted that work on the tree roots and road surface would be undertaken during summer, although the contractor was yet to be appointed. In response to a Member's suggestion regarding the annual survey of the trees, the Sheltered Housing Manager undertook to liaise with the Open Spaces Department regarding their working relationship with the London Borough of Islington to see if a similar arrangement could be made with the London Borough of Lambeth.

- Boundary wall

Members noted that a retendering exercise was being carried out to ensure a reliable contractor was appointed to undertake the repairs, which would be funded from the existing repairs budget. The Sheltered Housing Manager advised that the leaseholders of the adjoining property had been asked to remove plants grown up their side of the wall, as this was having structural damage and was against the terms of their lease. In response to a Member's query concerning the state of the lawn, the Sheltered Housing Manager confirmed that this would be addressed once the wall repairs were complete.

In response to Members' questions, the Sheltered Housing Manager advised that concessionary TV licences were available for Sheltered Housing, but they were conditional on a low percentage of residents being in employment and therefore the Almshouses did not qualify. Members noted that the eligibility criteria of the Almshouses had been amended and, in light of this, the Sheltered Housing Manager undertook to review the conditions on obtaining the concessionary licence. With regard to roofing and gutters, the Sheltered Housing Manager undertook to raise the issue at the next estate 'walk-around'

later in the month, and advised that gutter clearing was undertaken on a cyclical basis and there were no complaints about roofing issues.

7. **GRESHAM WORKING PARTY REPRESENTATIVES**

The Town Clerk read a list of names who had indicated their wish to serve on the Gresham Working Party and, with 4 Members indicating their willingness for 4 places, it was:-

RESOLVED – That Simon Duckworth, Tom Hoffman, Deputy Dr Giles Shilson and Ian Seaton be elected to the Gresham Working Party for the year ensuing.

8. **DECISION MADE UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY**

The Committee received a report of the Town Clerk detailing a decision taken in February 2015 under delegated authority to regarding the funding to equip the Almshouses communal hall.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

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

There were no questions.

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

There was no other business.

11. **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)
12-14	3
15-16	-

12. **NON-PUBLIC MINUTES**

RESOLVED – That the non-public minutes of the meeting held on 13 February 2015 be approved as a correct record.

13. **DECISION MADE UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY**

The Committee received a report of the Town Clerk detailing a decision taken under delegated authority in March 2015.

14. **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.

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 AGREES SHOULD BE CONSIDERED WHILST THE PUBLIC ARE EXCLUDED

There was no other business.

The meeting closed at 12.40 pm

Chairman

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