

**COMMITTEE OF ALDERMANIC ALMONERS, COMMON COUNCIL GOVERNORS
AND DONATION GOVERNORS OF CHRIST'S HOSPITAL
Friday, 15 April 2016**

**Minutes of the meeting of the Committee of Aldermanic Almoners, Common
Council Governors and Donation Governors of Christ's Hospital held at
Guildhall, EC2 on Friday, 15 April 2016 at 11.30 am**

Present

Members:

Marianne Fredericks (Chairman)
Deputy Henry Pollard (Deputy Chairman)
Deputy John Barker
Dennis Cotgrove
Nicholas Bensted-Smith
Lucy Frew
Vivienne Littlechild
Wendy Mead
Ian Seaton

Officers:

Gemma Stokley	- Town Clerk's Department
Sarah Clifton	- Development Officer, Christ's Hospital
Jane Howard	- Head of Admissions, Christ's Hospital

Chairman's Welcome

The Chairman welcomed Mr Bensted-Smith to his first meeting. She also thanked the Officers from Christ's Hospital for attending

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from The Rt Hon the Lord Mayor, The Lord Moutevans, Deputy Catherine McGuinness, Deputy Alistair King and Alderman Sir Alan Yarrow.

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

Mr Seaton declared a non-pecuniary interest and stated that he was currently a serving Governor of King Edward's School, Witley.

3. MINUTES

The public minutes of the meeting held on 27 November 2016 were considered and approved as a correct record.

MATTERS ARISING

Christ's Hospital – Process for the Presentation of a Child (page 3) – The Chairman reported that the lunch held after this meeting to which all of the City's presentees were invited would now be an annual event. In order to be

able to invite the current year's presentee along in future, the Chairman proposed a short meeting of the Committee take place ahead of the main meeting in April each year in order to allow Members to make a definitive decision on the presentee for the year in question. Given that acceptances for places offered were not received by the School until the first week in March, it was decided that a short, half hour meeting, take place in mid-March each year to consider the appointment of a presentee only.

Members stated that, going forward, it would be preferable to be presented with a choice of presentees who matched the City's criteria. The Head of Admissions, Christ's Hospital reported that she hoped that this would be possible in future years however, this had not been possible this year. She went on to explain that this year had been quite peculiar in that a number of places offered to candidates who fitted the City's criteria had declined the offer. Members were informed that candidates often had a lot of choice and that it was not unusual for them to be sitting 6 or 7 different entrance examinations. The Head of Admissions reported that the level of credit card/unsecured debt of some applicants was also a current issue.

4. **APPOINTMENT OF DONATION GOVERNORS**

The Committee proceeded to appoint two Donation Governors, one in the room of a Governor who had now resigned from the Committee and one for the City's 2016 presentee.

The Chairman stated that she would like to establish a succession plan of Donation Governors. She added that there were still two further vacancies outstanding on the Committee and that it was an expectation that all Members of the Committee would be appointed as Donation Governors at least once.

RESOLVED – That:

- a) Dennis Cotgrove be appointed as Donation Governor for Francesca Shannon (2013- 2020) in the room of Sophie Fernandes; and
- b) Nicholas Bensted-Smith be appointed as Donation Governor for the City of London's 2016 presentee to Christ's Hospital (2016-2023).

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

There were no questions.

6. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS URGENT**
Freedom of the City – Corporal Leaky

The Chairman reported on the forthcoming Freedom Ceremony and Q&A event with Corporal Josh Leaky, a former pupil of Christ's Hospital who had been awarded the Victoria Cross. The Chairman stated that she was keen to have all of the City's presentees invited to attend this event.

Information flow from Christ's Hospital

The Committee discussed ways in which the information flow from the School might be improved.

A Member mentioned a former publication, "Who's Blue" which provided Members with information on former students of the School. The Development Officer, Christ's Hospital reported that she believed that this was now available online but that she would clarify this and come back to the Committee on the matter.

The Development Officer also undertook to provide all Committee Members with School Calendars and to provide Donation Governors with Christ's Hospital pins.

Finally, the Head of Admissions suggested that Members consult the school website on a regular basis, particularly the 'Current News' section to seek the most up to date information.

7. 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 Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act.

<u>Item No.</u>	<u>Exemption Paragraph(s)</u>
8	1
9	1, 2 & 3
10	1

8. NON-PUBLIC MINUTES

The non-public minutes of the meeting held on 27 November 2015 were considered and approved as a correct record.

9. REPORT AND UPDATE FOR CITY OF LONDON CORPORATION FROM CHRIST'S HOSPITAL

The Committee received a report and update from Christ's Hospital.

10. NOMINATION FOR 2016 PRESENTEE

The Committee considered and approved an application for the City's 2016 presentee.

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

There were no questions in the non-public session.

12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS URGENT WHILST THE PUBLIC ARE EXCLUDED

The Chairman updated the Committee on Christ's Hospital's Governance and Management changes.

The meeting ended at 12.35 pm

Chairman

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