

BENEFICES SUB (CULTURE, HERITAGE & LIBRARIES) COMMITTEE

Monday, 27 February 2017

Minutes of the meeting of the Benefices Sub (Culture, Heritage & Libraries) Committee held at Committee Rooms, 2nd Floor, West Wing, Guildhall on Monday, 27 February 2017 at 4.30 pm

Present

Members:

Andrew McMurtrie (Chairman)
Nigel Challis
Tom Hoffman

Deputy Jamie Ingham Clark
Patrick Streeter
Graham Packham (Ex-Officio Member)

In Attendance

Officers:

Julie Mayer - Town Clerk's

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Alderman-Elect Gregory Jones, QC (Deputy Chairman), Deputy Bill Fraser and Vivienne Littlechild.

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

There were no declarations.

3. MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 20 October 2016 were approved as a correct record.

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

A Member enquired about the recent conviction of a retired Vicar, for indecent assaults committed against one victim between 1979 and 1981. Members asked for assurance as to safe recruitment procedures in both the Church of England and City of London Corporation.

The Town Clerk stressed that safeguarding and safer recruitment policies were very strong in the City of London Corporation and Members were generally confident about similar rigour within the Church of England. The Town Clerk agreed to contact the relevant officers in order to confirm these procedures and the boundaries of responsibility. The Town Clerk also agreed to contact the Church of England directly, in order to enquire as to the availability of a 'lessons learnt' report'.

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

There were no items of urgent business.

6. **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 of business 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.

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7. **MINUTES**

The Non-public minutes of the meeting held on 20 October 2016 were approved.

8. **VISITS FROM THE VARIOUS BENEFICES**

Members provided updates on their recent visits to the various Benefices.

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

There were no questions.

10. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS WHAT THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS URGENT AND WHICH THE COMMITTEE AGREE SHOULD BE CONSIDERED WHILST THE PUBLIC ARE EXCLUDED**

The Chairman thanked Mr Nigel Challis who would not be standing for re-election as a Member of the Court of Common Council at the Elections in March. Members agreed that Mr Challis had been a valued member of the Benefices Sub Committee and was extremely knowledgeable about church matters nationally and in the City.

The meeting ended at 5.20 pm

Chairman

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