

GRESHAM (CITY SIDE) COMMITTEE
Friday, 16 May 2014

Minutes of the meeting of the Gresham (City Side) Committee held at Committee Rooms, 2nd Floor, West Wing, Guildhall on Friday, 16 May 2014 at 12.00 pm

Present

Members:

Deputy Ken Ayers
Simon Duckworth
Deputy Anthony Eskenzi
Brian Harris
Tom Hoffman
Alderman Professor Michael Mainelli
Wendy Mead
Ian Seaton
Deputy Dr Giles Shilson

Officers:

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| Philippa Sewell | - | Town Clerk's Department |
| Steven Reynolds | - | Chamberlain's Department |
| Nicholas Gill | - | City Surveyor's Department |
| Alan Bennetts | - | Comptroller & City Solicitor's Department |

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from George Gillon, Alderman Ian Luder and the Right Hon. The Lord Mayor.

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

There were no declarations of interest.

3. ORDER OF THE COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL

The Committee received the order of the Court of Common Council 1 May 2014 appointing the Committee and approving its terms of reference.

4. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Members were invited to elect a Chairman in accordance with Standing Order 29. A list of Members eligible to stand was read out and Simon Duckworth, being the only Member indicating his willingness to serve, was declared to have been elected for the ensuing year.

5. ELECTION OF DEPUTY CHAIRMAN

Members were invited to elect a Deputy Chairman in accordance with Standing Order 30 and, as immediate past Chairman, Tom Hoffman was elected for the ensuing year.

RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY: That the Members of the Gresham (City Side) Committee express their sincere thanks to:

TOM HOFFMAN

for the diligent, knowledgeable and enthusiastic manner in which he has presided over their proceedings since first being elected as Chairman in May 2011.

During his period of office he has given considerable attention to every aspect of the responsibilities which the City of London Corporation shares with the Mercers' Company in the joint administration of the Will of Sir Thomas Gresham.

Every effort has been made on his part to maintain the excellent relations with the Mercers' side, and his contribution to efforts overseeing the Royal Exchange and Gresham College has always been informed and pertinent. The Chairman has devoted his expertise and time during the review of the Memorandum of Understanding, and his judgement when negotiating between the City Side, Mercers Side and Gresham College has been invaluable.

The Chairman has shown great interest in supporting the continued success of Gresham College. He has taken every opportunity to promote the work of the College, working with co-sponsors and other Members of the City Corporation to ensure that the College has been supported in its ambitions and vision for growth. During his term of office the College has grown substantially, with the attendance at lectures remaining consistently high. The ongoing website presence and development of a smartphone app has enabled even more people to benefit from the College's many assets, with online views doubling to approximately 2 million in 2012/2013.

His continued concern with the welfare of Almsfolk together with the condition of the Gresham Almshouses has been evident throughout his term of office. The annual visits to the residents at the Almshouses during Christmas remain warmly received, and the Chairman has played a key part in ensuring the needs of the residents are met both in the short and long term.

At the conclusion of his service as their Chairman, the Committee wish to thank him for his cordial chairmanship, the intelligent contribution he has made to the accomplishments of the Committee and his generous hospitality, and to wish him good health and happiness in the future.

The Chairman welcomed new Members of the Committee, Deputy Ken Ayers and George Gillon (in his absence), and thanked the outgoing Member, Deputy John Owen-Ward.

6. **MINUTES**

RESOLVED - That the public minutes and non-public summary of the meeting held on 21 February 2014 be approved as an accurate record.

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. **DRAFT FUNDING ARRANGEMENTS**

The Committee received a verbal update concerning the future funding of Gresham College from the Chamberlain. Members noted that the only substantial change since the agreement had been agreed in principle by Policy and Resources Committee and Finance Committee in June 2013, was the request of Gresham College to include an RPI uplift in year one.

RESOLVED – that the Funding Arrangements to replace the Memorandum of Understanding between Gresham College, the City Corporation and the Worshipful Company of Mercers be recommended for approval by Policy and Resources Committee and Finance Committee.

9. **QUESTIONS**

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.
12-17

Exempt Paragraph(s)
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12. **NON-PUBLIC MINUTES**

RESOLVED: That the non-public minutes of the meeting held on 21 February 2014 be approved as an accurate record.

13. **APPOINTMENT OF GRESHAM PROFESSOR OF MUSIC**

The Committee considered the appointment of the Gresham Professor of Music.

14. **RETIREMENT DINNER FOR SIR RODERICK FLOUD**

The Committee received a verbal report of the Town Clerk and the Chamberlain concerning the arrangements for the dinner in honour of the retiring Provost of Gresham College.

15. JOINT GRAND GRESHAM COMMITTEE MATTERS - CITY SIDE CONSIDERATION

The Committee consider the various items on the agenda for the meeting of the Joint Grand Gresham Committee that day.

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

There were no questions.

17. 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 ended at 12.31 pm

Chairman

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