

GRESHAM (CITY SIDE) COMMITTEE

Friday, 13 May 2016

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

Present

Members:

Deputy John Bennett
Simon Duckworth
Deputy Anthony Eskenzi
Deputy Brian Harris
Tom Hoffman

Alderman Ian Luder
Alderman Professor Michael Mainelli
Wendy Mead
Deputy Dr Giles Shilson

Officers:

Philippa Sewell	- Town Clerk's Department
Steven Reynolds	- Chamberlain's Department
Alan Bennetts	- Comptroller and City Solicitor's Department
Tom Leathart	- City Surveyor's Department
Jacqueline Whitmore	- Community & Children's Services Department

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor, John Scott, and Ian Seaton.

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 21 April 2016 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 welcomed Deputy John Bennett to the Committee, and thanked outgoing Member George Gillon for his service.

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 12 February 2016 be approved as a correct record.

Matters Arising

Gresham Music Collection

Members requested that the Town Clerk write to Dr Peter Ross and ask for an update regarding funding sources for the restoration of the manuscripts.

Visit to the Gresham Almshouses

Members noted a residents' party at Avondale Square was being scheduled for September. Although this would not allow for a visit to the Almshouses themselves, the timing was more convenient for Members and would still allow them to meet and speak with residents. The Town Clerk undertook to circulate confirmation of the date as soon as possible.

7. **GRESHAM WORKING PARTY REPRESENTATIVES**

The Committee received a report of the Town Clerk regarding annual appointments to the Gresham Working Party.

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. **GRESHAM COLLEGE COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS**

The Committee received a report of the Town Clerk regarding appointments to the Gresham College Council.

RESOLVED – That Simon Duckworth, Tom Hoffman and Deputy Dr Giles Shilson be reappointed and John Scott be appointed to the Gresham College Council.

9. **GRESHAM ALMSHOUSES UPDATE**

The Committee received a report of the Director of Community & Children's Services regarding the Gresham Almshouses. Members discussed the report, noting a recent decision of the Housing Management & Almshouses Sub Committee granting approval to make budget provision for refurbishment works on the City of London Almshouses, and to begin Gateway and procurement processes with a view to the works being carried out in a two-year period.

Officers reported that it was intended for the Gresham Almshouses to undergo the same refurbishment, but that the estimated costs were not yet available. Members noted that some of the refurbishment works planned had already been carried out or were scheduled for the Gresham Almshouses owing to recent voids.

RESOLVED – That authority be delegated to the Town Clerk in consultation with the Chairman and Deputy Chairman to approve, in principal, the budget provision and commencement of Gateway and procurement processes for a refurbishment programme for the Gresham Almshouses; and that the report be noted.

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

There were no questions.

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

There was no other business.

12. **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 the 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)
13 & 15	3
14	1

13. **NON-PUBLIC MINUTES**

RESOLVED – That the non-public minutes of the meeting held on 12 February 2016 be approved as a correct record.

14. **DECISION MADE UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY**

The Committee received a report of the Town Clerk detailing a decision taken since the last meeting.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

15. **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.

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 closed at 12.28 pm

Chairman

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