

GRESHAM (CITY SIDE) COMMITTEE
Friday, 25 February 2022

Minutes of the meeting of the Gresham (City Side) Committee held at Committee Rooms, 2nd Floor, West Wing, Guildhall on Friday, 25 February 2022 at 10.45 am

Present

Members:

Deputy Edward Lord (Deputy Chair)
Alexander Barr
Deputy Keith Bottomley
Simon Duckworth
Alderman John Garbutt
Deputy Tom Hoffman
Wendy Mead
Alderman Sir Andrew Parmley
Deputy John Scott
Deputy Dr Giles Shilson

Officers:

Gregory Moore	- Assistant Town Clerk
Joseph Anstee	- Town Clerk's Department
Tom Leathart	- City Surveyor's Department
Jenna Brassett	- Chamberlain's Department
Wendy Giaccaglia	- Community & Children's Services
Marie Rene	- Community & Children's Services
Kirpal Kaur	- Comptroller & City Solicitor's Dept.

The Deputy Chair, in the Chair, opened the meeting and welcomed those in attendance, including members of the public observing the meeting via YouTube.

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Christopher Hayward (Chairman) and the Rt. Hon. The Lord Mayor.

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

There were no declarations.

3. MINUTES

RESOLVED – That the public minutes and non-public summary of the meeting held on 29 October 2021 be approved as a correct record.

4. **GRESHAM COLLECTION CONSERVATION: UPDATE ON RESTORATION ACTIVITY**

The Committee considered a report of the Town Clerk updating the Committee on restoration activity in respect of the Gresham Music Collection and other Collections. The Deputy Chair, in the Chair, introduced the item, recalling the Committee's discussion at the previous meeting and drawing Members' attention to the recommendation of the report. The Deputy Chair, noting that the report was also to be considered at the Joint Grand Gresham Committee meeting, encouraged Members to raise any points relevant to the City Side ahead of a more substantive discussion of the proposal at the joint meeting.

In response to a question from a Member, the Principal Librarian of the Guildhall Library advised that the sponsors had jointly funded all restoration activity in the past 25 years. However, there was also evidence of restoration activity having been undertaken prior to 1999, although it was not clear how this had been funded.

RESOLVED – That the Committee note the report and that a decision on the substantive proposal would be taken at the Joint Grand Gresham Committee.

5. **GRESHAM ALMSHOUSES UPDATE**

The Committee received a report of the Director of Community & Children's Services giving Trustees an update on the Gresham Almshouses, in Lambeth. The Deputy Chair, in the Chair, introduced and welcomed Marie Rene, Sheltered Housing Manager for the site, to the Committee on her first meeting.

The Director of Community & Children's Services advise that review of the Gresham Resident Stipend was in progress and options were being appraised with a view to submitting a report for consideration to the next meeting of the Committee.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

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

There were no questions.

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

There was no other business.

8. **EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC**

RESOLVED – That, with the Court of Common Council for the City Corporation as Trustee of The Sir Thomas Gresham Charity (charity number: 221982) having decided to treat these meetings as though Part VA and Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 applied to them, the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that their consideration will in each case disclose exempt information of the description in paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A, being information relating to the financial and business affairs of any person (including the City Corporation as Trustee of the charity) which it would not be in the charity's best interests to disclose.

9. **NON-PUBLIC MINUTES**

RESOLVED – That the non-public minutes of the meeting held on 29 October 2021 be approved as a correct record.

10. **APPOINTMENT OF GRESHAM PROFESSORS**

The Committee considered a report of the Town Clerk.

11. **CORPORATE CHARITIES REVIEW UPDATE**

The Committee received an oral update from the Town Clerk.

12. **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.

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

There were no questions.

14. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS URGENT AND WHICH THE COMMITTEE AGREES SHOULD BE CONSIDERED WHILST THE PUBLIC ARE EXCLUDED**

There were two items of other business.

The meeting ended at 11.04 am

Chair

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