

**COMMITTEE OF ALDERMANIC ALMONERS, COMMON COUNCIL GOVERNORS
AND DONATION GOVERNORS OF CHRIST'S HOSPITAL**
Thursday, 21 March 2024

**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 Thursday, 21 March 2024 at 3.00 pm**

Present

Members:

Nicholas Bensted-Smith (Chairman)
Jamel Banda (Deputy Chairman)
Deputy Randall Anderson
James St John Davis
John Foley
Ian Seaton
Deputy Dr Giles Shilson

Officers:

Rhys Campbell	- Town Clerk's Department
Hugo Middlemas	- Christ's Hospital
Sophie Bushell	- Christ's Hospital

1. APOLOGIES

At the beginning of the meeting Hugo Middlemas gave an introduction as Director of Christ's Hospital and reminded the committee of the work done by he and his colleagues. Sam Bushell (Partnership Manager) was in attendance, and she explained the responsibilities of her role.

Apologies were received from Deputy Shravan Joshi and Deputy Marianne Fredericks in advance of this meeting.

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

There were no declarations.

3. MINUTES

To agree the public minutes and non-public summary of the meeting held on 14 April 2023.

RESOLVED – That the public minutes and non-public summary of the meeting held on 14 April 2023 be approved as a correct record.

MATTERS ARISING – A member raised a question in regards to the relationship shared between Christ's Hospital and King Edwards VI school, and was keen to understand the work being done to improve relations. The Director of Development confirmed that he was working diligently to improve the relationship and was working to identify which stakeholder shall help best with this.

4. IMPACT REPORT

The Chairman praised the report and fully appreciated the work of those at Christ's Hospital involved in producing the report.

The Director of Development thanked the Chairman for his comments and confirmed that it was the sixth year that the impact report had been produced and that the school were exploring ways to in which they could expand the report to provide more detail. Mentioned how much they work other organisations and schools. The Director highlighted Christ's Hospital's work undertaken with other schools in the surrounding area and London, and mentioned how the Math's Challenge held in March 2024 at Guildhall had 170 primary school pupils in attendance. He reminded the committee that that there were plenty of opportunities for young children to utilise the amazing facilities at Christ's Hospital and was keen for Christ's Hospital to work more closely with the City of London Academy Trust (COLAT) in future. The Chairman agreed that the opportunity to work more closely with COLAT would be a great accomplishment.

The Chairman asked if the school had been able to track how many people had read the impact report to which the Director confirmed that the report had been sent to all 8,000 Christ's Hospital alumni, as well as a further 3,500 sent to current and former parents of pupils who had attended the school; overall the report had been sent to 14,000 recipients worldwide. A Member raised a concern regarding postage costs and had asked of this number what percentage was sent via post or via email and the Director confirmed that the vast majority had been sent via email, however 2,000 hard copies were sent those who donated to the school in the previous year; as well as other key supporters. He informed the Committee that the report had been used as a tool when promoting Christ's Hospital to supporters and members of Livery Companies, receiving positive feedback, and the Director had mentioned how independent schools had started creating their own impact reports as a result. Members were also keen to see more content within the 'Impact on Society' section of the report.

The Deputy Chairman informed the committee that a Shadow Minister had met Christ's Hospital students at a previous music event and a Member raised a further question, and asked if the impact report had gone to the leader of the opposition within central government to which the Director confirmed that conversations were still ongoing, however the impact report had been communicated to decision-makers.

The Deputy Chairman thanked the Director of Development and his team for their efforts in raising funding for the school and he appealed to Members to think of ways in which the Committee could get more stakeholders engaged in Christ's Hospital activities. The Chairman instructed the Town Clerk to work with the Director to investigate further ways to promote Christ's Hospital to Members of the Court of Common Council.

RESOLVED, - that, the report and its contents were noted.

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

There were no questions.

6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS URGENT

The Chairman reminded the Committee that a visit to Christ's Hospital had taken place in Autumn 2022 and recommended that another visit should take place in Autumn 2024. The Town Clerk agreed that he would converse with the Director of Development and agree a date for this to take place.

A Member mentioned an event that had taken place at the Tower of London involving Christ's Hospital and wanted to thank those involved.

7. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

RESOLVED – That, the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items on the grounds that they relate to functions of the Court of Common Council which are not subject to the provisions of Part VA and Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

8. NON-PUBLIC MINUTES

The non-public minutes of the meeting held on 14 April 2023 be approved as a correct record.

RESOLVED – that, the non-public minutes of the meeting held on 14 April 2023 were approved as a correct record.

9. CHRIST'S HOSPITAL UPDATE

Members received a report of Christ's Hospital providing an update on the activities of the school.

10. SELECTING A PRESENTEE FOR SEPTEMBER 2024

Members considered the candidates for the City Corporation's September 2023 presentee.

11. DONATION GOVERNOR APPOINTMENTS

The Chairman confirmed that James St John Davis shall be Donation Governor for 2024.

12. PROGRESS ON CHILDREN PRESENTED IN THE LAST FIVE YEARS

The Donation Governors on the Committee provided updates on their Presentees.

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

There was one non-public question.

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

There was one urgent item of business.

The meeting ended at 3.58 pm

Chairman

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