

## **GRESHAM (CITY SIDE) COMMITTEE**

**Friday, 17 May 2019**

**Minutes of the meeting of the Gresham (City Side) Committee held at the Guildhall EC2 at 10.30 am**

### **Present**

#### **Members:**

Deputy Dr Giles Shilson (Chairman)	Deputy Edward Lord
Deputy John Bennett	Alderman Ian Luder
Nicholas Bensted-Smith	Alderman Professor Michael Mainelli
Simon Duckworth	Wendy Mead
Deputy Tom Hoffman (Chief Commoner)	

#### **Officers:**

Gregory Moore	- Town Clerk's Department
Joseph Anstee	- Town Clerk's Department
Kirpal Kaur	- Comptroller & City Solicitor's Department
Tom Leathart	- City Surveyor's Department
Steven Reynolds	- Chamberlain's Department
Jacqueline Whitmore	- Community & Children's Services

#### **1. APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from the Rt. Hon. The Lord Mayor Alderman Peter Estlin, Christopher Hayward, and John Scott.

#### **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 the Order of the Court of Common Council of 25 April 2019 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 Deputy Dr Giles Shilson, being the only Member who expressed his willingness to serve, was duly elected as Chairman of the Committee for the ensuing year.

#### **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 Christopher Hayward, 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 1 March 2019 be approved as a correct record.

7. **GRESHAM COLLEGE COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS**

The Committee received a report of the Town Clerk regarding appointments to Gresham College Council. The Committee noted the current terms and that it was proposed that the current arrangements should continue if Members were willing.

The Committee also noted the City Side appointments to the College Council Committees. Deputy Tom Hoffman, whilst content to continue on the Council and its two Committees, expressed his consciousness of the demands on his time caused by his new role as Chief Commoner and indicated he would be happy to step aside should another Member be interested. Members noted that Deputy Hoffman had also served on the College Council for a considerable period of time. The Chairman undertook to canvas other eligible Members following the meeting and the Committee agreed to delegate authority to him, the Deputy Chairman and the Town Clerk to finalise the appointments and make any requisite changes should a suitable candidate be identified.

**RESOLVED** – That Nicholas Bensted-Smith, Deputy Tom Hoffman, John Scott, and Deputy Dr Giles Shilson be reappointed to the Gresham College Council, and that authority be delegated to the Town Clerk, in consultation with the Chairman and Deputy Chairman, to make any amendment to the City Side appointments during the coming year.

8. **GRESHAM WORKING PARTY REPRESENTATIVES**

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

**RESOLVED** – That the Committee:

- note the Terms of Reference of the Gresham Working Party;
- approve the re-appointment of Simon Duckworth, Christopher Hayward, Deputy Edward Lord, and Alderman Ian Luder to the Working Party; and
- endorse the delegated authority procedures in accordance with Standing Order No. 41.

9. **REPORT OF DECISIONS TAKEN UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY**

The Committee received a report of the Town Clerk detailing decisions taken since the last meeting to appoint a Professor of Astronomy and a Professor of Music to Gresham College, as well as an action relating to refurbishment of the Gresham Almshouses.

**RESOLVED** – That the report be noted.

**10. GRESHAM ALMSHOUSES UPDATE**

The Committee received a report of the Director of Community and Children's Services updating Trustees on the Gresham Almshouses and City of London Almshouses in Lambeth.

The Director of Community and Children's Services reported that there had been a limited response to the recent cat survey, noting that there were not enough residents in favour to justify changing the existing policy.

Members discussed the outcome of the survey. Whilst there were ways to mitigate some of the issues, Members recognised that there was a lack of desire and that a majority of residents would need to be in favour for there to be grounds to introduce a new policy.

The Committee was advised that officers were in regular contact with residents and could undertake another survey in the future, or survey new residents when they moved in to the building to assess potential change in the overall mood.

**RESOLVED** – That the report be noted.

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

There were no questions.

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

There was no other business.

**13. 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)
14 – 16	3
17 – 18	-

**14. NON-PUBLIC MINUTES**

**RESOLVED** – That the non-public minutes of the meeting held on 1 March 2019 be approved as a correct record.

**15. SIR THOMAS GRESHAM BIOGRAPHY**

The Committee considered a report of the Town Clerk.

**16. 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.

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

There were no questions.

**18. 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 11.07 am**

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Chairman

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