

CULTURE, HERITAGE AND LIBRARIES COMMITTEE

Monday, 11 November 2019

Minutes of the meeting of the Culture, Heritage and Libraries Committee held at Committee Rooms, 2nd Floor, West Wing, Guildhall on Monday, 11 November 2019 at 11.30 am

Present

Members:

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| Graham Packham (Chair) | Ann Holmes |
| Deputy Wendy Hyde (Deputy Chair) | Alderman Robert Howard |
| Deputy John Absalom | Andrew Mayer |
| Munsur Ali | Jeremy Mayhew |
| Peter Bennett | Wendy Mead |
| Deputy David Bradshaw | Barbara Newman |
| Mary Durcan | John Petrie |
| Anne Fairweather | Judith Pleasance |
| Tracey Graham | Deputy Dr Giles Shilson |
| Caroline Haines | Jeremy Simons |
| Deputy the Revd Stephen Haines | Mark Wheatley |
| Deputy Tom Hoffman (Chief Commoner) | Dawn Wright |

In Attendance

Officers:

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| Chloe Rew | - Town Clerk's Department |
| Peter Lisley | - Assistant Town Clerk/Director of Major Projects |
| Sufina Ahmad | - Town Clerk's Department |
| Nick Bodger | - Town Clerk's Department |
| Andrew Buckingham | - Town Clerk's Department |
| Jack Joslin | - Town Clerk's Department |
| Laurie Miller-Zutshi | - Town Clerk's Department |
| Oliver Nesbitt | - Town Clerk's Department |
| Geoff Pick | - Town Clerk's Department |
| Elizabeth Scott | - Town Clerk's Department |
| Graham Nickless | - Chamberlain's Department |
| Julie Smith | - Chamberlain's Department |
| Carol Boswarthack | - Community and Children's Services |
| Colin Buttery | - Director of Open Spaces |
| Christopher Earlie | - Open Spaces |
| Rob Shakespeare | - Open Spaces |

1. **APOLOGIES**

The Chair announced that Steve Berwick from Artizan Street Library and Community Centre was retiring and thanked him for his contributions to the success of the centre.

Apologies were received from Deputy John Bennett, Thomas Clementi, Graeme Harrower, Alderman Alastair King, Vivienne Littlechild and Sylvia Moys.

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 previous meeting be agreed as a correct record.

Matters Arising:

Regarding item 11, Barbican Library Community Space, the Director of Community and Children's Services reported that the Community Infrastructure Levy Neighbourhood Fund was being investigated by local residents as a possible source for funding.

4. **DRAFT MINUTES OF THE KEATS HOUSE CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**

RESOLVED, that – the draft minutes of the previous meeting of the Keats House Consultative Committee be noted.

5. **DRAFT MINUTES OF THE BENEFICES SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING**

RESOLVED, that – the draft minutes of the previous meeting of the Benefices Sub-Committee be noted.

6. **FORWARD PLAN**

RESOLVED, that – the Committee's forward plan for 2019/20 be noted.

7. **CITY ARTS INITIATIVE: RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE CULTURE, HERITAGE AND LIBRARIES COMMITTEE**

Members considered a report of the Director of Major Projects relative to the City Arts Initiative Recommendations to the Culture, Heritage & Libraries Committee. It was noted that the Committee is responsible for agreeing items to be installed in the public realm and other committees oversee the financial implications.

RESOLVED, that – Members of the Culture, Heritage and Libraries Committee ratify the City Arts Initiative's recommendations in relation to proposal 1 as follows, emphasising to the applicant the need to ensure that benches are designed not to attract litter.

- Around the Corner/ North South Route: approve the application subject to final consent from Highways and implementation of the recommendations.

8. **CITY CORPORATION CULTURAL STRATEGY 2018/22: YEAR 1 REPORT**

Members considered a report of the Director of Major Projects relative to the City Corporation Cultural Strategy 2018/22 year one findings for 2018 and 2019.

RESOLVED, that – Members approve the contents of the report (appendix 1) and, subject to Members' comments being incorporated, its publication in Spring 2020.

9. **CITY INFORMATION CENTRE: ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REPORT AND SURVEY FINDINGS 2018/19**

Members received a report of the Assistant Town Clerk & Director of Major Projects relative to the City Information Centre's performance for the 2018/19 financial year.

RESOLVED, that – the report be received and its contents noted.

10. **CENTRAL GRANTS PROGRAMME - INSPIRING LONDON THROUGH CULTURE: RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE CULTURE, HERITAGE AND LIBRARIES COMMITTEE (DEFERRED FROM SEPTEMBER)**

Members received a report of the Assistant Town Clerk & Director of Major Projects relative to the Central Grants Programme *Inspiring London Through Culture* applications.

RESOLVED, that – Members note the grants approved by the panel under the *Inspiring London Through Culture* funding stream, a part of the City Corporation's Central Grants Programme.

11. **KEATS HOUSE CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE COMPOSITION**

Members considered a report of the Town Clerk & Chief Executive relative to the composition of the Keats House Consultative Committee.

RESOLVED, that – Members agree the change in composition of the Keats House Consultative Committee to have the Chairman of Hampstead Heath, Highgate Wood and Queen's Park Committee serve as an ex-officio Member.

12. **MID-YEAR UPDATE REPORT FOR KEATS HOUSE CHARITY, 2019/20**

Members received a report of the Superintendent of Hampstead Heath relative to the Mid-Year Update for the Keats House Charity for 2019/20.

RESOLVED, that – the report be received and its contents noted.

13. **REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN ***

Members received a report of the Town Clerk & Chief Executive relative to a decision taken under urgency since the Committee's last meeting. The Town Clerk, in consultation with the Chair and Deputy Chair, ratified the City Arts

Initiative's recommendation in relation to a proposal to approve the *Push to Play* installation.

RESOLVED, that – the report be received and its contents noted.

14. **FILM: THE PEOPLE'S TOWER IN GUILDHALL YARD**

Members viewed a film of The People's Tower – an event which took place in Guildhall Yard on 21 July 2019.

RESOLVED, that – the film and its contents be received.

15. **FILM: THANK YOU FOR HAVING US**

Members viewed a film of Thank You For Having Us – an event which was part of the Fantastic Feats programme on 7 September 2019.

RESOLVED, that – the film and its contents be received.

16. **PRESENTATION: GUILDHALL ARTIST IN RESIDENCE PROGRAMME**

Members received a presentation of the Head of the Guildhall Art Galleries relative to the Guildhall Artist in Residence programme. The presentation described the new programme which was established by the current Chief Commoner. The theme for the first year is Celebrating City Women. The presentation showcased the current resident Hannah Starkey's work, and advised that the images would be on display in the gallery in early 2020.

RESOLVED, that – the presentation and its contents be received.

17. **TOWER BRIDGE HV SYSTEM REPLACEMENT AND INCREASING ELECTRICAL RESILIENCE - GATEWAY 3**

Members received a Gateway 3 report of the City Surveyor relative to the Tower Bridge HV System Replacement and Increasing Electrical Resilience.

RESOLVED, that – the report be received and its contents noted.

18. **THE CITY OF LONDON CORPORATION'S DRAFT SPORT AND PHYSICAL ACTIVITY STRATEGY FOR 2020-2025**

Members received a report of the Head of Corporate Strategy and Performance relative to the City of London Corporation's Draft Sport and Physical Activity Strategy for 2020-25.

RESOLVED, that – the report be received and its contents noted.

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

There were no questions.

20. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS THE CHAIR CONSIDERS URGENT**

There was no other business.

21. **EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC**

RESOLVED, that – under Section 100(A) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part I of the Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act.

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22. **NON PUBLIC MINUTES**

RESOLVED, that – the non-public minutes of the previous meeting be agreed as a correct record.

23. **DRAFT NON-PUBLIC MINUTES OF THE BENEFICES SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING**

RESOLVED, that – the draft non-public minutes of the previous meeting of the Benefices Sub-Committee be received.

24. **NON-PUBLIC APPENDIX TO REPORT OF THE CITY SURVEYOR: TOWER BRIDGE HV SYSTEM REPLACEMENT AND INCREASING ELECTRICAL RESILIENCE**

Members received the non-public appendix to the report of the City Surveyor at Agenda Item 17 relative to the Gateway 3 report relating to Tower Bridge.

25. **FUNDAMENTAL REVIEW PROPOSAL UPDATE**

Members heard the Director of Major Projects and the Director of Open Spaces relative to an update on the Fundamental Review Proposal.

RESOLVED, that – the update be received.

26. **TOWER BRIDGE (BRIDGE HOUSE ESTATES CHARITY REGISTRATION NO. 1035628) AND THE MONUMENT PRICING REVIEW FOR 2020/21**

Members considered a report of the Director of Open Spaces relative to Tower Bridge and Monument Pricing Review for 2020/21.

RESOLVED, that – the recommendations be agreed.

27. **THE MONUMENT VISITOR CENTRE**

Members considered a report of the Director of Open Spaces relative to The Monument Visitor Centre.

RESOLVED, that – the recommendations be agreed.

28. **TOWER BRIDGE: REPLACEMENT HEATING SYSTEM SERVING THE HIGH LEVEL WALKWAYS AND TOWERS (DEFERRED FROM SEPTEMBER) ***

Members considered a report of the City Surveyor relative to replacement of the heating system serving the high-level walkways and towers at Tower Bridge.

RESOLVED, that – the recommendations be agreed.

29. **WAIVER REPORT: OVERHAUL AND REFURBISHMENT OF 2NO. HYDRAULIC MOTORS AT TOWER BRIDGE (DEFERRED FROM SEPTEMBER) ***

Members received a report of the Director of Open Spaces relative to the overhaul and refurbishment of the 2no. hydraulic motors at Tower Bridge.

RESOLVED, that – the report be received and its contents noted.

30. **WAIVER REPORT: TOWER BRIDGE SACRIFICIAL GLASS (DEFERRED FROM SEPTEMBER)**

Members received a report of the Director of Open Spaces relative to the sacrificial layers on the glass floor of the walkways at Tower Bridge to be replaced annually for the next three years.

RESOLVED, that – the report be received and its contents noted.

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

There were no questions.

32. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIR CONSIDERS URGENT AND WHICH THE COMMITTEE AGREE SHOULD BE CONSIDERED WHILST THE PUBLIC ARE EXCLUDED**

There was no other business.

The meeting ended at 12.50 pm

Chair

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