

GRESHAM (CITY SIDE) COMMITTEE
Friday, 27 May 2022

Minutes of the meeting of the Gresham (City Side) Committee held at Committee Rooms, 2nd Floor, West Wing, Guildhall and via Microsoft Teams on Friday, 27 May 2022 at 10.45 am

Present

Members:

Deputy Christopher Hayward
Deputy Edward Lord
Deputy Keith Bottomley
Tijs Broeke
Deputy Simon Duckworth (Chief Commoner)
Wendy Mead
Deputy Philip Woodhouse

Officers:

Greg Moore	- Assistant Town Clerk
Neil Robbie	- City Surveyor's Department
Jenna Brassett	- Chamberlain's Department
Kirpal Kaur	- Comptroller and City Solicitor's Dept.
Julia Pridham	- Corporate Charities Project Officer
Emily Rimington	- Comptroller and City Solicitor's Dept.
Peter Young	- City Surveyor's Department
Marie Rene	- Community & Children's Services Dept.
Joseph Anstee	- Town Clerk's Department

At the outset of the meeting, Deputy Simon Duckworth (Chief Commoner) was moved into the chair until the election of a Chairman.

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Alexander Barr, Alderman John Garbutt, Alderman Sir Andrew Parmley, Deputy Dr Giles Shilson, and the Rt Hon The Lord Mayor Alderman Vincent Keaveny.

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 Order of the Court of Common Council, appointing the Committee and setting its terms of reference, was received.

4. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

The Committee proceeded to elect a Chairman in accordance with Standing Order No.29.

Christopher Hayward, being the only Member expressing their willingness to serve, was duly elected as Chairman for the year ensuing.

The Chairman thanked colleagues for their continued support and took the opportunity to welcome Tijs Broeke and Deputy Philip Woodhouse to their first meeting of the Committee and congratulate them on their appointments. The Chairman also congratulated Wendy Mead on her re-election and took the opportunity once more to place on record his thanks to Tom Hoffman and John Scott, who were both no longer on either the Committee or the Court of Common Council, for their service over many years.

The Chairman also made reference to the election, the day prior, of Alexander Barr as Alderman-elect for the Ward of Cordwainer. It was noted that this would create a vacancy for a Commoner on the Committee, following Mr Barr's admission to the Court of Aldermen in due course. That Court would then also need to give consideration to its Aldermanic appointments to the Committee.

5. ELECTION OF DEPUTY CHAIRMAN

The Committee proceeded to elect a Deputy Chairman in accordance with Standing Order No. 30.

Deputy Edward Lord, being the only Member expressing their willingness to serve, was duly elected for the year ensuing.

6. MINUTES

RESOLVED – That the public minutes and non-public summary of the meeting held on 25 February 2022 be approved as a correct record.

7. GRESHAM COLLEGE COUNCIL AND GRESHAM WORKING PARTY APPOINTMENTS

The Committee considered a report of the Town Clerk inviting Members to consider the appointment of representatives on the Gresham College Council and to the Gresham Working Party. The Chairman introduced the item and drew the Committee's attention to the specific matters requiring the Committee's consideration.

The Committee noted that there were two vacancies on the Gresham College Council, in the room of Deputy Giles Shilson and John Scott. Expressions of interest were sought from Members and both Tijs Broeke and Deputy Keith Bottomley, being the only Members indicating their willingness to serve, were duly appointed.

The Committee then considered the appointment of up to four Members to the Gresham Working Party. Expressions of interest were sought from Members, and Simon Duckworth, Alexander Barr, Wendy Mead and Deputy Dr Giles Shilson were duly appointed, with it agreed that Simon Duckworth should continue to act as Chair.

RESOLVED – That the Gresham (City Side) Committee:

1. Agree to appoint Deputy Keith Bottomley and Tijs Broeke to the Gresham College Council, for four-year terms expiring 2026;
2. Note and endorse the Committee's long-standing arrangement whereby the Chairman (or such other Member as he may nominate in his absence) shall serve as one of the College Council's Vice Chairs and act as the City Side's "voting Member" where required;
3. Agree to appoint Simon Duckworth, Alexander Barr, Wendy Mead and Deputy Dr Giles Shilson to the Gresham Working Party; and
4. Endorse the standing delegated authority arrangements in respect of the Gresham Working Party, as set out in the report.

8. **THE SIR THOMAS GRESHAM CHARITY - RISK REGISTER**

The Committee considered a report of the Chamberlain presenting the risk register for the Sir Thomas Gresham Charity. The Committee noted that there were no new risks and that all risks were now assessed as Green.

RESOLVED – That the Committee confirms that the Risk Register satisfactorily sets out the risks faced by the charity and that appropriate measures are in place to mitigate those risks.

9. **REVENUE OUTTURN - 2021-22**

The Committee received a report of the Chamberlain presenting the 2021/22 revenue outturn for the Gresham (City Side) Committee.

The Committee noted that total net expenditure was approximately £34,000 under budget.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

10. **REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN**

The Committee received a report advising of action taken under urgency procedures in appointing Ronald Hutton as Professor of Divinity.

RECEIVED.

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 they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act.

14. **NON-PUBLIC MINUTES**

RESOLVED – That the non-public minutes of the meeting held on 25 February 2022 be approved as a correct record.

15. **REVIEW OF GRESHAM RESIDENT STIPEND**

The Committee considered a report of the Director of Community & Children's Services presenting a review of the stipend paid to the City's Almsfolk and approved an increase in the annual allocation.

16. **CHARITIES REVIEW RECOMMENDATIONS - SIR THOMAS GRESHAM CHARITIES**

The Committee considered a report of the Managing Director of Bridge House Estate and the Chief Charities Officer, concerning aspects of the City's Charities Review process to the Sir Thomas Gresham Charities.

17. **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.

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

There were no questions.

19. **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 non-public business; one concerning the repayment to the City of an outstanding loan (in respect of which, delegated authority was granted relating to the use of the income), and one concerning the Gresham Society.

The meeting ended at 11.35 am

Chairman

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