

# **NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE OF THE BARBICAN CENTRE BOARD**

**Wednesday, 6 November 2013**

Minutes of the meeting of the Nominations Committee of the Barbican Centre Board held at Aldermen's Dining Room - 4th Floor West Wing on Wednesday, 6 November 2013 at 9.30 am

## **Present**

### **Members:**

Deputy Catherine McGuinness (Chairman)  
Deputy John Tomlinson (Deputy Chairman)  
Tom Hoffman  
Roly Keating

### **Officers:**

Daniel Hooper	- Town Clerk's Department
Matthew Pitt	- Town Clerk's Department
Sir Nicholas Kenyon	- Managing Director Barbican Centre

#### **1. APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Jeremy Mayhew.

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

There were no declarations.

#### **3. MINUTES**

The public minutes and non-public summary of the meeting held on 15 May 2013 were approved.

#### **4. SKILLS AND EFFECTIVENESS SURVEY 2013**

The Committee received a report of the Town Clerk highlighting key themes that came out of the Skills and Effectiveness Survey 2013.

The Chairman reported that in view of the concerns and queries raised about the presentation of financial information within committee reports, the Finance Team at the Centre had offered to talk through these issues with Members and, where appropriate, make adaptations.

Other issues raised in the feedback concerned the length of the meetings and the proportion of time spent on presentations rather than discussion. The Committee felt that in light of the feedback given on presentations, these set-pieces should be kept ideally to around 5 minutes presentation limit which should allow ample time afterwards for detailed discussion on the subject matter.

Discussion ensued around how the Board could best offer strategic input into the arts platforms at the Centre, particularly if less time was spent in the meetings hearing about artforms through the presentations. The Committee felt that an Arts Away Day, similar to the one held earlier in 2013 on the Centre's

vision, would be a good forum for such input.

In response to Member questions on the structure of the agenda, the Town Clerk undertook to investigate this but suspected this could not be changed given the Board currently sat within a Local Government framework.

Members felt that the Board would be better able to give the Centre a clear direction on matters if a set of clear options were presented within reports.

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

There were no questions.

**6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

There were no urgent items.

**7. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC**

RESOLVED – That under Section 100A(4) 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.

<u>Paragraph No.</u>	<u>Exemption Paragraph</u>
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**8. NON PUBLIC MINUTES**

The non-public minutes of the meeting held on 15 May 2013 were approved.

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

There were no questions.

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

There was one urgent item relating to nominations to the Board.

**The meeting ended at 10.22 am**

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Chairman

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