

BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL

**TRUSTS AND CHARITIES
COMMITTEE
23 JANUARY 2019**

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
TRUSTS AND CHARITIES COMMITTEE
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 23 JANUARY 2019
AT 1030 HOURS IN COMMITTEE ROOM 2,
THE COUNCIL HOUSE, BIRMINGHAM**

PRESENT: - Councillor Diane Donaldson in the Chair;

Councillors: Adrian Delaney, Mohammed Idrees, Zhor Malik, David Pears, Carl Rice and Lou Robson.

ALSO PRESENT:-

Sanjeev Bhopal – Committee Lawyer – Legal and Governance
Nigel Oliver – Birmingham Property Services
Graham Arrand – Senior Business Analyst, Finance
Matthew Hageney – Parks and Nature Conservation
Sarah Stride – Committee Manager, Legal and Governance
Lesley Patterson – Chair of the Friends of Manor Park.

NOTICE OF RECORDING

991 The Chairman advised that the meeting will be webcast for live or subsequent broadcast via the Council's internet site (www.birminghamnewsroom.com) and that members of the press/public may record and take photographs.

The whole of the meeting will be filmed except where there are confidential or exempt items.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

992 The Chairman reminded Members that they must declare all relevant pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests arising from any business to be discussed at this meeting. If a disclosable pecuniary interest is declared a Member must not speak or take part in that agenda item. Any declarations will be recorded in the Minutes of the meeting.

APOLOGY

993 An apology was submitted on behalf of Councillor Olly Armstrong for his inability to attend the meeting.

MINUTES

994 **RESOLVED:-**

That part I of the Minutes of the last meeting of the Trusts and Charities Committee held on 18 July 2018 was noted.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

1. Apologies Submitted for Future Meetings

995 Councillor David Pears submitted his apologies for the meeting to be held on 17 April 2019.

Councillor Zhor Malik submitted his apologies for the meeting to be held on 20 March 2019.

2. Young Active Travel (YAT)

996 Councillor Lou Robson advised that the Transportation Behaviour Team application form link had not been sent to all Members of the Committee despite assurances from the Head of Community Services and School Crossing Patrols that it would be done so.

The Chair advised that the Committee Manager will investigate and take appropriate action.

3. Site Visit to Woodhouse Farm

997 In response to a concern raised by Councillor Lou Robson the Chair advised that a site visit will be arranged in the future.

REVENUE BUDGET MONITORING 2018/19 – QUARTER 1 (TO 30 JUNE 2018)

The following report of the Chief Finance Officer was submitted:-

(See Document No. 1)

Graham Arrand, Finance Department introduced the report and responded appropriately to Members questions.

It was -

998 **RESOLVED:-**

That the latest income and expenditure position of Trusts and Charities as at 30 September 2018 be noted.

GEORGE CADBURY FOR PUBLIC PARK (KNOWN LOCALLY AS 'MANOR PARK') - FUNDING

The following report of the Parks Services Manager was submitted:-

(See Document No. 1)

Nigel Oliver, Birmingham Property Services introduced the report and advised that the funds to support the works programme was in fact £49,000 and not £34,000 as stated in the report. He apologised for the miscalculation.

Lesley Patterson, Chair of the Friends of Manor Park addressed the Committee and stated that local Councillors, in particular Councillors Olly Armstrong and Julie Johnson had been very active and supportive in the desire to create the facilities it was hoped to provide in the park following the arson attack and destruction of the Cadbury Barn. She stated that it was important now to move forward and conduct a new feasibility study on utilising existing buildings on the site for a community café as the existing feasibility study was no longer viable as the Cadbury Barn had been destroyed beyond repair. The Friends of Manor Park had previously applied for Heritage Lottery Funding and other funding options were being addressed. A new feasibility study will assess whether the existing farm buildings were viable for conversion into a community café.

Councillor Lou Robson declared a pecuniary interest in her capacity as an employee of Heritage Lottery Funding but that in this capacity she had not been involved in assessing any bids from any organisations within City of Birmingham and was advised that she could remain in the meeting.

It was -

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RESOLVED:-

The Trusts and Charities Committee approved the use of trust funds up to £49,000 to support the works proposed to form the Feasibility Study to progress the Options Appraisal and re-roof the Lodge noting that the funds will be drawn from the insurance monies received following the destruction of the George Cadbury Barn and agreed the appointment of Acivico Limited to undertake the works set out in the report.

INTRODUCTION OF CAR PARKING CHARGES IN MAJOR PARKS – VICTORIA COMMON

The following report of the Service Director – Sports, Events, Open Spaces and Well Being was submitted:-

(See Document No. 2)

Matthew Hageney, Parks and Nature Conservation introduced the report and gave a brief background to the roll out of car parking charges in seven parks in the City of which Cannon Hill Park and Victoria Common only are in trust. Car parking charges are being introduced to better to safeguard car parking for park users and

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secure improvements in parks. The original business plan proposal went out to public consultation in March 2017 and the Trusts and Charities Committee approved a report for the commencement of car parking charges at Cannon Hill Park in October 2017 noting the intention to roll out charges at the other parks.

He stated that at Victoria Common there was only one car park, off Church Road and where parking by shoppers and staff at the adjoining commercial premises frequently filled the car park and prevented genuine park user's access. Improvements proposed at Victoria Common included installing bollards to prevent parking on the entrance road and to form a pedestrian walkway to reduce safety concerns, car park resurfacing, improved lighting and the instalment of CCTV monitoring. Charges would be in line with other car parks and patrols would be undertaken by the same company and same terms BCC contracted with for patrols of car parks city-wide. Consultation on the proposals was continuing and permission to undertake works on the private roadway land owned by the Society of Friends.

Members expressed concern that motorists, rather than paying a car park charge, will park their vehicles in surrounding residential roads creating a displacement of traffic in the area. Members also desired that the results of the consultation be shared and that more information on charges and finance in general be provided and reminded officers that each trust was a separate holding in trust and monies should be ring-fenced to use at Victoria Common only.

Members were also concerned that the report was, in places, factually incorrect noting that Chamberlain Gardens should not have been referenced in paragraph 4.5 of the report.

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RESOLVED:-

The Trusts and Charities Committee agreed to defer the report pending further information in relation to the outcome of the public consultation exercise and for financial and legal reasons.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

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RESOLVED:-

It was agreed that the next meeting of the Trusts and Charities Committee be held on Wednesday 20 March 2019 at 1030 hours in Committee room 2, The Council House.

OTHER URGENT BUSINESS

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No items of other urgent business were raised.

AUTHORITY TO CHAIRMAN AND OFFICERS

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RESOLVED:-

The Chairman moved that:-

“In an urgent situation between meetings, the Chairman jointly with the relevant Chief Officer has authority to act on behalf of the Committee.”

EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

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RESOLVED:-

That in view of the nature of the business to be transacted which includes exempt information of the category indicated the public be now excluded from the meeting:-

Minutes of the last meeting – Exempt paragraph 3
and Matters arising.

Other Urgent Business – Exempt paragraph 3
