

BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL

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| TRUSTS AND CHARITIES COMMITTEE 25 MARCH 2021 |
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**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
TRUSTS AND CHARITIES COMMITTEE
HELD ON THURSDAY 25 MARCH 2021
AT 1030 HOURS AS AN ON-LINE MEETING**

PRESENT:- Councillor Akhlaq Ahmed in the Chair;

Councillors Nicky Brennan, Shabrana Hussain, Mohammed Idrees, David Pears and Mike Sharpe.

ALSO PRESENT:-

Carl Tomlinson – Finance
Michele Garrison – Finance
Rajesh Parmar – Legal Services
Phil Wright – Committee Services

NOTICE OF RECORDING

- 1150 The Chair advised, and the Committee noted, that this meeting would be webcast for live or subsequent broadcast via the Council's Internet site (www.civico.net/birmingham) and members of the press/public could record and take photographs except where there were confidential or exempt items.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- 1151 The Chair 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 was declared a Member must not speak or take part in that agenda item. Any declarations would be recorded in the Minutes of the meeting.

APOLOGIES

- 1152 No apologies were submitted.

MINUTES

Councillor Mohammed Idrees indicated that he had asked for his apology to be submitted to the last meeting, but he was not recorded as such in the minutes.

1153 **RESOLVED:-**

That, subject to the above, the Minutes of the last meeting of the Trusts and Charities Committee held on 28 January 2021 having been circulated, be taken as read and confirmed and signed.

MATTERS ARISING

1154 There were no matters raised.

TO APPROVE THE ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS FOR THE ELFORD ESTATE CHARITY FOR THE PERIOD 2019/20

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

(See document No. 1)

Carl Tomlinson, Finance, made introductory comments relating to the report.

Councillor David Pears commented that the market interest rates had come down quite a lot which would impact on a number of Charities and he question what steps were being taken to ensure that Charities were getting the best returns on their deposits. Carl Tomlinson undertook to take that away and respond to Members of the Committee in due course.

It was:

1155 **RESOLVED:-**

- i) The Committee acting on behalf of the Trustee, Birmingham City Council (BCC) is recommended to approve the Annual Report and Accounts for 2019/20; and
 - ii) the Committee acting on behalf of the Sole Corporate Trustee authorises officers in Corporate Finance to submit all appropriate and necessary documentation to the Charity Commission in respect of recommendation (i).
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TO APPROVE THE ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS FOR THE MOSELEY ROAD COMMUNITY CENTRE FOR THE PERIOD 2019/20

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

(See document No. 2)

Carl Tomlinson, Finance, made introductory comments relating to the report and noted that, in line with the issue of valuation raised by the Auditors, a valuation would be undertaken of land and buildings. In response to a question from the Chair he confirmed that 2011 valuation was £265,000.

It was:

1156 **RESOLVED:-**

- (i) That the Committee acting on behalf of the Trustee, Birmingham City Council (BCC) approves the Annual Report and Accounts for 2019/20; and
- (ii) that the Committee acting on behalf of the Sole Corporate Trustee authorises officers in Corporate Finance to submit all appropriate and necessary documentation to the Charity Commission in respect of recommendation (i) above.

ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS FOR THE HARRIET LOUISA LOXTON FOR THE PERIOD 2019/20

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

(See document No. 3)

Michele Garrison, Finance, made introductory comments relating to the report.

It was:

1157 **RESOLVED:-**

- (i) That the Committee acting on behalf of the Trustee, Birmingham City Council (BCC) approves the Annual Report and Accounts for 2019/20; and
- (ii) that the Committee acting on behalf of the Sole Corporate Trustee authorises officers in Corporate Finance to submit all appropriate and necessary documentation to the Charity Commission in respect of recommendation (i) above.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Councillor David Pears queried whether, going forward if there was a short agenda for meetings of the Committee, it would be possible to still meet on -line to prevent travel to the City Council. The Chair felt that a valid point had been made and it should be looked at. Phil Wright, Committee Manager indicated that going forward that was something that the Council may look at and added that there was no firm date for a return to meetings in the Council House.

1158 **RESOLVED:-**

That it be noted that the next meeting is scheduled to be held on Thursday 22 April 2021 at 1030 hours.

OTHER URGENT BUSINESS

The Chair was of the opinion that the following matter could be considered as a matter of urgency in view of need to expedite consideration thereof and instruct officer if necessary:-

Grant Panel

- 1159 Councillor David Pears, in noting that Graham Arrand had retired, queried who Members and members of the public should approach regarding grant applications. Carl Tomlinson, Finance, noted that he had not replaced Graham and would seek clarification from officers in the wider Finance Section. Rajesh Palmer Legal noted that a colleague of Grahams had previously attended the panels with him, and he assumed she would be taking over. The Chair requested that Members of the Committee be advised of the officer to contact.
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AUTHORITY TO CHAIRMAN AND OFFICERS

- 1160 **RESOLVED:-**

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

The meeting ended at 1050 hours.

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CHAIRMAN