

BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL

TRUSTS AND CHARITIES COMMITTEE 13 JUNE 2022
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**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
TRUSTS AND CHARITIES COMMITTEE
HELD ON MONDAY 13 JUNE 2022
AT 1030 HOURS IN COMMITTEE ROOM C, COUNCIL HOUSE EXTENSION,
BIRMINGHAM**

PRESENT: - Jilly Bermingham in the Chair;

Councillor Basharat Mahmood

ALSO, PRESENT: -

Nigel Oliver – Birmingham Property Services
Rajesh Parmar – Legal Services
Michael Williams – Chamberlain Trust Trustee
Sofia Mirza – Committee Services

NOTICE OF RECORDING

- 1079 The Chairman advised that the meeting would be webcast for live or subsequent broadcast via the Council's Internet site (www.youtube.com/channel/UCT2kT7ZRPFCXq6_5dnVnYlw) and that members of the press/public may record and take photographs except where there are confidential or exempt items.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- 1080 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 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

- 1081 Apologies were submitted on behalf of Councillors Adrian Delaney, David Pears, Kath Scott for their inability to attend the meeting.
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MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 19 January 2022, having been circulated, were confirmed by the Committee and signed by the Chair.

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RESOLVED: -

That, subject to the above, the Minutes of the last meeting of the Trusts and Charities Committee held on 19 January 2022 having been circulated, be taken as read and confirmed and signed.

ITEM 6 - TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE TRUST AND CHARITIES

The Terms of Reference were noted.

ITEM 8/9 - CHAMBERLAIN Highbury TRUST - FINANCE/ACTIVITIES

The committee will be aware from previous reports that we have been successful in securing a major grant from the national lottery's heritage fund. The development phase has been started and there is significant expenditure to be undertaken which is outlined in the table in the report which is just over £530,000.

The project steering group has been started which includes council officers and trustees from the Chamberlain Highbury Trust and has made good progress in the area. Paragraph 4 illustrates previous activity that was taken in the last financial year. Last year, one of the major criticisms from the charity commission led to the establishment of the Chamberlain Highbury Trust and the committee approved a grant of just over £51,000. Just over £42,000 was spent, therefore less was spent than was originally approved. The total grants that were paid for that year were £45,000 so less than was originally approved. The statutory accounts of the Chamberlain Highbury Trust have yet to go to the auditor. Soon the annual report and the statutory report will be formally approved in accordance with usual practice and will be reported back to the committee later in the year.

The key issue is that approval for grants is needed for 2022/2023, there are items that are set out in paragraph 8 which are not covered and require funding.

Nigel stated that we are waiting for final information from finance colleagues that the money is available.

ITEM 13 - CROPWOOD ESTATE – HOSTING THE BLACKWELL FESTIVAL 2022

The report is requesting the field for use for a festival. The Blackwell Festival charity is represented by Rupert who is present in the meeting. The Festival can take place again at the estate this year. Have no access to the site outside of the parameters, Rupert stated that the land is in the same state it has been in for years. Premises license needs to be submitted to Worcestershire City Council as a regulatory

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authority. Rupert suggested that because Worcestershire County Council is the licensing authority for approval it would be helpful if any approval expressly referred to the landowners agreement and the premises license.

ITEM 12 - CROPWOOD ESTATE - HUNTERS HILL COLLEGE

Emma Bourne presented the report to members. Hunters Hill College closed on 31st August last year, Education have managed the site after the trust. Have asked the trust for approval for it to be done by 31st august. There is vacant possession on the site, they will vacate the site by 31st august. The bps is to be taken back and relieve education of responsibility from the estate and given back to the trust. There has been no engagement from property services. David Board further stated that we need to get vacant possession so we can take the site back. Nigel stated he is the trust representative for the site. There are no trust funds to provide security at the school as there are no bps funds. Education colleagues have been funding it fully. The matters will need to be reviewed with the chair as we would like to safeguard the site. Property services have been looking at other services for safeguarding matters. The expectation is that the site will be sold off. Have power within the Cropwood Estate to make disposals. Emma stated that the Farmhouse is still on occupied on site. Emma further stated that on 31st August the property was purchased however there have been some delays with the developers so they cannot move in on the 30th of June as was expected, therefore the long date now given is 31st August. Nigel stated it is not a decision that needs to be brought to the committee.

ITEM 7 - YOUNG ACTIVE TRAVEL TRUST GRANTS

The following report of the Report of Assistant Property Director – Transport and Connectivity was submitted: -

(See Document 1)

The Senior Travel Demand officer presented the report to the members.

12 schools made applications in the Autumn term between 6th September and 3rd December 2021 and Spring term between 10th January and 18th March 2022. The applications meet the criteria for the trust fund, they have all registered to motive starts and started their school travel plans. The aim of the funding is to promote safe and sustainable travel to school. Paul requested the release of funding from the committee. The schools have been waiting for over 6 months for this funding. The total amount for the 12 schools would be £12,000 and would leave a remaining balance of £48,836.35. The Chair approved the funding.

OTHER URGENT BUSINESS

No matters raised.

AUTHORITY TO CHAIRMAN AND OFFICERS

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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 1129 hours.

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CHAIRMAN