

BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL

TRUSTS AND CHARITIES COMMITTEE 20 MARCH 2019

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
TRUSTS AND CHARITIES COMMITTEE
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 20 MARCH 2019
AT 1030 HOURS IN COMMITTEE ROOM 2,
THE COUNCIL HOUSE, BIRMINGHAM**

PRESENT: - Councillor Diane Donaldson in the Chair;

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

ALSO PRESENT:-

Sanjeev Bhopal – Committee Lawyer – Legal and Governance
Graham Arrand – Senior Business Analyst, Finance
Matthew Hageney – Parks and Nature Conservation
Phil Wright – Committee Manager, Legal and Governance
Les Sparks – Chairman, Chamberlain Highbury Trust
Mike Williams – Treasurer, Chamberlain Highbury Trust

NOTICE OF RECORDING

- 1009 The Chairman advised that the meeting will be webcast for live or subsequent broadcast via the Council's internet site (www.civico.net/birmingham) 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

- 1010 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.

Councillor Lou Robson indicated that, in noting that there was an item on the agenda relating to Highbury Hall, she was a Grants Officer at Heritage Lottery Funding (West Midlands).

APOLOGY

- 1011 An apology was submitted on behalf of Councillor Zhor Malik for his inability to attend the meeting.
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MINUTES

- 1012 **RESOLVED:-**

That part I of the Minutes of the last meeting of the Trusts and Charities Committee held on 23 January 2019 was noted.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

- 1013 There were no matters arising.
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INTRODUCTION OF CAR PARKING CHARGES IN MAJOR PARK – VICTORIA COMMON

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

(See Document No. 1)

Matthew Hageney, Parks and Nature Conservation, introduced the report and responded appropriately to Members questions.

During the ensuing debate Councillor David Pears noted that appendix one of the report had not been circulated so the Committee did not have all the information to be in a position to reach a decision. Councillor Adrian Delaney commented on the impact the proposals to charge would have on users of the Library and local shops and parking in nearby roads.

Sanjeev Bhopal, Committee Lawyer, advised the Committee it may be appropriate for consideration of the report to be deferred as the Committee did not have all the information to reach a decision.

The Chair proposed that consideration of the report be deferred.

Accordingly it was-

- 1014 **RESOLVED:-**

That consideration of the report be deferred as appendix 1 was missing from the report.

REVENUE BUDGET MONITORING 2018/19 – QUARTER 3 (TO 31 DECEMBER 2018)

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

(See Document No. 2)

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

It was -

1015 **RESOLVED:-**

That the latest income and expenditure position of Trusts and Charities as at 31 December 2018 be noted.

SAREHOLE MILL RECREATION GROUND – LEASE OF SAREHOLE MILL TO BIRMINGHAM MUSEUM TRUST

The following report of the Director of Property was submitted:-

(See Document No. 3)

Sanjeev Bhopal, Committee Lawyer, introduced the report and responded to comments from Councillors David Pears and Lou Robson.

It was -

1016 **RESOLVED:-**

That the action of the Chairman, in consultation with officers, in agreeing to the terms for the completion of an Agreement for Lease and subsequently the grant of a lease for 25 years of the Mill premises to Birmingham Museums Trust within the next 12 months and to negotiate the terms of the agreement and lease and for the City Solicitor to prepare, negotiate, execute, seal and complete all necessary documentation to give effect to the above decisions and that the recommendation be referred to a future meeting of City Council as Trustee.

CHAMBERLAIN Highbury TRUST – UPDATE REPORT

Les Sparks, Chairman, Chamberlian Highbury Trust and Mike Williams, Treasurer, Chamberlian Highbury Trust updated the Committee in that the latest National Lottery Heritage Fund had been unsuccessful. They had been advised that it had been a good bid but there had be several bids competing for funds. The Trust was now reviewing the situation to enable a further bid to be made. It was noted that the new arrangements within the National Lottery Heritage Fund meant that the Trust would be bidding on a regional basis. They outlined the strands of the bid.

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Les Sparks and Mike Williams made reference to the proposed budget set out in the documentation and noted that it included provision for an Activity Organiser to develop and organise events and Business Manager to support Trustees in developing and writing the new bid.

At 1110 hours Councillor Phil Davis, Trustee, attended the meeting.

At this point in the meeting Councillor David Pears queried what documentation was been referred to as it appeared Members had not received it.

At 1113 hours the Committee was adjourned.

At 1155 hours the meeting was reconvened.

The following report, entitled 'Highbury – Award of Trust Funds to Chamberlain Highbury Trust, of the Assistant Director of Property (Interim) was submitted:-

(See Document No. 4)

Councillor Lou Robson reiterated her non-pecuniary interest in her capacity as an Grants Officer at Heritage Lottery Funding (West Midlands) but that in this capacity she had not been involved in assessing any bids from any organisations within City of Birmingham. She noted that she intended not to vote but did wish to ask a question and she was advised that she could remain in the meeting.

Sanjeev Bhopal, Committee Lawyer, made introductory comments relating to the report.

Les Sparks and Mike Williams responded to a question from Councillor David Pears relating to the deadlines for the grant of the trust funds.

Sanjeev Bhopal, Committee Lawyer, indicated that recommendations in the report should be amended as follows:-

- (i) 'To note that a request for a grant to Chamberlain Highbury Trust from the Highbury Estate funds as set out in Appendix 1 of the private report has been made today: and
- (ii) that subject to the agreement by the Committee to the recommendations in the private report, to instruct officers in Finance and Legal Services to take all necessary steps to facilitate the award of the grant to Chamberlain Highbury Trust and report back to a future Committee meeting, once the grant application project has been completed.'

It was –

1017 **RESOLVED:-**

- (i) To note that a request for a grant to Chamberlain Highbury Trust from the Highbury Estate funds as set out in Appendix 1 of the private report has been made today: and

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- (ii) that subject to the agreement by the Committee to the recommendations in the private report, to instruct officers in Finance and Legal Services to take all necessary steps to facilitate the award of the grant to Chamberlain Highbury Trust and report back to a future Committee meeting, once the grant application project has been completed.
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DATE OF NEXT MEETING

1018 **RESOLVED:-**

It was agreed that the next meeting of the Trusts and Charities Committee be held on Wednesday 17 April 2019 at 1030 hours in Committee room 2, The Council House.

OTHER URGENT BUSINESS

1019 No items of other urgent business were raised.

AUTHORITY TO CHAIRMAN AND OFFICERS

1020 **RESOLVED:-**

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

1021 **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 and Matters arising.	Exempt paragraph 3
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Highbury – Award of funds by Birmingham City Council	Exempt paragraph 3
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