

LONDON BOROUGH OF TOWER HAMLETS

MINUTES OF THE KING GEORGE'S FIELD CHARITY BOARD

HELD AT 6.05 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY, 15 MAY 2013

**COMMITTEE ROOM, 1ST FLOOR, TOWN HALL, MULBERRY PLACE, 5 CLOVE
CRESCENT, LONDON, E14 2BG**

Members Present:

Mayor Lutfur Rahman (Chair)	(Mayor)
Councillor Rofique U Ahmed	(Cabinet Member for Regeneration)
Councillor Shahed Ali	(Cabinet Member for Environment)
Councillor Abdul Asad	(Cabinet Member for Health and Wellbeing)
Councillor Alibor Choudhury	(Cabinet Member for Resources)
Councillor Shafiqul Haque	(Cabinet Member for Jobs and Skills)

Officers Present:

Jill Bell	– (Head of Legal Services (Environment), Legal Services, Chief Executive's)
Stephen Murray	– (Head of Arts and Events, Communities Localities & Culture)
Evelyn Akoto	– (Committee Officer)

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillors, Ohid Ahmed, Rabina Khan, Rania Khan and Oliur Rahman.

2. DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS

There were no declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests.

3. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

4. REPORTS FOR CONSIDERATION

4.1 Shop Unit 389 Mile End Road, Green Bridge, Mile End Park

Stephen Murray, Head of Arts and Events presented the report to the Board. He explained that the current tenants of 389 Mile End Road, Roasters Coffee is currently behind with his rent. Various solutions have been sought, for example requesting bailiffs to recover the outstanding rent.

The lease holder is now requesting that they be allowed to assign their lease to Mr Mohamed Amine Yahiaoui, who would like to take over the unit and run a similar type of café establishment. The current tenant has stated that he will be given a sum of £35,000.00 which will be paid directly to Council towards the rent arrears owed, but this will still leave an outstanding amount of £18,605.29.

The alternative is to take possession of the unit and pursue through Legal channels the payment of the outstanding amount, but this may not be successful and may also leave the unit vacant for a while.

Members agreed that transferring the lease to Mr Yahiaoui is the sensible decision, but the raised concern on the length of time it has taken for this matter to be resolved. The Chair requested that forthcoming, officer's act promptly to bring such matters to a swift conclusion.

A member enquired how long it will take for the transfer to be completed. Jill Bell, stated that the onus is on the legal representatives of the two other parties, as the Council legal team are to give their consent for the transfer to go ahead.

The Chair requested that officers give the other parties a timeline in which to finalise this transaction.

Officers confirmed that there is a provision in the contract for the lease holder to be responsible for any outstanding amount.

AGREED

- 2.1 That Nanadan Consulting be allowed to assign their lease to Mr Mohammed Amine Yahiaoui.
- 2.2 That the assignment should only be approved on condition that the sum of £35,000.00 is paid directly to the Council by the incoming tenant.
- 2.3 That the Board considers the position regarding the arrears of £18,605.29 which will remain outstanding and if these should be written off.

5. ANY OTHER BUSINESS WHICH THE CHAIR CONSIDERS TO BE URGENT

There were no other business

The meeting ended at 6.20 p.m.

Chair, Mayor Lutfur Rahman
King George's Field Charity Board