

LONDON BOROUGH OF TOWER HAMLETS

MINUTES OF THE KING GEORGE'S FIELD CHARITY BOARD

HELD AT 6.39 P.M. ON TUESDAY, 28 JULY 2015

**ROOM C1, 1ST FLOOR, TOWN HALL, MULBERRY PLACE, 5 CLOVE
CRESCENT, LONDON, E14 2BG**

Members Present:

Mayor John Biggs	– (Executive Mayor)
Councillor Shiria Khatun	– (Deputy Mayor and Cabinet Member for Community Safety)
Councillor Rachael Saunders	– (Deputy Mayor and Cabinet Member for Education & Children's Services)
Councillor Rachel Blake	– (Cabinet Member for Strategic Development)
Councillor David Edgar	– (Cabinet Member for Resources)
Councillor Amy Whitelock Gibbs	– (Cabinet Member for Health & Adult Services)
Councillor Ayas Miah	– (Cabinet Member for Environment)
Councillor Joshua Peck	– (Cabinet Member for Work & Economic Growth)

Other Councillors Present:

Apologies:

Councillor Asma Begum	– (Cabinet Member for Culture)
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Others Present:

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Officers Present:

Jackie Odunoye	– Service Head, Strategy, Regeneration & Sustainability, Development and Renewal
Kathryn Robinson	– Head of Legal Operations, Legal Services, Law Probity and Governance
Stephen Murray	– (Head of Arts and Events, Communities Localities & Culture)
Matthew Mannion	– (Committee Services Manager, Democratic Services, Law, Probity and Governance)

1. DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS

Whilst there were no declarations of Pecuniary Interest all Members of the Committee present indicated that they knew of the owner of 554 Mile End Road.

2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING(S)

The unrestricted minutes of the meeting of the King George's Field Charity Board held on 18 March 2015 were noted.

3. UNRESTRICTED REPORTS FOR CONSIDERATION

3.1 Grant of New Lease - 554 Mile End Road

Jackie Odunoye, Head of Strategy, Regeneration and Sustainability, introduced the report. Following questions about restrictions in the lease on the type of food that could be served she explained that the new lease was consistent with the previous one but as a general principle officers would look at whether leases should be broadened or more nuanced.

The Mayor stated that he was happy with the recommendations subject to the appendix on the Part Two agenda.

RESOLVED

1. To regularise the position of the company currently in occupation of the property, following the disclaiming of the lease by the Treasury Solicitor as a result of the liquidation of the original tenant company.
2. To note that the proposal will be cost neutral for the Trust and crucially will maintain receipt of the market rent for the unit.
3. To note that the proposed course of action will avoid the occurrence of a vacant unit with the consequential loss of rental income and also minimises expenditure on professional fees in respect of marketing of the property.

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

Management of Mile End Park

Following recent events the Friends of Mile End Park requested that they address the Board as they had concerns over the way the park was being run. They explained that in the past the Council was more open about the way the park was managed, with published management plans, specifically dedicated officers and more engagement with the Friends. They felt that care for the park had deteriorated and it was very difficult to find out what was supposed to be happening.

The Mayor and Board Members thanked the Friends for bringing their concerns to the meeting and for the work they did to support the Park. Members stated that they also had concerns about the care the park received and whether integrating the park's team into the main Parks service had had a detrimental effect. There was a general welcome to the idea of looking at how the park was operated, its accountability and increasing the role of park users and supporters.

It was proposed that officers come back to a later meeting with a report setting out options for consideration.

5. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED

1. That, under the provisions of Section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985, the press and public be excluded from the remainder of the meeting for the consideration of the Section Two business on the grounds that it contains information defined as Exempt in Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act, 1972.

6. MINUTES

The exempt/confidential minutes of the meeting of the King George's Field Charity Board held on 18 March 2015 were noted.

7. EXEMPT/ CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS FOR CONSIDERATION

7.1 Grant of New Lease - 554 Mile End Road - Appendix 1

RESOLVED

1. That the appendix be noted in relation to the main report at item 3.1 of the agenda.

7.2 Removal of gates near the Palm Tree pub in Mile End Park

Kathryn Robinson, Head of Legal Operations, introduced the report looking at the removal of gates near the Palm Tree pub in Mile End Park.

The Board discussed the report and then agreed the recommendations as set out in the report.

8. ANY OTHER EXEMPT/ CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIR CONSIDERS URGENT

Nil items.

The meeting ended at 7.05 p.m.

Chair, Mayor John Biggs
King George's Field Charity Board