

**LONDON BOROUGH OF TOWER HAMLETS**

**MINUTES OF THE KING GEORGE'S FIELD CHARITY BOARD**

**HELD AT 4.30 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY, 7 NOVEMBER 2007**

**M72, 7TH FLOOR, TOWN HALL, MULBERRY PLACE, 5 CLOVE CRESCENT,  
LONDON, E14 2BG**

**Members Present:**

Councillor Clair Hawkins  
Councillor Denise Jones  
Councillor Shiria Khatun  
Councillor Joshua Peck  
Councillor Abdal Ullah  
Councillor Motin Uz-Zaman

**Officers Present:**

Suki Binjal – (Interim Head of Non-Contentious Team, Legal Services)  
Luke Cully – (Finance Manager, Environment and Culture)  
Michael Rowan – (Director of Mile End Park)  
Angus Dixon – (Democratic Services)

**1. ELECTION OF CHAIR FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR 2007/2008**

Nominations for Chair of the King George's Fields Charity Board for the Municipal Year 2007/2008 were sought.

**MOVED** by Councillor Denise Jones and duly **SECONDED**:-

“That Councillor Sirajul Islam be elected as Chair of the King George's Fields Charity Board for the remainder of the current Municipal Year”.

There being no further nominations it was: -

**RESOLVED**

That Councillor Sirajul Islam be elected Chair of the King George's Fields Charity Board for the remainder of the current Municipal Year.

**2. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIR FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR 2007/2008**

Nominations for Vice-Chair of the King George's Fields Charity Board for the Municipal Year 2007/2008 were sought.

**MOVED** by Councillor Denise Jones and duly **SECONDED**:-

"That Councillor Shiria Khatun be elected as Vice-Chair of the King George's Fields Charity Board for the remainder of the current Municipal Year".

There being no further nominations it was: -

**RESOLVED**

That Councillor Shiria Khatun be elected Vice-Chair of the King George's Fields Charity Board for the remainder of the current Municipal Year.

**3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Councillors Ohid Ahmed and Sirajul Islam.

**4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Denise Jones declared a personal interest in relation to item 7.1 as she sat on the Management and Partnership Board for Mile End Park.

Councillor Josh Peck declared a personal interest in relation to item 7.1 as he sat on the Management and Partnership Board for Mile End Park. Councillor Peck also declared a personal interest under item 10 as he had discussed the issue with the land owners.

**5. UNRESTRICTED MINUTES**

**RESOLVED**

That the unrestricted minutes of the King George's Fields Charity Board held on 24<sup>th</sup> April 2007 be approved and signed by the Chair as a correct record of the proceedings.

**6. TERMS OF REFERENCE**

The Members queried the extent of their duties as described in the Terms of Reference. They felt that more information was needed to detail the duties of a trustee so as to ensure that they were fulfilling all their obligations.

Ms Suki Binjal, Legal Services, told the Committee that she would investigate the issue and accordingly amend the Terms of Reference to more explicitly state the required duties.

Members also discussed an issue arising at an earlier meeting with regard to allowing other Board members from the Management and Partnership Board for Mile End Park to sit in on meetings of the King George's Field Charity Board as 'non-named' members. It was agreed that this could be discussed at the next meeting once further work had been performed.

The Terms of Reference were **NOTED**.

**7. MILE END PARK & KING GEORGE'S FIELD CHARITABLE TRUST ANNUAL ACCOUNTS 2006/07**

Mr Luke Cully, Finance Manager, introduced the report which set out the annual accounts for the Mile End Park and King George's Fields Charitable Trust for the 2006/2007 financial year.

Mr Michael Rowan, Director of Mile End Park, provided the Committee with an overview of the activities at the Park over the last period. These included the park being awarded its 3<sup>rd</sup> consecutive 'green flag'.

The Committee noted the improvements to the park and discussed issues surrounding the Fun Fair that was held last year. Mr Rowan responded to the concerns and stated that the proprietor did everything that was asked of him and that hopefully the problems would be minimised for the next event.

The Committee also questioned Mr Rowan with regard to the financial surplus that the park had delivered. Mr Rowan responded that this was the first surplus ever and that it was planned to be held as a provision against two large accounts which were likely to be processed in the near future.

The Committee put further questions to Mr Rowan regarding the repairs and maintenance figure. Mr Rowan explained that there were a couple of large items being finalised at the moment and that he believed that this requirement would reduce into the future.

The Chair **Moved** and it was: -

**RESOLVED**

That the final accounts for the Mile End Park and King George's Fields Charitable Trust for financial years 2006/2007 be agreed.

**8. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

**RESOLVED**

That in accordance with 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 contained information defined as exempt or confidential in Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government, Act 1972.

**9. EXEMPT MINUTES**

That the restricted minutes of the King George's Fields Charity Board held on 24<sup>th</sup> April 2007 be approved and signed by the Chair as a correct record of the proceedings.

**10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS WHICH THE CHAIR CONSIDERS TO BE URGENT**

**Dispute Over the Shared Usage of the Car Park between Mile End Park and the Palm Tree Public House**

Ms Suki Binjal, Legal Services, provided the committee with an update of the dispute over the shared usage of the car park between Mile End Park and the Palm Tree public house. Ms Binjal advised that a proposition had been made for an agreement with the owners of the Palm Tree., however that that there had been a failure to settle and that the legal case was proceeding.

Ms Binjal reported that the owners had requested, and been allowed, a modification to their served notice. The Council would now set about preparing their statements and had written a strong letter to the adjudicator to have the brought forward as soon as possible.

The meeting ended at 5.15 p.m.

Chair,  
King George's Field Charity Board