

LONDON BOROUGH OF TOWER HAMLETS

MINUTES OF THE KING GEORGE'S FIELD CHARITY BOARD

HELD AT 6:30PM ON WEDNESDAY, 28 JULY 2010

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

Members Present:

Councillor Shahed Ali	(Lead Member, Environment)
Councillor David Edgar	(Lead Member, Resources)
Councillor Sirajul Islam	(Lead Member, Regeneration and Employment)
Councillor Denise Jones	(Lead Member, Culture and Creative Industries)
Councillor Joshua Peck	(Deputy Leader of the Council)
Councillor Rachael Saunders	(Lead Member, Health and Wellbeing)

Other Councillors Present:

Officers Present:

Michael Rosen	(Director, Mile End Park)
Luke Cully	(Directorate Finance Manager, Environment & Culture)
Jill Bell	(Legal officer)
Caroline Chalklin	(Democratic Services Officer)

1. ELECTION OF CHAIR FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR 2010/2011

Councillor Helal Abbas was elected Chair at the previous meeting.

2. ELECTION OF VICE - CHAIR FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR 2010/2011

Councillor Joshua Peck was elected Vice-Chair at the previous meeting.

Councillor Peck in the Chair

3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillors Helal Abbas, Shiria Khatun, Abdal Ullah and Marc Francis.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Denise Jones declared a non-prejudicial personal interest as a member of the Mile End Partnership Board.

5. UNRESTRICTED MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the unrestricted minutes of the King George's Fields Charity Board meeting held on 6th January 2010 be approved and signed by the Chair as a correct record of the proceedings.

6. REPORTS FOR CONSIDERATION

6.1 Terms Of Reference Report (KGFCB 002/1011)

RESOLVED

- I. That the Terms of Reference, Membership and Quorum of the King George's Fields Charity Board be noted.
- II. That the dates of meetings during the current Municipal Year be noted;
- III. That the start time of meetings be provisionally set at 6.30pm.

6.2 King George's Field Charity Board Annual Accounts 2009/2010 (KGFCB 003/1011)

Mr Cully introduced the Annual Accounts and report for the 2009-10 financial year. He directed the Board's attention to the overspend on Mile End Park, and explained that this was offset by a surplus in the 2008-09 financial year.

Board members made a number of points, including:

- Councillor Jones expressed annoyance at the length of time taken to let the empty premises formerly occupied by the 'Venus' nightspot
- Councillor Edgar said that the Charity's income stream was now negative, due to the loss of income from the Mile End Park shops.
- Councillor Peck noted that it was difficult to manage a fluctuating income. The Ecology Pavilion was being used for weddings and for examinations. The cost of events was now being scaled down: the 'Park Life' event only cost £350. It was commendable that officers were working to get money in for the Charity
- Councillor Peck also asked about the fate of the 'Palm Tree'. Officers explained that an order had been made by the court for the car park to be shared equally between Barrett's and park users. However, Barrett's now wanted to vary the order, and alleged that they did not agree the settlement at the time, despite being in court when the settlement was agreed. A path has been put in round the gate, using bark chippings; an asphalt path would cost £15,000

RESOLVED

- I. That the annual report and accounts for the King George's Field, Mile End charity (registered number 1077895) for the 2009-2010 financial year as set out in Appendix 1 of the report (6.2) be agreed;
- II. That the annual report and accounts for the King George's Field, Tredegar Square charity (registered number 1088999) for the 2009-2010 financial year as set out in Appendix 2 of the report (6.2) be agreed;
- III. That the Chair of the Board be authorised to sign the annual reports and accounts for submission to the Charity Commission.

6.3 Fees and Charges (KGFCB 004/1011)

Mr Michael Rowan introduced the reportThe Charity's fees and charges are based on what the current market will bear. Some events have not been done before, so the fees are unknown. Attempts are being made to reduce the Art Pavilion costs.

RESOLVED

- I. That the Charity Board agree the list of fees and charges with effect from 1st October 2010;
- II. That the Charity Board agreed to give the Director of Mile End Park delegated authority to negotiate fees for any bookings that are not contained within the list of fees and charges; and
- III. That the Charity Board agreed to give the Director of Mile End delegated authority to negotiate bookings that offer a clear opportunity cost ie the time scale or scale of the event offers an opportunity to bring revenue to the park that would otherwise be lost. This might include the opportunity to utilise a building that would otherwise be empty and therefore not earning money

7. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

Nil

8. EXEMPT MINUTES

Nil

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

The meeting ended at 6:50pm

Signed

Chair, King George's Charity Board

