

LONDON BOROUGH OF TOWER HAMLETS

MINUTES OF THE KING GEORGE'S FIELD CHARITY BOARD

HELD AT 6.30 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY, 19 MARCH 2014

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

Members Present:

Councillor Ohid Ahmed (Vice-Chair)
Councillor Shahed Ali
Councillor Alibor Choudhury

Other Councillors Present:

None.

Officers Present:

Stephen Murray – (Head of Arts and Events, Communities Localities & Culture)
Surjit Sandhu – (Principal Lawyer, Department of Law Probity and Governance)
Zoe Folley – (Committee Officer, Directorate Law, Probity and Governance)

Councillor Ohid Ahmed (Chair)

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillors Rofique U Ahmed, Abdul Asad, Shafiqul Haque, Rania Khan, Rabina Khan, Oliur Rahman.

2. DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS

No declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests were made.

3. UNRESTRICTED MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the unrestricted minutes of the ordinary meeting of the King George's Field Charity Board held on 29 January 2014 and the extraordinary meeting

held on 5th March 2014 be agreed and signed by the Chair, as a correct record of the proceedings.

4. REPORT FOR CONSIDERATION

4.1 Proposed reassignment of lease by Zeera restaurant. Mile End commercial units.

Stephen Murray (Head of Arts and Events, Communities Localities and Culture) presented the report. Members were reminded that at the last meeting, the Board considered a proposal from Tesco to acquire lease of the unit 554 Mile End Road. In response, the Board expressed some concern about the suitability of this proposal in view of the impact it might have on other similar business in the parade, amongst other matters. The Board asked Officers to further investigate the terms of the lease to identify the options open to the Board in reassigning the lease.

Officers had since looked into this issue and their advice on the matter was set out in the committee report. The report confirmed that the Council could, if it wished, refuse to reassign the lease to Tesco Ltd given that it was a change of use. With regards to the consent to assign the lease, it was required that the landlord should act reasonably in refusing such consent.

In view of this, the Board were invited comment on the type of business that the lease should be awarded to.

In response, the Board reiterated their concerns about the suitability of a Tesco style takeaway within the Parade. The Board considered that the unit should remain an Indian Restaurant as there was a lack of such restaurants in the area

RESOLVED

1. That the advice from the Council's legal services regarding the proposed reassignment of the lease for unit 554 Mile End Road and the required change of use to achieve this be noted.
2. That the offer from Tesco for the lease of the unit 554 Mile End Road be declined and that the current leaseholders be requested to reassign the lease to an Indian Restaurant.

5. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

The Chair Moved and it was: -

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.

6. EXEMPT MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the restricted minutes of the meeting of the King George's Field Charity Board held on 29 January 2014 be agreed and signed by the Chair, as a correct record of the proceedings.

7. ANOTHER OTHER BUSINESS WHICH THE CHAIR CONSIDERS URGENT

7.1 Injunction seeking removal of gate at the entrance to the car park in Mile End Park

The report was discussed and recommendations were agreed.

The meeting ended at 6.50 p.m.

Vice Chair, Ohid Ahmed.
King George's Field Charity Board