

LONDON BOROUGH OF TOWER HAMLETS

MINUTES OF THE KING GEORGE'S FIELD CHARITY BOARD

HELD AT 4.00 P.M. ON TUESDAY, 24 JANUARY 2017

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

Members Present:

Mayor John Biggs	– (Executive Mayor)
Councillor Asma Begum	– (Cabinet Member for Culture)
Councillor David Edgar	– (Cabinet Member for Resources)
Councillor Sirajul Islam	– (Statutory Deputy Mayor and Cabinet Member for Housing Management & Performance)
Councillor Shiria Khatun	– (Deputy Mayor and Cabinet Member for Community Safety)
Councillor Ayas Miah	– (Cabinet Member for Environment)
Councillor Joshua Peck	– (Cabinet Member for Work & Economic Growth)
Councillor Rachael Saunders	– (Deputy Mayor and Cabinet Member for Education & Children's Services)

Apologies:

Councillor Rachel Blake	– (Cabinet Member for Strategic Development)
Councillor Amy Whitelock Gibbs	– Cabinet Member for Health & Adult Services

Officers Present:

Stephen Adams	– (Finance and Resources Manager, Communities Localities & Culture)
Adam Ballard	– Solicitor
Janet Fasan	– (Interim Divisional Director, Legal)
Judith St John	– (Acting Divisional Director, Sports, Leisure and Culture)
Stephen Murray	– (Head of Arts and Events, Communities Localities & Culture)
Joel West	– (Senior Democratic Services Officer)

1. DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS

None were declared.

2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING(S)

RESOLVED that:

1. The unrestricted minutes of the Board meeting held on 4 October 2016 be approved and signed by the Chair as a correct record of proceedings.

3. REPORTS FOR CONSIDERATION

3.1 King George's Fields Charitable Trust Annual Reports & Accounts, 2015/2016

The Board received a report setting out the annual report and accounts of the King George's Field Mile End and King George's Field Tredegar Square charities for the 2015/2016 financial year. Stephen Murray, Head of Arts and Events and Stephen Adams, Finance & Resources Manager, introduced the report.

Following discussion on the Installation of circulation pumps in the Ecology Lakes referred to in the report, the Mayor asked that the Lead Member investigate options for a long term solution to the recent problems with the lakes and report back directly to him.

The Board requested further information on the income sources mentioned in the table at paragraph 3.6 of the report, specifically how officers felt income from rentals in 2016/17 would compare to the previous years mentioned in the report, and whether income from this source would stabilise in the future.

The Board requested a note to explain the detail of the Security services at Stepney green expenditure item listed at paragraph 3.7 of the report.

The Board asked that annotations are included with the published accounts to better explain the key variances between 2014/15 and 2015/16.

RESOLVED that the Board:

1. Agree the annual report and accounts for the King George's Field, Mile End Charity (registered number 1077859) for the 2015/2016 financial year set out in Appendix 1, subject to the inclusion of annotations to explain the reasons behind the key variances.
2. Agree the annual report and accounts for the King George's Field, Tredegar Square charity (registered number 1088999) for the 2015/2016 financial year set out in Appendix 2.

3. Subject to approval of 1 and 2 above, and the Councils Accounts for 2015/16 being signed off, authorise the Trust to sign the 2015/16 annual reports and accounts for submission to the Charity Commission by 31st January 2017.

4. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED

1. 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 on the grounds that the remaining agenda item contained information defined as exempt or confidential in Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972.

5. EXEMPT MINUTES

That the exempt minutes of the Board meeting held on 4 October 2016 be approved and signed by the Chair as a correct record of proceedings.

6. EXEMPT REPORTS FOR CONSIDERATION

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

The Board received a restricted report setting out options for the resolution of an outstanding matter concerning access to Mile End Park. Adam Ballard, Solicitor, introduced the exempt report.

RESOLVED that:

1. the recommendations set out in the exempt report are agreed.

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

None.

The meeting ended at 4.25 p.m.

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