

LONDON BOROUGH OF TOWER HAMLETS

MINUTES OF THE KING GEORGE'S FIELD CHARITY BOARD

HELD AT 3.30 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY, 6 APRIL 2011

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

Members Present:

Mayor Lutfur Rahman (Chair)

Councillor Rabina Khan
Councillor Oliur Rahman

Other Councillors Present:

Officers Present:

Owen Whalley	– (Service Head Planning and Building Control, Development & Renewal)
Heather Bonfield	– (Interim Service Head Cultural Services , Communities Localities & Culture)
Jill Bell	– Head of Legal Services (Environment), Legal Services
Bob Bennett	– (Cross Project Manager)
Bob Knowles	– (Finance Officer)
Daniel Hudson	– (Senior Committee Officer)

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Councillors O. Ahmed, A. Choudhury and Rania Khan.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor O. Rahman declared a non-prejudicial personal interest as a ward member in relation to agenda item 4.1.

3. UNRESTRICTED MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the unrestricted minutes of the King George's Fields Charity Board meeting held on 28th July 2010 be approved and signed by the Chair as a correct record of the proceedings.

4. REPORTS FOR CONSIDERATION

4.1 Stepney Green - Crossrail Update and Implications (KGFCB 005/1011)

The report was introduced by the Head of Major Projects Development and Renewal (O. Whalley) who proceeded to outline the salient issues of the report. Site plans were circulated and Members were advised of matters of mitigation relating to the impact of Crossrail on Stepney City Farm and Stepney Green Park.

The Mayor welcomed the report and stressed the need to ensure that adequate compensation was received for the distress and lost of land caused by Crossrail and its associated works. The minimum requirement was new adequate changing rooms and the provision of alternative open space which should also be in the local environs.

Therefore, it was **RESOLVED** that

- (i) the progress on the Crossrail works at Stepney Green Park and Stepping Stones Farm as described in section 3 of the report, be noted;
- (ii) the impact of Crossrail on the Trust lands at Stepney Green be noted and officers seek proposed mitigation measures as detailed in the minutes above; and
- (iii) the granting of a Licence for a period of 12 months to the Stepney City Farm Ltd to occupy and manage Stepping Stones Farm excluding that part required for the Crossrail Phase 2 works as shown on appendix 1(to be circulated at the meeting) be approved; and that subject to the satisfactory completion of the Stage 2 works, delegation be given to the Corporate Director Communities, Localities and Culture for the granting of a formal lease to Stepney City Farm.

Finally, it was reported that at the next meeting of the Board an item would be presented in relation to the implications of Crossrail on Mile End Park.

4.2 Licensing the Ecology Pavilion as a venue for marriages and civil partnerships (KGFCB 006/1011)

The Interim Service Head Cultural Services (H. Bonfield) introduced the report and advised Members of the rationale for the proposal.

In reply to points raised the financial position of the parks were detailed and it was agreed that Members of the Board would be supplied with details of the capacity that the Pavilion could accommodate for weddings.

To this end it was **RESOLVED** that an application be made in the name of the Charity to licence the Ecology Pavilion as a venue for marriage and civil partnerships.

5. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

AGREED

The meeting ended at 3.50 p.m.

Chair, Mayor Lutfur Rahman
King George's Field Charity Board