

Westway Trust

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**Minutes of the 7th Annual General Meeting of the Westway Trust (a company limited by guarantee) held at The Flyover, 3-5 Thorpe Close London W10 5XL on Monday, 24 November 2014 at 7:00 p.m.**

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**PRESENT:**

Ken Scott, Chairman of the Trust

**Trustees**

James Caplin  
Cynthia Dize  
Joanna Farquharson  
Ruth Hillary  
Mike Jones

David Lindsay  
Pat Mason  
Mary Roser  
Abdul Fatai Towolawi  
Peter Wilson

**Representatives of Member Organisations**

Jan Halliday – Age UK  
Tom Fitch – Community Accountancy Self Help  
Eddie Adams – Gloucester Court Reminiscence Group  
Diana Spiegelberg – Kensington & Chelsea Foundation  
Angela Spence – Kensington & Chelsea Social Council  
Helen Leech – Open Age

**1. CHAIRMAN'S OPENING REMARKS**

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting. He said that the past year had been an important one for the Trust in several respects. A new strategy had been introduced and a new governance structure put in place to support to delivery of the vision. Significant progress had been made in preparation for the much needed regeneration of the estate. The year had also sadly seen the death of two trustees – Fiona Buxton and Tim Davis. They had both made a significant personal contribution to the work of the Trust and are much missed.

The Chairman referred to the enjoyable musical presentation before the meeting, which had ta been given by members of the Nucleo Project youth orchestra. Nucleo is a thriving children's classical orchestra which the Trust is supporting. He went on to explain that at the conclusion of the formal proceedings there would be short presentations by members of staff and individuals who were involved in other parts of the Trust's activities, together with a presentation on the ambitious plans for the estate. There would be an opportunity to ask questions after that session. Refreshments would then be served and this would provide an excellent opportunity to discuss the work of the Trust with trustees and members of staff in a more informal setting.

**2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

An apology for absence was received on behalf of Terence Buxton and the following member organisations: Chelsea and Westminster Swimming Club, Kensington and Chelsea Mental Health Association, St. Helens Residents' Association and Westway Community Transport.

**3. MINUTES OF THE 6TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON 20 NOVEMBER 2013 AND THE EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING HELD ON 17 APRIL 2014**

Eddie Adams said he wished to point out that a representative of the Gloucester Court Reminisce Group had been present at last year's AGM although this was not shown in the list of attendees. The representative had asked that it be minuted that the remit of the Trust's activities should encompass all age groups and not just the young.

Subject to these two points being noted the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 20 November 2013 and the Extraordinary General Meeting held on 17 April 2014 were confirmed as a correct record by the meeting and signed by the Chairman.

#### **4. MATTERS ARISING**

There were none.

#### **5. CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S PRESENTATION**

Angela McConville gave a presentation on the highlights of the year since she joined the Trust. She gave examples of working with new partners and the successful bid to the Deloitte Social Pioneers programme. A strategy had been developed and this would shortly be circulated to member organisations and other stakeholders. This, together with the plans for the estate, meant that there is now a clear vision for the future and she looked forward to delivering the Trust's ambitions.

The Chief Executive stressed that the Trust was very keen that local people felt involved in the Trust. The Trust has an extensive database of contacts and she would urge anyone who was not already on it to submit their details so that they could receive information about the Trust's plans and activities.

#### **6. SPECIAL RESOLUTION –NEW ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION**

The Chairman advised that to bring into effect the revised governance structure, revised Articles of Association had been drafted. This had received the consent of the Charity Commissioners and now required the approval of the meeting.

In reply to a question the Chairman stressed that the Nominations and Governance Committee would not itself appoint the additional trustees – it would make recommendations to the main Board.

The Company Secretary advised that he held 3 proxy votes.

A vote was held on the Special Resolution: that the draft Articles of Association attached hereto be and are hereby approved and adopted as the Articles of Association of the Trust in substitution for and to the exclusion of all existing Articles of Association of the Trust.

The voting was as follows:

For	17
Against	0
Abstention	4

The Chairman declared that the Special Resolution had been **passed** by the necessary majority.

#### **7. TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS AND AUDITORS' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2014**

It was proposed by Mike Jones, seconded by James Caplin and

**RESOLVED (with one abstention) -**

That the Trustees' Annual Report for 2013/14 and the accounts and auditor's report for the year ended 31 March 2014 be received.

## **8. APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS**

It was proposed by Peter Wilson, seconded by David Lindsay and unanimously

### **RESOLVED -**

That Kingston Smith LLP, Devonshire House, 60 Goswell Road, London EC1M 7AD be re-appointed as the Trust's auditors and the trustees be authorised to fix their remuneration.

The Chairman said that concluded the formal business of the Meeting. Presentations on the Trust's regeneration plans and community activities would now be given.

## **9. DESTINATION WESTWAY - PLANS FOR THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

Phil Dibsdale, the Trust's Senior Development Consultant, and Mike Jones, trustee and the Chair of the Planning and Regeneration Committee gave a presentation on the Trust's plans for the built environment. These had been developed during a period when there had been substantial developments elsewhere in this part of west London and more were in the pipeline. It was anticipated that it could take up to 10 years to bring Destination Westway to full fruition. However, before works could start on site a considerable amount of preparatory work had been necessary. Mike Jones reported that another important milestone had been recently been achieved in this regard with the appointment of architects for Portobello.

Arising from a point from Tom Fitch, Phil Dibsdale undertook to investigate the scope for public highway improvements in Acklam Road.

## **10. JOIN US: INSPIRING STORIES FROM UNDER THE WESTWAY**

Louise Wolsey, the Trust's Development Director introduced several speakers who spoke about how the work of the Trust had impacted upon them.

During the ensuing discussion the Chief Executive was asked whether the Trust was aware that there had been an undertaking given in the 1960s that there would be a cultural centre. The Chief Executive stressed that the Trust supported a number of cultural initiatives and community projects. The provision of a physical cultural centre would have significant implications in terms of capital and revenue costs t might be very difficult to access funding on the level required - the Trust was not eligible for Arts Council funding for example.

## **11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Tom Fitch suggested that the Trust should commission reports on the potential for income generation from Westway pollutants and the Trust's relations with its neighbours.

The Chairman invited everyone to remain for refreshments and further discussion.

The meeting ended at 8.40 p.m.