

3 May 2018

Malvern Hills Trust

Special Meeting of the Board

Open Space Meeting Rooms, Upper Interfields, Malvern.

Thursday 3 May 2018 6.00 pm

Present: Mr D Baldwin, Dr S Braim, Mr M Cordey, Mr M Davies, Dr P Forster, Mr S Freeman (Chair), Mr A Golightly, Mr D Hawkins, Mr J Michael, Mrs C O'Donnell, Mr C Penn, Professor J Raine, Mrs G Rees, Ms S Rouse, Ms H Stace, Mr P Watson, Mr T Yapp.

In attendance: Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Secretary to the Board, Conservation Manager.

Non-attendance: Mrs E Holton, Ms S Stewart.

1. Apologies for absence

Mr R Bartholomew, Ms C Bovey, Mr D Bryer, Mrs P Cumming, Mr R Hall-Jones, Mrs L Hodgson, Mr J O'Donnell, Mr D Street. Mr Rouse had declared an interest in the subject matter of the meeting as he knew the vendor and did not attend.

2. Chair's announcements

There were none.

3. Declarations of interest

Mr Golightly reported that he lived very close to the land in question. He did not know the vendor nor any interested party (as far as he was aware). The meeting agreed that he did not have a conflict of interest.

4. Public questions

There were none.

5. Charity Commission Scheme – cost of consultation process

The CEO went through the paper. He confirmed there was no requirement in the Financial Regulations to tender or get 3 quotes for sums under £5,000 but he had made enquiries to ascertain the proposed professional fees were reasonable. Mr Watson suggested going “out onto the street” engage with people about the Scheme, for example outside Waitrose or Morrisons. Prof Raine agreed that MHT could certainly consider handing out leaflets in those locations.

On the proposal of Mr Davies, seconded by Mr Cordey, it was **RESOLVED** unanimously to approve a budget of £20,000 for the additional costs associated with the Charity Commission Scheme public consultation.

6 Confidential item

On the proposal of Mr Freeman, seconded by Mrs O'Donnell it was **RESOLVED** unanimously to exclude the public for discussion of the remaining item on the agenda on

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the grounds that publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the exempt or confidential nature of the business to be transacted (commercially sensitive matter).

The meeting closed at 7.25pm