

HELD ON WEDNESDAY 27TH JANUARY 2021 AT 10.00
BY ZOOM VIDEO CONFERENCE

Present: Walter Semple (WS) (Chair); Elizabeth Brown (EB), Michael Herrigan (MH); Campbell Forrest (CF); David Webster (DW); Ian Veitch (IV),

Apologies: Bailie Ade Aibinu (AA), Councillor Feargal Dalton (FD), Councillor Maggie McTernan (MM), Neil Robertson (NR).

1. Minute of the Trustees Meeting on 28th October 2020.

This was approved.

2. Treasurers Report/Bank Account

There had been no change in the finances. Bank transactions were still being carried out through Glasgow City Council. Triodos Bank was no longer accepting applications for accounts as it was overwhelmed. Agree to continue the banking arrangement with Glasgow City Council.

IV said that the Trust year-end was 31st March. If any trustees had incurred expenditure for reimbursement could be please let him know as soon as possible. Ken Robertson is likely to have some outstanding fees.

3. Financial Report

The trustees noted the report from Ruffer, and that the investments under their management were continuing to perform well.

4. Report on Priority Building Repairs

DW spoke to his detailed report. The difficulties in having repairs carried out to avoid water ingress from the roof were set out in the report. Meantime Ken Robertson was seeking another contractor. MH suggested approaching Jamie who had done previous work. DW explained the work involved in humidity monitoring and producing a unified report from a number of monitoring points.

DW did not know whether HES would return to site. The possibility of seeking advice from Glasgow Life and in particular David Thomson was referred to.

The chairman thanked DW warmly for all the work he was doing. It was greatly appreciated.

5. Renovation Project.

DW spoke to his written report. The next important date was 19th February which was the requested return date for the invitations to quote. After that he and CF would prepare a report with recommendations and submit it to the trustees.

CF referred to the arrangements for COP26 from 1st to 12th November. We should try to integrate some form of event during this period when many thousands of

visitors would come to Glasgow. FD had expressed interest in this and may be willing to assist. The Geological Society of Glasgow may also be willing to assist. A provisional date for a meeting to discuss these issues and also the quotes for the proposed works was fixed for Monday 1st March at 5 PM.

6. Glasgow City Council

The correspondence with Seamus Connolly had been circulated. When a reply was received, it would also be circulated.

7. Victoria Park Community Trust

A draft Memorandum of Understanding between the Fossil Grove trustees and the Victoria Park Community Trust trustees had been sent to the FG trustees. It was agreed that this document was in the interests of both trusts and the chairman was authorised to sign it on behalf of Fossil Grove trustees subject to being satisfied that it was also approved by the Victoria Park Community Trust trustees.

The objections of Jordanhill Community Council to the request to Glasgow City Council for a long lease had been circulated. It was noted that Jordanhill Community Council had been sent the papers in advance of the VPCT meeting and invited to the meeting where they were considered. However they had not attended and had submitted these objections without hearing or contributing to the discussion.

8. Fossil Grove Fernery Project

The report from DW on the fernery project was noted. It was agreed that in principle the trustees would contribute 50% of the cost up to a maximum of £2250 subject to seeing detailed cost estimates in advance.

9. Future Meeting Dates.

Dates for 2021:

1st March; 28th April; 25th August; 27th October.

Prepared by Walter Semple on 28th January 2021.