

FOSSIL GROVE TRUST
MEETING OF TRUSTEES
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 31ST MAY 2023 AT 10.00
AT CITY CHAMBERS GLASGOW

Present: Walter Semple (WS) (Chair); Elizabeth Brown (EB); Campbell Forrest; (CF); Neil Robertson (NR); [three trustees form a quorum].

Apologies: Feargal Dalton; (FD); Michael Herrigan (MH); Eunis Jassemi (EJ). Lana Reid McConnell (LRM) Ian Veitch (IV); David Webster (DW).

MINUTES: The Minutes of the meeting held on 25th January were approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: In the absence of IV the Chairman conveyed the following information from IV to the meeting.

IV had now applied to the Royal Bank of Scotland to open a bank account for the Fossil Grove Trust SCIO. When a bank account had been opened the procedure for further OSCR approval and asset transfer would proceed.

Smith Scott Mullan had been paid 4 out of 6 instalments of their fees to date. They were not asking for the balance pending completion of the Phase 1 works.

The March Ruffer report had been circulated and was noted.

UPDATE AND WAY FORWARD:

The meeting agreed to consider together the three circulated documents: the Chairman's Update; the Note of Meeting with Glasgow City Council on 18th May, and the Note on the Funding Application to Historic Environment Scotland. The Charman agreed that his update represented his personal understanding of the situation and was not to be taken as the agreed view of the working party.

Following a through discussion of the issues raised the following outcomes were agreed:

1. We should ensure that Julia Laphorn was in possession of all relevant documents and await the result of her consultation with the Project Management and Design Team and the Team at the Planning Department at the City Council. Julia had confirmed to the Chairman today that this consultation has started and that the papers sent by DW had been handed to these two Teams.
2. CF would prepare for Julia a Note of all the contacts he had made with potential funders and other interested parties, and send to this to Julia and the trustees, so that this could be taken into account in the current consultation with the City Council.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Neil Robertson explained that he had been unable to take part in the trust meetings because he lacked the computer skills to engage in the recent online meetings. He said that he was encouraged by listening to the discussion today that the trustees were following a path which he was comfortable with. He had arranged with a trusted friend to allow him to communicate through the internet.

The chairman explained the change in the legal structure of the trust. A new Fossil Grove SCIO had been incorporated. This was because the present constitution was out of date and the because the anticipated contractual liabilities to be undertaken by the trustees made limited liability a prudent course of action. Once a new bank account for the SCIO had been opened and the necessary approvals obtained from the regulator, OSCR, the assets all the present trust would be transferred, and the present trust would be terminated.

Under the constitution all the SCIO, Whiteinch Community Council had the responsibility to appoint a board member to represent it. The chairman understood that Whiteinch Community Council had appointed Elizabeth Brown as its representative on the board of the new SCIO.

Next Trustees Meeting: 30th August;

Drafted by Walter Semple on 31st May 2023 and confirmed with EB and CF.