

EXETER ST JAMES COMMUNITY TRUST LTD

MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING HELD AT 15 POWDERHAM CRESCENT EXETER ON TUESDAY 10 MARCH 2015 AT 10.00AM

Present: Aylwyn Bowen (AB), Robyn Connett (RC), Paul Layton (PL), Harry Temple (HT)

- 1 **Apologies:** Di Boston (DB).
RC was appointed to take the chair.

- 2 **Conflict of Interest:** none declared.

- 3 **Minutes of the Board meeting held 13 February 2015**
Approved subject to the revision of the first sentence in item 9 (Queen's Crescent Garden) to read "St Sidwell's Primary School intends to discuss joining the Trust" and the deletion of the final sentence of the second paragraph.

- 4 **Governance Issues**
The Secretary reminded Directors that the first financial return to the FCA was due within 7 months of the financial year end (31 March). A financial statement would be prepared and published on the website.

- 5 **Membership Issues**
(a) Applications: Directors considered and gave formal approval to the 2 applications received (Roll numbers 155 to 156); 3150 shares sold.
A further 37 applications had been received from Mr Hassan on behalf of Exeter Mosque but many were not accompanied by the required minimum £5 investment. PL to contact Mr Hassan who had agreed to fund any shortfall.
(b) Seal: use of the Society Seal approved for certificate numbers 155 -156; certificates to be issued once DB available to sign.
(c) Communication:
 - (i) Newsletter: copy deadline of end of April noted for publication in May/June.
 - (ii) Website: agreed to post an archive of Board meeting minutes.
 - (iii) Email: PL to send members an update.

- 6 **Financial Report**
There had been no transactions since the last report.

- 7 **Exeter St James Community Trust/Exeter St James Forum**
Nothing to report.

- 8 **Queen's Crescent Garden**
RC reported that the meeting with ECC officers to seek clarity regarding the CPO and planning application was to take place this afternoon.

Offers of assistance with garden maintenance had been received from university Community Wardens, Exeter Student Volunteers (ESV) and Police Cadets.

Possible awareness raising events were considered to coincide with volunteers working in the garden. The University Grand Challenge, "Beyond Conflict", may offer a summer garden party opportunity.

9 **St James Allotments**

No progress to report.

10 **Date of Meeting**

The next meeting of the Board: Tuesday 21 April 2015 at 10.00am.

11 **AOB**

Boundary Changes

The current review implied a reduction in the number of wards from 18 to 13 and the number of councillors from 40 to 39, 3 per ward.

It was agreed that any proposal which threatened the integrity of St James should be resisted.

PL to prepare a response for submission to the Local Government Boundary Commission which would indicate, should change be implemented, support for the retention of St James as a 2 member ward within a redefined Duryard.

The meeting closed at 11.00am.