

THE DART VALLEY LEARNING TRUST

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 4th November 2015 at King Edward VI Community College

Present: Alan Salt (Principal), Kate Wilson (KEVICC GB), Carole Whitty (KEVICC GB), Tony Whitty (Stakeholder Forum), Chantelle Norton (TTT)

In Attendance: Teresa Lakeman (Business Director), Marie Trant (Trust Secretary)

1. Apologies: Apologies were received from Roger Foord-Evans due to ill health.

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3. The minutes of the meeting held on 18 June 2015, with the amendment that a meeting be held after the AGM, were approved and signed as a true record.

4. Matters arising:

a. Declaration of Interest – a document had previously been prepared by Jet Kamphuis and discussed at the last meeting so it was felt that no further discussion needed to take place.

b. Values and Visions – Alan reported that the working definition of the College values and principles, which had been circulated to staff in April, had been shared again with staff on the Inset day held in September. The wording on 'Democracy' was agreed and now read 'We encourage participation in the life of our College, operating student voice, staff voice and parent voice groups that contribute to the development of the College'. These Values and Principles Visions had since been shared with parents at Open Mornings, the Y7 Settling in Evening and also Alan had visited South Brent Primary School on the 8th October 2015 and had shared the document with them.

c. Transfer of land and Buildings – Teresa had circulated a Site Development Update 2015 prior to the meeting. The final piece of work needed to secure full land transfer to the DVLT is currently working its way through the legal system. The boundary of the various parcels of land to be transferred to the DVLT by DCC unfortunately included several small parcels of land which were not actually registered at the Land Registry to Devon County. A statutory declaration from a former member of staff has been prepared and the College lawyers are currently negotiating the final piece of this complex jigsaw. Dart Renewables were making a donation of £2,000 to the College to support the use of the water. Totnes Canoe club were concerned at the deteriorating condition of the boat house situated at the lower end of the Elmhirst fields and had approached the College with a proposal that they re-roof the building (at their expense).. The Canoe Club would like their occupation of the building regularised and a proposal will be presented to the DVLT Board to enter into a lease to formalise their use. It was agreed that a Memorandum of Understanding could be arranged.

DCC were proposing to spend monies on the Elmhirst site but after meeting with AST, TLN and Alan Hocking, KEVICC Site Manager, discussions were now taking place for the following:

- Removal of all temporary classrooms from Elmhirst except the current changing rooms
- Minimal work to leave the main Elmhirst building wind and weather tight
- Re-roofing of Old Block on the Redworth site (i.e. Food Technology/Library/Art/SEN)
- Demolition of Science room 13, the old Art block and the caretaker's hut and provision of a new purpose built Science/Art block to replace these
- Provision of a new floor to the Sports Hall

The College had been approached by Cllr Vint of Devon County Council and asked whether our parking area on the Elmhirst site could be used for public parking, part of the proposed 'Park and Stride' scheme. Since the original discussion the Atmos Totnes project had also contacted the College with a similar proposal but with a lease to Totnes Community Development Society. The discussions concerning both requests were progressing towards a draft Memorandum of Understanding for consideration by Governors and Trustees.

KWN reported that the Governing Body had made an objection to South Hams District Council regarding a planning application in respect of Cocoa's Nursery. The neighbourhood Plan Steering Group had also objected under the grounds that a master plan should be considered, to include the sheep field.

d. Membership - AST to produce a presentation outlining a new vision for the Trust. All parents to be invited to the presentation to be shown at the parent Voice meeting due to me held on 27th January 2016. Information on membership and Articles of Association to be available at this meeting.

e. Roles and Responsibilities - CWY was arranging a Round Table Discussion meeting with regard to a master Plan for the College and was inviting key people to attend. AST and CNN would represent the Trust, TLN was asked to attend and MTT to minute the discussion. The following were being asked to send a representative:

Totnes Neighbourhood Group

Dartington neighbour Group

ATMOS

Tadpool

SHDC

Dartington Hall Trust

The meeting to be held on 25th November 2015 at 1.00 pm. MTT to book room E at Kennicott and tea and coffee be provided. The main purpose of this meeting was to connect with all interested parties.

With regard to membership the Trust to be at the fore-front of any discussions concerning site development and the proposals them relayed to parents.

5. Potential Trustees

Roger Foord-Evans had been re-appointed by the Governing Body and this was approved by the Trust Board.

AST to outline suggestions for new partners to be an agenda item at the next meeting. Partners could then be approached prior to the AGM. It was felt that University College Falmouth was too distant from KEVICC to be a partner. AST to circulate the proposed vision before Christmas. KWi to highlight conflicts in the Articles of Association. It was felt that the Community needed to be asked to join as individual members.

6. Arrangements for the AGM (27th January 2016)

With regard to the Articles of Association it was felt that the constitution could be agreed at the AGM. KWi had spoken to the Co-operative College regarding potential conflict between the Trust and the Governing Body. AST to speak to the Co-operative heads at their next meeting and TLN to liaise with Business Managers from other Co-operative Colleges regarding their Articles of Association. A consultation could be announced prior to the AGM regarding a change to the Articles and the alteration requested by the Charity Commission could be reviewed.

The next meeting to be held on 11th December 2016 at 1-o'clock.