

**Voluntary and Community Sector Committee - 14 September 2023**

Minutes of the meeting of the Voluntary and Community Sector Committee held at Committee Room 1, Town Hall, Upper Street, N1 2UD on 14 September 2023 at 6.30 pm.

**Present:**      **Councillors:**      Comer-Schwartz, O'Halloran, Bell-Bradford and Khondoker

**Councillor Kaya Comer-Schwartz in the Chair**

**26      APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE (Item 1)**

There were no apologies for absence.

**27      DECLARATION OF SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS (Item 2)**

There were no declarations of substitute members.

**28      DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 3)**

There were no declarations of interest.

**29      MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING (Item 4)**

Councillor Khondoker noted that her attendance at the meeting on 11 July 2023 had not been recorded in the published minutes.

**RESOLVED:**

It was noted that subject to the inclusion of Councillor Khondoker, the minutes of the meeting held on 11 July 2023 be confirmed as an accurate record of proceedings and the Chair be authorised to sign them.

**30      COMMUNITY FREE HIRES (Item 5)**

Councillor O'Halloran, Executive Member for Community Development informed the meeting that following the Covid pandemic she is pleased to announce that Hall Hire has now resumed.

Meeting was advised that all deferred events due to covid 19 have been cleared, so the Council will return to offering the full amount of free hires for Round 1 and 2 2023-24.

Executive Member informed the committee that five applications for free hire were received for the Assembly Hall and six for the Town Hall, Round 1 2024.

**RESOLVED:**

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- 1.1. That Angel Comedy Ltd and Voices Foundation be offered a free hire use of the Assembly Hall between January and March.
- 1.2. To hold Islington and Shoreditch Housing Association in reserve, in case of inability of the above applicants to negotiate appropriate dates and timings.
- 1.3. That Home-Start Camden and Islington and North London Cares be offered a free hire use of the Town Hall Committee Rooms between June and September.
- 1.4. To hold Islington Bamer following applicant in reserve, in case of inability of the above applicants to negotiate appropriate dates and timings.

### **AGREED RECOMMENDATIONS:**

Reasons for decision – as specified in the report

Other options considered – none

Conflicts of interest/Any dispensations granted – none

The meeting ended at 6.35 pm

**CHAIR**