

12 August 2019

Malvern Hills Trust  
Special Meeting of the Board  
Lyttelton Rooms, Church Road, Malvern  
Monday 12 August 2019 7.00 pm

**Present:** Mr D Baldwin, Mr R Bartholomew, Mr D Bryer, Mr M Cordey, Mr M Davies (Chair), Mr A Golightly, Mr D Hawkins, Mrs L Hodgson, Mr J Michael, Prof Raine, Mrs G Rees, Ms S Rouse, Mr C Rouse, Ms H Stace, Mr D Street, Mr Watson, Mr T Yapp.

**In attendance:** CEO, Secretary to the Board, 7 members of the public.

**No attendance:** Mrs P Cumming, Mr R Hall-Jones.

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**1. Apologies for absence**

Dr S Braim, Dr P Forster, Mr S Freeman, Mr C Penn, Mrs C O'Donnell, Mr J O'Donnell.

**2. Chair's announcements**

There were none.

**3. Declarations of interest**

There were none.

**4. Public Questions**

See schedule.

**5. To approve consultation documentation and arrangements for public consultation for Charity Commission Scheme**

Board members had been sent a summary of the consultation plan. Prof Raine confirmed that there would be a thorough review of all the responses to the consultation.

On the proposal of Prof Raine, seconded by Ms Stace it was **RESOLVED** (with 2 votes against) to approve the consultation document and the arrangements for the public consultation.

**6. Next meeting**

12 September 2019 7pm at the Council Chamber.

**The meeting closed at 7.25pm**

## **Schedule**

### Question from Dr Crisp

When the so called Charity Commission scheme has been in gestation for more than four years, why was it necessary to call the present special board meeting with insufficient notice for public questions to be put?

Tonight's meeting has not been listed on the MHT web site as the next meeting of the board, reference to it can only be found through the on line events diary. Does MHT regret and apologise for this error, or was this mistake designed to deter public attendance and involvement in tonight's meeting?

*Thank you for your questions Dr Crisp.*

*It was necessary to call the board meeting to endorse the plan for public consultation on the proposals for amending our constitution and the timing was dictated by our desire to proceed as soon as possible, not by the time elapsed since this important work was started. Although the content of the scheme and the plan for the consultation has been known for some time, the Board needs to give the go ahead now that the final arrangements have been made. These were not concluded until very recently – hence the need for the Special meeting and the short notice. There is nothing novel due to be considered at this evening's meeting and, in the event, as demonstrated by this response, there has been sufficient time for public questions.*

*To your second question, although, as you note, this meeting was referenced and visible in the events diary, it seems that the website link from 'next board meeting' to this date had not been set up when the Special Board Meeting date was established, a regrettable oversight for which we apologise.*