

MBC Trustees' Meeting, 10 Sep 2020 - Minutes

Attendees:

Present: Silabodhi (SB - Chris Effendowicz) - Chair, Aparajita (AJ – Ajay Gilbert), Chandana (Ch - Stuart Orvis), Dayanandi (DN – Christine Robertson), Dharmakarunya (DK – Ursula Tidd - part), Vishangka (VS – Keith Green).

Apologies: Acharashraddha (AS – Judith Tomlinson), Mahasraddha (MS – Mark Leach), Prasadu (PS – Andrew Porritt)

1. Welcome	Actions
SB welcomed all to the meeting.	
2. Check in	
3. Presentation by Sanghadhara	
<p>Sanghadhara guided trustees through a slideshow suggesting a high-level structure of the MBC, which had been informed by previous experience at Windhorse Trading, Clear Vision and the European Chairs' Executive.</p> <p>He proposed three distinct aspects of responsibility for the charity and its trustees, namely: (1) looking after the welfare of the MBC sangha; (2) owning and managing physical assets (the 'trust'); (3) communicating the Dharma (the 'Buddhist Centre'). Sanghadhara felt that all three of these should be acknowledged as important, and collectively creating an interlinked system.</p> <p>The following, wide-ranging discussion (during and after Sanghadhara's attendance) primarily concerned the 'trust' aspect of this model, i.e. the management and development of assets. Sanghadhara felt that this area should be self-supporting (possibly independent), sustainable, and neither a support to, nor a drain on, the activities of the other two defined areas.</p> <p>It was agreed that Sanghadhara might be invited back at a later date, if his proposals then appear to have value to the trustees.</p>	
4. Minutes of meeting of 27 Aug	
<p>The minutes were agreed.</p> <p>In matters arising:</p> <p>The current online newsletter has included appreciation of, and an opportunity to donate to, Patricia Cole. (It was felt that the donation facility should run up to the end of Sep.)</p> <p>AJ has brought technical recommendations on running hybrid events to the Heart Kula.</p> <p>Payments for physical attendances at Tue meditation classes are now being collected at the time of online booking.</p>	

5. Resignation of Acharashraddha as mitra convenor

SB shared the recent news that AS has expressed her intention to stand down at the end of Mar 2021. There was some discussion as to the need to recruit her successor in the meantime.

6. Responsibility for liaison with a possible new TBRL

SB spoke of his desire for trustees to be collectively responsible for progressing the project to redevelop the café area, given the tension between purely commercial interest in the space and the MBC's preference to have an explicitly team-based right livelihood (e.g. the one proposed by Sanghadhara and others).

It was agreed that SB would progress discussions with 2 commercial organisations that had expressed interest and, in the meantime, ask Sanghadhara et al to give an indication of their likely timescale.

Action **SB**

7. Any Other Business

None

Next Trustees' Meeting – special 'all day' session, Tue 22 Sep, 10.00 to 16.00.