

MBC Trustees Meeting: 18th July 2023

Attendees

Present:, Aparajita (AJ - Ajay Gilbert), Aryaraksita (AK – Sundeep Grewal) Secretary, Vishangka (VS – Keith Green), Upekshapriya (UP - Jeff Cole), Suryaka (SK – Helen Ellis), Lilasuri (LS - Claire Morris) Treasurer, Prasiddhi (Guest).

1. **Welcome** Suryaka welcomed all to the meeting.
2. **Apologies:** Silabodhi (SB – Chris Effendowicz) Chair, Mary Tait (MT)
3. **Check In**

All present checked in.

4. **Assessment Criteria for the Future of the MBC Project**

Prasiddhi introduced the revised Assessment Criteria and how the themes as collated through the sangha consultation would be inserted in the criteria. Everyone welcomed the new approach and looks forward to seeing the next addition.

ACTION- within the next 2 weeks of the meeting- all Trustees to go through Assessment Criteria document on Trustee google drive and make amendments using the suggestions edit facility.

5. **Move Options Paper**

Prasiddhi shared the new Move Options paper which has highlighted specific areas that need to be considered when looking for alternative premises. Silabodhi had made comments on the paper before his sabbatical, and this was used to gauge trustees responses against the Chairs response. It was a good exercise in establishing shared views and understanding what each trustee values. Amends have been agreed and noted in the document which is saved on the Trustee google shared drive. We look forward to the next addition.

ACTION- finish of Point 10 in next trustee meeting as well as reviewing the Stay Options paper.

6. AOB

SK offered to chair the next meeting and suggested that future meetings relating specifically to the MBC project should be chaired by someone who is not a Trustee. It was agreed that this was a good idea depending on who was proposed.

PS made an offer for the consideration of by the Trustees

Action: All

VS and SK suggested that that in view of the significance of the decision being made, that the Trustees as a group have the support /kalyamitrata of some senior order members outside Manchester. Some trustees felt that they needed to be clear of what we were specifically asking of them and when this would be needed, maybe in the future. The Trustees were supportive of SK/VS contacting them as /when either or both of them felt this was needed as they are holding a lot of responsibility in this process.

It was agreed that VS would contact Viryangaga in the development team for strategic advice.

Action: SK/VS

7. Dates of next Meetings

23rd August 10-1pm

6th Sept 10-1pm

20th Sept 10-1pm