

BLSC Meeting

30th March 2023, 6.30 pm

Minutes

Present: Martin Pask (Fusion), Tara Fisher-Harris (Fusion), Stephen Trowell, Sophia Marsh, Susy Hogarth, Giles Gibson, Rodney Craig (Lambeth), Guy Wickett, Simon Harris (Lambeth)

Apologies:, Michael Boyle, Jason DaPonte, Ben Longman

1. Financial information

Martin apologised. He had hoped to have been joined by someone from Fusion to explain the accounts but was not. It was agreed that he would email tomorrow the accounts for the last 5 year for the centre, and subject to confidentiality the detailed accounts for Fusion to the members of the committee so written questions could be put. These would be put in one document by Stephen Trowell and answered by Fusion at another meeting to be held at 6.30 on the 27 April 2023.

Disappointment was expressed by the committee at the yet further delay.

2. Review of first quarter maintenance improvements

Multiple failings in maintenance were outlined. Martin responded as to the steps taken to rectify them. Martin maintained that there had been some improvement over the quarter. The committee considered there had been no significant improvement.

Simon Harris expressed concern on behalf of Lambeth in the apparent failure to maintain and manage the facility. He outlined that Lambeth would hold meetings with members of the committee and Fusion over the next few weeks and would hope to report by the 27 April 2023 as to what steps they considered appropriate to rectify the position.

It was discussed that Fusion might be in breach of their responsibilities under the lease.

3. Pricing

Martin said that Fusion were not going to increase prices until they could provide appropriate information to this committee. The committee expressed thanks.

4. Next steps to improve maintenance

The committee were encouraged that Lambeth would be getting involved. At this stage no negative public campaigns would be launched by this committee, though it was acknowledged that there was likely to be criticism from others.

The position will be reviewed at the next meeting.

To do:

Martin to email to the committee accounts (as above) on 31 March.

Members to send question to Stephen by 6 April.

Stephen to co-ordinate and send question to Martin.

Next meeting: 27 April at 6.30