

**New College Telford
Search Committee
Tuesday 10 March 2009
Minutes**

Present: Cllr I Fletcher (Chairman) (part)
Mr D Hopkins
Mr G Clark
Mr J Shaw
Dr R Hargreaves

In Attendance: Mr P Taylor (Clerk)

[Clerk's Note: Cllr Fletcher, Chairman of the Committee, was unfortunately delayed en route to the meeting, and Mr Hopkins was appointed Chairman of the meeting in his stead. Upon his arrival Cllr Fletcher agreed that Mr Hopkins should chair the meeting to its conclusion].

1 Apologies

None.

2 Confirmation of Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of the Search Committee of 9 December 2008 were confirmed.

3 Declarations of Interest

None

4 Corporation Membership

The Clerk introduced the report (copy in minute book) for the Committee explaining that it set out the position in respect of Corporation vacancies, the relevant appointment procedures and the decisions that fell to the Committee to take. He noted that since compiling the report he had received a resignation from the Corporation due to ill health from Mr Woulds with an effective date of 31 March 2009.

[Clerk's note: at this point Cllr Fletcher joined the meeting].

Turning to the 'General Member Vacancy (1)' in the report, he noted that he had made contact with Miss Almond, Corporate Director, Children and Young People, Telford and Wrekin Council, and that Miss Almond had confirmed her willingness to allow her name to go forward for possible appointment to the Corporation.

Members considered carefully Miss Almond's possible contribution to the Corporation, particularly in the light of the current mix of skills, expertise and experience of members, and in view of the fact that there were currently no members on the Clerk's register of potential members. Cllr Fletcher raised a concern that Mrs Davies, a former member of the Corporation and a previous postholder of Miss Almond's position at Telford and Wrekin Council, had been unable to attend Corporation meetings on a regular basis. The Clerk reported that he had made arrangements that, if appointed, Miss Almond would have Corporation meetings scheduled in her diary. After further discussion the Committee resolved to recommend to the Corporation the appointment of Miss Almond as a General Member of the Corporation.

On the matter of the 'General Member Vacancy (2)' in the report, the Clerk noted that happily several names had been passed to him as persons who might be interested in joining the Corporation. Members reviewed the procedures for dealing with those potentially interested in joining the governing body. The Committee agreed that such persons should be contacted by the Clerk, invited to an informal briefing session with the Clerk and Vice Principal (or Principal) and if still interested should be asked to provide a brief pen picture of their skills, expertise and experience to be considered by the Committee for entry to the 'register of persons interested in becoming a member of New College Corporation' or, should the circumstances warrant it, for recommendation for appointment as a Corporation member.

On the matter of the staff member vacancy, the Clerk reported that Mr Julian Dean, a former Staff Member of the Corporation, was the only nominee from staff, and therefore there had been no necessity for a staff ballot and his name would go directly to the Corporation for appointment.

[Clerk's note: at this point in proceedings Dr Hargreaves left the meeting].

On 'General Member forthcoming vacancy (4)' the Clerk reported that Dr Hargreaves' term of office was to cease on 12 April 2009, and that he had indicated his willingness to be considered for re-appointment.

The Committee considered carefully the information provided by the Clerk, particularly the recommendations of the Nolan Committee, Dr Hargreaves' attendance, and his contribution to the work of the Corporation. Members considered the fact that there were no names on the Clerk's register of potential members, and referred to Dr Hargreaves' significant commitment to the College, and his considerable knowledge and experience of College and Corporation matters. The Committee resolved to recommend the re-appointment of Dr Hargreaves to the Corporation.

5 Date of Next Meeting

The next provisional date of the Search Committee is 6.30 pm on Tuesday 9 June 2009. In accordance with agreed procedures the meeting will only be called if there is competent business to conduct.