

New College Corporation Search Committee

13 October 2009

Minutes

Present: Cllr I Fletcher (Chairman)
Dr R Hargreaves
Mr G Clark

In Attendance: Mr P Taylor (Clerk)

1 Apologies

Mr Hopkins, Mr Shaw.

2 Confirmation of Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of the Search Committee of 14 July 2009 were confirmed.

3 Declarations of Interest

None.

4 Corporation Membership

The Clerk introduced the report (copy in minute book) for the Committee noting that it reviewed the position in respect of current vacancies on the Corporation. He reported that the Corporation, due to meet later in the evening, would consider making appointments to two of the three existing vacancies for general members based on the Committee's previous recommendations. He also reported that Miss Rosser was working with the student body to secure a nomination to the existing vacancy for a student member.

Should the Corporation make the two appointments recommended to them, there would remain one vacancy for a general member. Dr Hargreaves reported on his efforts to secure interest in joining the Corporation from those in or connected with the health and voluntary sectors. He reported with regret that his approaches had not been successful, and in particular noted with concern that the Council for Voluntary Services had commented on the general difficulties in securing volunteers for a variety of bodies in the area.

In general debate on the matter Mr Clark suggested that given the location of the college there would be merit in exploring the possibility of identifying potential members through the active Wellington Chamber of Commerce or the Town Partnership. Cllr Fletcher and Dr Hargreaves welcomed the proposal and agreed that Mr Clark should pursue the matter. Mr Clark also suggested that local schools might be a source of Governors, and the Committee agreed to return to the suggestion should the approaches in Wellington prove unsuccessful. Members were also mindful that in the past former parent members of the Corporation had made effective governors, and that Mrs Millington's term of office as a parent member expired in 2010. The Clerk undertook to raise the matter informally with Mrs Millington.

On the matter of the forthcoming vacancy for a general member for the Corporation upon the expiry of term of office of Mr Pickerin on 13 November 2009, the Clerk reported that Mr Pickerin had expressed his willingness to be considered for re-appointment. Members considered carefully the information provided by the Clerk, particularly the recommendations of the Nolan Committee, Mr Pickerin's attendance record and his contribution to the work of the Corporation. Members also considered the fact that there were no names on the Clerk's register of potential members, and referred to Mr Pickerin's considerable contribution to governance, particularly in his role as Chairman of the Student Achievement and Standards Committee. The Committee resolved to recommend the re-appointment of Mr Pickerin to the Corporation.

5 Date of Next Meeting

The next provisional date for the Search Committee is 6.30pm on Tuesday 15 December 2009. In accordance with agreed procedure the meeting will only be called if there is competent business to conduct.