

Grenfell Tower Memorial Commission Meeting
7th May 2020

Attendees

Thelma Stober (meeting chair)
Michael Lockwood
Community representatives
Secretariat
MHCLG

Meeting purpose

The twelfth meeting to agree the Commission's ways of working, discuss patrons, agree which memorials to engage with initially as well as to approve the three-month schedule of communications and engagement.

Opening

- A one-minute silence was held at the start of the meeting.
- It was confirmed that the meeting was quorate.

Actions log and minutes of previous meeting

- The Secretariat updated the Commission on progress on outstanding actions.

Update from the co-chairs

- Michael and Thelma updated on their upcoming meetings with ministers and stakeholders.

Ways of working

- The Commission considered the recommendations and agreed their process for making Commission decisions, and to have a code of conduct. They agreed that the bereaved veto will only apply to legacy decisions (e.g. the design of the memorial or future ownership). This will apply to both the Commission's decision-making and to community consultations.
- The Commission agreed to set up a young people's group as suggested by members of the community at the events in February. The Commission asked the Secretariat to provide advice on its remit and responsibilities.
- Community representatives agreed to hold quarterly update meetings with their community groups, supported by the co-chairs, in addition to the formal community consultation events. The Commission asked for options for engaging with the community virtually due to ongoing social distancing requirements.
- The Commission discussed who would be consulted on the memorial. For North Kensington, the Commission recognised the importance of consulting widely to ensure an inclusive approach. The Commission asked the Secretariat to provide a list of voluntary and charitable organisations in North Kensington to help them to understand the numbers involved.

Action: Secretariat to draft a code of conduct for the Commission to consider.

Action: Secretariat to consider options for virtual community engagement.

Action: Secretariat to provide a list of voluntary and charitable organisations in North Kensington.

Action: Secretariat to draft terms of reference for a young people's group.

Patrons

- The Commission considered the recommendations for patrons and gave their views on the suggested individuals. Community representatives put forward additional suggestions.
- The Commission agreed that patrons should have different backgrounds and come from different sectors and asked to see more suggestions of individuals for each sector.
- The Commission agreed that no-one felt strongly against any of the suggestions and so they should all remain under consideration. The Commission asked the Secretariat to begin contacting individuals to gauge interest.

Action: Secretariat to put forward more individuals for the Commission to consider.

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Memorials research

- The Commission considered the recommendations for which memorials to engage with initially to learn about the process they followed. The Commission agreed it would be important to visit some of the memorials to get a sense of how they feel.
- The Commission agreed to the recommended memorials to contact initially.

Action: Secretariat to begin contacting the agreed upon memorials.

Communications and engagement three-month schedule

- MHCLG updated that the Commission's Twitter account will be up and running soon. The Commission agreed how Twitter posts would be approved internally.
- The first blog is expected to be published by the end of May. The Commission agreed that one of the co-chairs should write the first blog.

AOB

- The Commission discussed their plans for the three-year anniversary. The Commission agreed to focus on creating a wreath and prepare a message to the community in the form of a plaque.
- The Commission agreed to develop ideas for a children's project that would take place later in the year.
- The Commission agreed to an extra meeting on 28th May to finalise the plans for the anniversary.

Next meeting: Thursday 28th May 2020

Meeting end.