

**Grenfell Tower Memorial Commission (GTMC) Meeting  
8 December 2022**

**Attendees**

**Memorial Commission**

Thelma Stober (Chair)

**Community Representatives**

(Bereaved  
representatives)

Hassan Hassan

Adel Chaoui

Sandra Ruiz

Nabil Choucair

(Survivor  
representatives<sup>1</sup>)

Hanan Cherbika

(Lancaster West  
representatives)

Susan Al Safadi

**Apologies:**

Mohammed Rasoul

Abraham Abebe

Andrea Newton

Hanan Wahabi

**Secretariat**

Grenfell Tower Memorial Commission Secretariat: 4 individuals

**Other**

Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (1 individual for item 3)

Bishop James Jones and Ken Sutton

Stephanie Edwards, Independent Design Adviser

Stuart Wood, Charity Commission

Marilyn Liddon, Community Intertest Company (CIC) regulator

**Meeting purpose**

The forty second meeting of the Memorial Commission to discuss the memorial commission and to explore ownership models (charity and Community Interest Companies).

**Opening**

- A one-minute silence was held at the start of the meeting.
- Thelma opened the meeting welcoming all to the meeting and highlighted that this has been a difficult week for all involved with the Commission with the resignation of Michael Lockwood as co-chair of the Commission.
- It was confirmed that the meeting was quorate

**Agenda item 1: Update on the Commission**

- Bishop James Jones provided reflections on the week in light of Michael's resignation, and gave advice on next steps.
- Bishop James Jones highlighted that the Commission has truth, justice and accountability at its core, and this has been evident this week.
- The commission representatives will meet to discuss the options available moving forward and finding a replacement co-chair.

**ACTION:** secretariat to provide additional information to the community representatives for their meeting on the options moving forward for a replacement co-chair.

### **Agenda item 2: for information items**

- Risk register and action log: it was noted that many of the actions had been closed and there was a change in the risk register.
- The secretariat asked for any comments for the minutes from the 10 November meeting to be sent by 13 December to be cleared.
- No conflicts of interests were declared.

### **Agenda item 3: ownership models**

- Thelma introduced the item of what the Memorial Commission has heard about ownership so far and provided a recap of the October Commission meeting, which focussed on ownership and included speakers from the Aberfan Memorial and Community Land Trust.
- Thelma welcomed the guest speakers from the Charity Commission and CIC and thanked them for attending.
- The Charity Commission introduced themselves and outlined different models available within a charity structure.
- The Charity Commission highlighted the importance of knowing the purpose of the memorial before considering a governance model and that half of applications to the Charity Commission are rejected, due to the purpose not being clear.
- The Charity Commission highlighted the benefits of a charity structure, which includes credibility and public recognition and easier access to grant funding.
- The Charity Commission spoke about the role of charity trustees and when trustees can be personally liable for example, when trustees cause a financial loss by acting improperly or if a third party has a legal claim against the charity which the charity can't meet.
- The CIC regulator outlined this ownership model, explaining that a CIC can trade, secure contracts, pay salaries and hire and fire employees, however, they operate for a social purpose which is regulated to ensure this is delivered
- The CIC explained that unlike charities they do not receive tax breaks due to their legal status and are liable for VAT and corporation tax like any other company.
- The CIC highlighted that their ownership model has greater levels of flexibility compared to a charity and a lighter touch on regulation.

- A CIC is limited by guarantee or shares and is considered a 'not for profit' company however this means 'not for private profit' as there is no limit to levels of profit as this will be used to benefit the community.

**ACTION:** The secretariat agreed to stay in touch with the Charity Commission and CIC regulators to feedback any further questions from the commission representatives.

## **AOB**

- The secretariat discussed plans for an in-person bereaved family event in January to ensure all voices are being heard and discussed plans for future engagement.
- Memorial Commission drop-in event on Saturday 10 December at Baseline Studios. The next drop-in event was discussed and the community representatives reiterated the importance of engaging with the community.

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## **Next meeting**

Thursday 19 January, at the V&A.