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Minutes

An Daras MAT Members' Meeting

Wednesday 13th April 2016 at St Stephens Community Academy at 2pm

(Matters that are challenged or questioned are shown in blue)

1. Welcome and Apologies

Present: James de Ferrars (Chair), Paul O'Brien, Diana Easter and Will Hermon

In Attendance: Clerk

Apologies: None

WH welcomed everyone and explained that another Members' meeting will be required soon to welcome the new Members.

2. Declarations of Interest/Pecuniary Interests Relevant to this Agenda

None less WH is employee of An Daras MAT

3. Under item 5.1.1 of St Catherine's Articles of Association, Members to deliberate and approve the final Replacement Articles of Association and draft resolution to legalise the changes to the ADMAT Articles.

WH explained that the Articles of Association are a little unusual and highlighted the key points that are different including:

- Askel Veur can have up to 25% representation on the Board of Directors
- Askel Veur can appoint one Member of the 5 Members.
- The "Church" element is to be protected.

The remainder of the document is very similar to previous Articles of Association. It has thus far been approved by solicitors Brown Jacobson, Askel Veur's solicitors and the DfE.

DE questioned what was meant by a financial expert and WH stated that it would be an external auditor. PO'B explained that this process has taken some time but due diligence has been conducted. JdF also looked through the Church Supplementary Agreement and it was discussed briefly.

The Members were in full agreement and the Resolution was signed.

Afternote: As instructed by the solicitors, following the meeting the Clerk handed a copy of the Resolution and Articles to WH, and sent the original off to the Registrar of Companies, Companies House, Crown Way, Cardiff, Wales, CF14 3UZ.

4. Plan for future Members of An Daras MAT

Due to the new schools, Membership should now be at 5. There are currently 3 members, 2 of which are Directors. Advice given that up to 35% of Directors can be Members and the Chair of Board of Directors can also be a Member.

JdF will remain as Chair. PO'B will remain as a Member. DE will step down. Ann Nicholson and Eva Paynter will be 2 new Members. Finally, Askel Veur will appoint the 5th Member.

Action: Next agenda to include 1. Welcome 2. New Members (a) Formally agree new Members (b) DE to dissolve membership and (c) welcome new Members. **Clerk**

5. Update on Expansion of An Daras MAT

WH provided a brief to the Members on the expansion of An Daras MAT and a presentation from Sir David Carter, the detail of which can be seen at the Confidential Minutes.

JdF questioned the number and size of buildings versus the numbers of pupils in a MAT. WH briefed that we have access to a central fund for building maintenance and were recently granted £200K for St Stephen's roof but did not get the funding for WHA Horsa Hut. The application for this will be re-submitted.

DE challenged that improving things in a MAT is difficult for the central staff when they are busy taking on new schools and expanding. WH stated that this is why it needs to be a staggered process.

The Members discussed the issue of underperforming MATs being disbanded by Carter and schools being reallocated – that An Daras may be forced to take on other schools in future.

DONM – the next Members' Meeting will take place at 2pm on 14 July 16 at St Stephen's Community Academy.

The meeting closed at 2.55pm.

TJH Martin (Clerk)

Distribution List:

P. O'Brien – Member

D. Easter – Member

J. de Ferrars - Member

W. Hermon – CEO Director/Executive Head