Grenfell Tower Memorial Commission Meeting 29 September 2022

Attendees

Memorial Commission

Thelma Stober

Michael Lockwood (meeting chair)

Community representatives

(Bereaved representatives) Hassan Hassan Hanan Wahabi Nabil Choucair (Survivor representatives¹) Abraham Abebe Hanan Cherbika Mohammed Rasoul (Lancaster West representatives) Susan Al Safadi Andrea Newton

Apologies

Sandra Ruiz Adel Chaoui

Secretariat

Grenfell Tower Memorial Commission secretariat: 4 individuals

Other

Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (DLUHC): 3 individuals – 1 individual for item 3) Bishop James Jones Ken Sutton, Bishop James Jones' secretariat Stephanie Edwards, independent design adviser Robyn Doran and David Bailey, Central and North West London NHS Foundation Trust (CNWL) Conservation advice group

Meeting purpose

The 39th meeting of the Memorial Commission to discuss conservation and an update on the design working group.

Opening

- A one-minute silence was held at the start of the meeting.
- Michael opened the meeting welcoming all to the meeting, noting that we were joined by the conservation group and members from CNWL. Michael asked Hassan to pass on our thanks to the Al Manaar Muslim Cultural Heritage Centre.

¹ For the purposes of the Memorial Commission, this refers to former residents of Grenfell Tower and Grenfell Walk.

• It was confirmed that the meeting was quorate

Item 1: for information items

- The secretariat asked for any comments for the minutes from 8 September to be sent by 4 October to be cleared.
- Risk register and action log it was noted that many of the actions had been closed, however, risks had not changed.
- Bishop James Jones provided his reflections and highlighted the importance of unity within the group and the resilience the group has shown. Expressed how it is emotion that drives us forward in the pursuit of truth and justice.

Item 2: conservation

- Michael introduced the topic to the group and welcomed the conservation group, who introduced themselves outlining their expertise.
- The Memorial Commission reflected on their recent visit to the Manchester Glade of Light Memorial and the Manchester Together Archive.
- The community representatives shared their personal views on issues relating to conserving elements of the tower and all expressed the importance of engaging with families on this topic and hearing their views and opinions.
- It was agreed that this is an ongoing conversation, and the commission representatives will continue to engage with the conservation group and the community.

Item 3: design update

- Stephanie Edwards gave a quick update following the design working group meeting with the representatives which was held on 20 September. It was a good, interactive meeting showing images and starting conversations about the site of the memorial, entrances, connections including spaces and how these can be used.
- It was concluded that further discussions will be held, including involving the community to hear their views via upcoming community drop-in events/ workshops.

ACTION: the secretariat to send an online copy of Stephanie's presentation and ensure this is discussed further in a future Memorial Commission meeting.

AOB

- The secretariat asked for any final comments on the letter to bereaved, survivors and residents by 3 October.
- The secretariat will also send over further information on ownership to assist the community representatives ahead of the next meeting.

• Memorial Commission drop-in – 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 20 October at the V&A