

Grenfell Tower Memorial Commission (GTMC) Meeting

11 July 2024

Attendees

Memorial Commission:

Thelma Stober

Lord Paul Boateng (Chair)

Community representatives:

(Bereaved
representatives)

Adel Chaoui

(Survivor
representatives)

Hanan Cherbika

(Lancaster West
representatives)

Susan Al Safadi

Apologies:

Andrea Newton

Abraham Abebe

Hassan Hassan

Nabil Choucair

Mohammed Rasoul

Sandra Ruiz

Hanan Wahabi

Secretariat:

Grenfell Tower Memorial Commission Secretariat: 6 individuals

Other:

Stephanie Edwards, Independent Design Adviser

Peter Neal, Independent Design Adviser

Jane Duncan, Independent Architectural Adviser

Meeting purpose

The fifty-ninth meeting of the Memorial Commission is to hear from local young people, update on the design team selection process and the future role of the Commission.

Opening

- A one-minute silence was held at the start of the meeting.
- Lord Paul Boateng opened the meeting, welcoming all in attendance.
- It was confirmed that the meeting was not quorate.
- No conflicts of interests were declared.

Agenda item 1: The Space Youth Group

- The young people introduced themselves and their work together so far.
- Thelma Stober encouraged the young people to consider using their skills and experience to work with emergency planning organisations and connect with other young people with shared experience.
- A community representative welcomed the young people's contribution and emphasised the importance of justice and community involvement throughout the journey.
- The Independent Design Adviser asked what the young people would like to see in memorial, and they noted the importance of honouring their friends and their homes, which were lost in the tragedy.
- The Commission acknowledged the importance of collaboration on the future memorial to ensure all members of the community feel a sense of ownership of the a memorial.
- Lord Paul Boateng talked through the next steps the Commission will be taking and welcomed the young people to be part of it.
- Jane Duncan emphasised the importance of the young people's voices and affiliation with the memorial for generations to come.

ACTION: The Secretariat will keep The Space Youth Group informed of progress and invite them to a future Commission meeting.

Agenda item 2: RIBA update

- Lord Paul Boateng welcomed Jane Duncan and introduced her to the Commission.
- Jane Duncan introduced herself and provided a summary of her previous work and why she wanted to take on this role as the architectural adviser to the design team selection process.
- Jane reflected on the steps ahead and her excitement at working with the Commission.

Agenda item 3: Design Team Selection update

- Thelma discussed the role of the Commission moving forward and the importance of bringing new voices along, during the design process.
- The Commission members discussed the importance of having a mandate for the Commission.
- Lord Paul Boateng stated that the time has come for a refreshed mandate and that work needs to be done to determine how that is to be obtained. He asked for the secretariat, assisted by the co-chairs and seeking input from the Commission, to come up with alternative suggestions.
- Lord Paul Boateng stated that the community, through the Commission, must not lose what they have already achieved but that a refresh to the mandate for the Grenfell Tower Memorial Commission going forward was important.
- it will be the time for a natural break point to refresh the mandate for the Grenfell memorial.
- It was agreed that the successor body will need to be constructed in such a way that oversees the development of the design but that also ensures the

bereaved, survivors and immediate community are involved in the selection at every stage.

- Lord Paul Boateng wished to put on record the Commission's particular thanks to the Independent Advisers for their assistance in launching the design team selection process.

ACTION: Secretariat to put together some initial options on the future role of the Commission to be discussed at the next meeting.

ACTION: Secretariat to continue to engage with bereaved family groups to understand how they may want to be more involved in the next stage of work.

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Next meeting: Thursday 19 September