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Subject: Cobblestones

Hi Kevin

Your email to our secretary has been passed on to me (she is away for a few weeks and doesn't seem to be answering emails).

Hopefully I can answer your queries.

Our board meets every 6 weeks. Our next meeting is tomorrow and then 17 December. We meet at 7pm at Cobblestones and our meetings usually take no more than 2 hours. Our board is in a state of flux at the moment - the term of all our board members ends at local authority election time and so we are awaiting the appointments to our board (the 3 district councils, SW Rotary, Greytown Lions, Greytown Heritage Association, the Friends of Cobblestones as well as GTLT all are entitled to make an appointment to our board and we are awaiting news those appointments at the moment).

Any conflicts or potential conflicts are dealt with in the usual way - if a trustee thinks they have a conflict, or any other board member thinks there is a conflict, then that conflicted person will be asked to withdraw from the discussion and any voting as appropriate but is allowed to stay at the meeting.

I am not averse to GTLT having a rotated board member although as you will realise that doesn't help continuity. But I think it is important that GTLT be at our table given our close relationship and the important funding issues ahead.

You did ask previously for our usual 6-monthly report to be made to your November meeting, and given the lack of a current representative I am happy to prepare that report, and to be present to answer any questions about it. We have our latest annual report that your board may be interested in, and I would be happy to prepare a short paper on that. What is your agenda deadline?

On a related note, I would like to discuss either with you or with your board our grant/rental situation for next year. That situation has been in a little bit of a hiatus pending the local authority elections (we had some preliminary discussions with SWDC about them possibly buying your interest in our land but they wanted to wait till the elections before discussing it further). But I recently have had some post-election discussions with SWDC and they have made some promising noises. But any decision will be some months away and so in order to give us funding certainty for next year I would like to suggest a freeze on the level of your grant to us for next year pending the outcome of further discussions with SWDC. It is important from our budgeting perspective that we have some certainty regarding the level of your future grant given that it makes up a substantial part of our income.

If you have any further questions on any of this I am happy to try and answer them.

Regards

Brian