

19th March 2018

At the Court of Wardmote held at the The Parish Hall, St Botolph's Churchyard, London, EC2M 3TL on 19th March 2018 before Sir Alan Yarrow JP, Alderman for the Ward of Bridge and Bridge Without, for the election of one Common Councilman for the residue of the current term.

The Lord Mayor's Precept was read by the Honorary Ward Clerk..

The Alderman welcomed electors to the meeting and expressed his thanks to the retiring Common Councilman Prem Goyal. Minutes of the previous Wardmotes of 13th and 14th November 2017 having been previously circulated were unanimously approved by the Wardmote.

The nominations for the office of Common Councilman were read and the candidates were invited to address the Wardmote and to answer questions from electors.

The Alderman declared that there being four candidates validly nominated and wishing to proceed in accordance with the Acts of Common Council to fill the one vacancy that a Poll should take place at the Parish Hall, St Botolph's Churchyard, Bishopsgate, London EC2M 3TL on Tuesday 20th March 2018 between the hours of 8.00am and 8.00pm in accordance with the Notice of Poll of 9th March 2018.

The Alderman appointed Mr T. R. Morris as the Honorary Ward Clerk for the term ensuing.

The Alderman nominated Joseph Akoto-Mensah (for the Ward Within) and James Shrubbs (for the Ward Without) to be elected as Ward Beadles for the ensuing term and their nominations were unanimously approved.

The Alderman appointed Timothy Harvey as Presiding Officer for the Poll and Jacqueline Ryan and Emma Lloyd as Polling Clerks.

The Honorary Ward Clerk read the provisions of Section 4 of the Ballot Act 1872 (as amended) and Declarations of Secrecy were made by all candidates, election officers, clerks and agents attending the count.

The Alderman then announced that the Trustees of the Central Foundation Schools of London (CFSL) had resolved to incorporate their body by establishing a company limited by guarantee. The Ward of Bishopsgate had the right to appoint a Trustee and this needed to be adapted. Mr John Clark FCA, Clerk and Bursar to the CFSL Trustees explained the reasons for this and invited the Wardmote to consider the following resolutions:-

1. That the Wardmote of Bishopsgate give its consent to the incorporation of the trustee body of the CFSL and authority be delegated to Deputy Wendy

Hyde to write to the CFSL to confirm the Wardmote of Bishopsgate's consent; and

2. That a Reference Sub Committee be established to deal with all future matters relating to the CFSL comprising three currently elected Common Councilmen of the Ward.

Both resolutions were unanimously approved although Deputy Wendy Hyde explained that the current Common Councilmen had agreed that no appointments should be made to this Reference Sub Committee at this stage in order that any three Common Councilmen might be appointed by the Common Councilmen of this Ward at any time in the future.

There being no further business the proceedings were adjourned to 20th March 2018.