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**Minutes of the forty-fourth meeting of the Board of Trustees of
the Open Spaces Society held at 6pm on Wednesday 15 April 2020
by videoconference**

PRESENT	Chris Beney (chairman) Graham Bathe Stuart Bain Chris Meewezen Phil Wadey Steve Warr
IN ATTENDANCE	Kate Ashbrook (general secretary)
APOLOGIES	John Hall Simon Hunt

FINANCIAL UPDATE

- 41/20 The treasurer reported that, in accordance with the trustees' decision by email on 3 April, we had moved the spare money from the Charities Aid Foundation Bank to Barclays. We had applied to add an account to our Nationwide account but it was currently taking 30 days to process an application.
- 42/20 He reported that we also had a timed deposit with Allied Irish Bank (AIB) which had matured and which we could renew.
- 43/20 With regard to AIB, it was agreed unanimously that clause 2 of the existing company mandate with AIB Group (UK) plc shall be deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following clause: That payments and transfers from the account(s) are made in accordance with the following signing instructions: any two signatures of Kate Ashbrook, Chris Beney, Lucinda Henwood, Steve Warr.
- 44/20 It was unanimously agreed to open an account with Hodge Bank (Stuart Bain declared an interest but not a conflict of interest).

- 45/20 The treasurer reported that we would also resurrect the timed deposit with Santander.

RISK REGISTER

- 46/20 The general secretary had updated the risk register to include new risks arising from Covid-19. This was approved.
- 47/20 The chairman said that he would like us to consider risk A1 (untimely departures of chairman and/or trustees in a short space of time), in case a number of trustees be struck by the virus simultaneously. As the mitigation needed to comply with our articles, it was suggested that he could bring a proposed mitigation plan to a future meeting.

APPLICATIONS FOR DEFINITIVE MAP MODIFICATION ORDERS (DMMOs) AND RE-REGISTRATION OF COMMON LAND DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

- 48/20 The general secretary presented a paper in which the staff recommended that staff and local correspondents making applications for DMMOs or the re-registration of common land should hold all applications for the present. This was so as not to bring additional stress to those affected, and the potential for bad publicity for the society.
- 49/20 This was unanimously agreed, with a review every three months and discretion for the general secretary to lift the restriction sooner should circumstances change.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- 50/20 It was agreed that in these uncertain times we should hold short meetings more frequently than the current timetable and it was agreed to meet additionally on Wednesday 13 May 2020 by videoconference.

FUTURE MEETINGS

Wednesday 13 May 2020, 6-7pm
Thursday 11 June 2020 (timings to be agreed)

The meeting ended at 7pm.



13 May 2020