

Witness Name [REDACTED]

Statement No: First

Exhibits: [REDACTED] 1- [REDACTED] 21

Dated:

THE INDEPENDENT JERSEY CARE INQUIRY

EXHIBIT [REDACTED] 8

**MINUTES OF
THE GREENFIELDS CENTRE
GOVERNING BODY MEETING
HELD ON THURSDAY 4th DECEMBER 2003**

PRESENT

██████████
J Le Breton

██████████
R McLean

APOLOGIES

**MINUTES OF
PREVIOUS
MEETINGS**

The minutes of the last meeting were agreed and signed.
The minutes of the Extra-ordinary meeting held on 23rd
October were also agreed and signed.

MATTERS ARISING

1. It was agreed that the Chairman would write a letter of thanks to ██████████ who was extremely ill. A gift from the pupils would be arranged by ██████████
2. New Governor – Ron McLean had spoken with Jurat Allo and he had agreed to join the Board of Governors. It was agreed he should be invited to the next meeting and be appointed initially as a Governor of Greenfields.
3. ██████████ had been unable to visit the UK unit.

**GOVERNOR'S
REPORT**

No recent visits had been made.

CORRESPONDENCE

A letter had been received from the Judicial Greffe in respect of a visit by Jurats on their training day, 10th February. Following discussion it was agreed that the visit should be postponed until after the appointment of a Centre Manager.

CENTRE REPORTS

A written report had been circulated by ██████████ in respect of the education provision. The Education Centre would be returning to Highlands in the new year as these younger pupils were being adversely influenced by the older pupils placed at Oakdale, a provision which had been set up for one but had increased in number over recent months. Teachers from Greenfields would still be involved with the Education Centre pupils.

██████████ informed the Governors that interviews for the post of Centre Manager would be taking place

shortly. Discussions were taking place with [REDACTED] [REDACTED] to cover the period from January until a new [REDACTED] would be in post.

A meeting had been held with the Childrens Executive And the Magistrates at which it had been agreed no more welfare placements would be made. The Magistrates had been sympathetic and would make every effort not to remand unnecessarily. Where possible the Youth Justice Worker would be consulted before a remand to the Greenfields Centre was made.

The Governors were informed that recently the Director had been called to the Royal Court to explain why a child could not be placed at Greenfields after sentence. It was noted that in previous years, when there had been about 24 welfare and remand placements at Les Chenes these equated to approximately 8 remands and 16 other placements.

Premises

[REDACTED] reported that the cells were considered inappropriate other than for control. Alterations would be made in order to make the cells more habitable, although the smaller of the rooms, which does not have a window, was felt to be totally inappropriate. Built in furniture would be installed and a mirror would improve sight lines.

It was not felt appropriate for sleeping in staff to be in the same building as the pupils and therefore the sleeping in room has now been moved back to Oakdale and the room in the main building returned to sleeping accommodation for pupils.

Discussions were taking place with regard to the development of facilities and the required finance.

Staffing

Wendy Hurford reported that fourteen full time care staff were now in post and a rota had been set up which allowed them every other weekend off. The ratio of male staff had been increased. The [REDACTED], would be [REDACTED] a TCI course in December. As yet no decision had been made in respect of further training for her in the UK. During term time three care staff worked in the morning, and five of an evening and weekend. The staff were finding it difficult to get the pupils up and ready for school in the short time available. The three week Christmas holiday period would be a challenge for the care staff.

Pupils

Education was delivered to the remand pupils on a daily basis, Monday to Friday, with homework club two evenings a week. The period of remand was used as an opportunity to assess the pupils and a care plan put in place. A lot of the pupils end up in special education rather than returning to mainstream education.

A system at Greenfields had been designed to modify behaviour and the pupils seem to respond to it. A work scheme had been introduced whereby they could earn wages for doing jobs at weekends and the pupils could use this money to buy treats. A points scheme was also operating during lesson times which enabled a bonus of 50p to be added to their weekend wages.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was agreed that the next meeting would be held on Thursday 19th February at 2 p.m.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Dates for meetings in 2004 to be approved at the next meeting.

