

FOI2024/00044 – Extractions

18 March 2019 Meeting Minutes

**MINUTES OF A CALL OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF POST OFFICE LIMITED HELD ON 18 MARCH 2019 AT 17.15 HRs**

**Present:**

Tim Parker (Chairman)  
Ken McCall (Chairman for the meeting)  
  
Tom Cooper  
Tim Franklin  
Shirine Khoury-Haq  
Carla Stent  
Alisdair Cameron

**Other attendees:**

Lord Neuberger, QC (from item 3.)  
Jane MacLeod (Group Director Legal, Risk and Governance and Company Secretary)



**Apologies:**

Paula Vennells

**1. Conflicts of Interest**

**Actions**

A conflict of interest was noted in relation to Tim Parker in his role as Chairman of the HM Courts and Tribunal Service.

A conflict of interest was noted in relation to Tom Cooper in his role as UKGI Director, which as an executive part of government, should not be involved in a decision which related to the judiciary.

Article 82 of PO Limited's Articles of Association permitted the Board to authorise a director in relation to any matter the subject of a conflict. The Board determined that Tim Parker and Tom Cooper should be involved in the Board discussions but they would not be party to the decision on whether or not to seek the Judge's recusal.

20 March 2019 Meeting Minutes

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF POST OFFICE LIMITED HELD ON 20 MARCH 2019 AT 20 FINSBURY STREET, LONDON EC2Y 9AQ AT 12.30 PM**

**Present:**

Tim Parker (Chairman) (by telephone)

Ken McCall (Chairman for the meeting)

Tom Cooper

Shirine Khoury-Haq

Carla Stent

Alisdair Cameron

**Other attendees:**

Jane MacLeod (Group Director Legal, Risk and Governance and Company Secretary)

Mark Davies (Group Director Communications)

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**Apologies:**

Tim Franklin, Paula Vennells.

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Ken McCall reported that had spoken to Tim Franklin the previous evening and that he and Jane MacLeod had received his views in writing.

It was reported that Paula Vennells could not participate in the call but had been updated on the discussions.

## Operational Responses to the GLO: Update

Rob Houghton & Ben Foat

Meeting date: 28 May 2019

### Conclusions

1. Post Office's application to the Court of Appeal for the Managing Judge to be recused was dismissed on 10 May 2019. There is no right to appeal or challenge a refusal to grant permission to appeal. The recusal application has therefore reached its conclusion and the Horizon Issues Trial will resume on 4 June 2019. Before then, Post Office will seek permission from the Managing Judge to appeal the CITJ on 23 May 2019. If the Managing Judge does not grant permission to appeal, Post Office will, as it had done in relation to the Recusal application, be able to seek permission to appeal from the Court of Appeal.

### Recusal Application

2. Subsequent to Post Office's recusal application being dismissed by the Managing Judge, Post Office sought permission for the Court of Appeal to lodge an appeal of that decision. This was refused by the Court of Appeal on 10 May 2019. There is no right to appeal or challenge a refusal to grant permission to appeal. The recusal application has therefore reached its conclusion.