

**MINUTES OF THE ALEXANDRA PALACE AND PARK CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE.  
TUESDAY, 10 JULY 2007**

Members:

Councillors: \*Cooke (Chair), Beacham, \*Dogus, \*Egan (Vice Chair), Hare, \*Oakes and \*Peacock

Alexandra Palace Amateur Ice Skating Club	*	Mr. M. Tarpey
Alexandra Palace Angling Association	*	Mr K. Pestell
Alexandra Palace Allotments Association	*	Mr S. Ballard
Alexandra Palace Indoor Bowls Club		Mr D. Fish
Alexandra Palace Organ Appeal	*	MrJ. Apperley
Alexandra Palace Television Society		Mr S. Vaughan
Alexandra Palace Television Group	*	Mr J. Thompson
Alexandra Residents' Association	*	Ms. C. Hayter
Bounds Green and District Residents' Association		Mr K. Ranson
Friends of the Alexandra Park		Mr. G. Hutchinson
Friends of the Alexandra Palace Theatre	*	(sub Mr. C. Richelle)
Hornsey Historical Society	*	Mr.J.O'Callaghan
Muswell Hill and Fortis Green Association	*	Ms D. Feeney
Muswell Hill Metro Group	*	Mr J. Boshier
New River Action Group	*	Mr F. Clark
Palace View Residents' Association	*	(sub Mr H. Williams)
U.C.A.T.T.		Mr J. McCue
Warner Estate Residents' Association	*	Prof. R. Hudson

\*Members present.

Also In Attendance:

David Loudfoot - The General Manager, Alexandra Palace  
Keith Holder – Consultant Development Manager  
Mark Evison – Park Manager, Alexandra Palace  
Clifford Hart - Clerk to the Committee – Non Executive Committees Manager – LB Haringey

Mr C. Richelle - Friends of Alexandra Palace Theatre  
Mr R. Tucker - Alexandra Palace Organ Appeal

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**MINUTE  
NO.**

**SUBJECT/DECISION**

**ACTION  
BY**

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<b>APCC01.</b>	<b>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE (IF ANY).</b>  Apologies for absence were received from Mr Clark – New River Action Group, Ms Val Paley – Palace View Residents Association for whom Mr Hugh Williams was substituting, Mr Willmott – Friends of Alexandra Palace Theatre for whom Mr Richelle was substituting, and for lateness and possible non attendance from Councillor Hare.  <b>NOTED</b>  At this point in the proceedings the Chair welcomed those present and each attendee introduced themselves.  <b>NOTED</b>
<b>APCC02.</b>	<b>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST MEMBERS TO DECLARE ANY INTEREST IN F OF ITEMS ON THIS AGENDA.</b> There were no declarations of interests.  <b>NOTED</b>
<b>APCC03.</b>	<b>URGENT BUSINESS THE CHAIR WILL CONSIDER THE ADMISSION OF ANY ITEMS OF URGENT BUSINESS. (LATE ITEMS WILL BE CONSIDERED UNDER AGENDA ITEM WHERE THEY APPEAR. NEW ITEMS WILL BE DEALT WITH A BELOW).</b> The Clerk advised that there were no items of urgent business.  <b>NOTED</b>
<b>APCC04.</b>	<b>MEMBERSHIP AND CONSTITUTION</b>  The Chair asked that the Clerk update the Committee on the Constitution.  The Clerk – Mr Hart advised that since the agenda had been despatched, which had shown the membership of the Committee, a number of those groups that had been shown as ‘to be advised’ had now confirmed their Membership details. They were Mr Ballard – Alexandra Palace Allotment Association, Mr Pestell - Alexandra Palace Angling Association, Mr Boshier – Muswell Hill Metro Group, and Mr Clarke – New River Action Group.  Mr hart advised that as yet he had not received confirmation of the representatives for Friends of Alexandra Park, or Bounds Green and District Residents Association and he would attempt further contact with them to ascertain their representative.  With regard to two groups – the Alexandra Palace Action Group, and Muswell Hill Friends of the Earth had been written to on a number of occasions in the past year to ascertain if the Groups were still in existence. As there had been no response from either Group Mr Hart advised that it was for the Committee to decide whether it was appropriate for the Committee to remove them from the Membership.

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	<p>The Chair then MOVED and it was:</p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><b>a1.</b> That the following applications for membership of the Alexandra Palace and Park Consultative Committee for the 2007/8 municipal year be approved –</p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 60%;">Alexandra Palace Allotments Association</td> <td>Mr S. Ballard</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Alexandra Palace Amateur Ice Skating Club</td> <td>Mr. M. Tarpey</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Alexandra Palace Angling Association</td> <td>Mr K. Pestell</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Alexandra Palace Indoor Bowls Club</td> <td>Mr D. Fish</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Alexandra Palace Organ Appeal</td> <td>Mr.J.Apperley</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Alexandra Palace Television Society</td> <td>Mr S. Vaughan</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Alexandra Residents’ Association</td> <td>Ms. C. Hayter</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Alexandra Palace Television Group</td> <td>Mr J. Thompson</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Bounds Green and District Residents’ Association</td> <td>To be advised</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Friends of Alexandra Park</td> <td>To be advised</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Friends of the Alexandra Palace Theatre</td> <td>Mr. N. Willmott</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Hornsey Historical Society</td> <td>Mr.J.O’Callaghan</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Muswell Hill and Fortis Green Association</td> <td>Ms D. Feeny</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Muswell Hill Metro Group</td> <td>Mr J. Boshier</td> </tr> <tr> <td>New River Action Group</td> <td>Mr F.W.Clark</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Palace View Residents’ Association</td> <td>Ms V. Paley</td> </tr> <tr> <td>U.C.A.T.T.</td> <td>Mr J. McCue</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Warner Estate Residents Association</td> <td>Prof R Hudson</td> </tr> </table> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><b>A2.</b> that the Alexandra Palace Action Group, and Muswell Hill Friends of the earth be removed from the representative Membership following no responses from either group as to continued membership despite a number of attempts top contact each in the past year.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><b>b.</b> That Ms V. Paley, Mr M. Tarpey and Mr N. Willmott be appointed as non-voting Members of the Alexandra Palace and Park Board for the municipal year 2007/8.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><b>c.</b> That the Constitution of the Committee be noted.</p>	Alexandra Palace Allotments Association	Mr S. Ballard	Alexandra Palace Amateur Ice Skating Club	Mr. M. Tarpey	Alexandra Palace Angling Association	Mr K. Pestell	Alexandra Palace Indoor Bowls Club	Mr D. Fish	Alexandra Palace Organ Appeal	Mr.J.Apperley	Alexandra Palace Television Society	Mr S. Vaughan	Alexandra Residents’ Association	Ms. C. Hayter	Alexandra Palace Television Group	Mr J. Thompson	Bounds Green and District Residents’ Association	To be advised	Friends of Alexandra Park	To be advised	Friends of the Alexandra Palace Theatre	Mr. N. Willmott	Hornsey Historical Society	Mr.J.O’Callaghan	Muswell Hill and Fortis Green Association	Ms D. Feeny	Muswell Hill Metro Group	Mr J. Boshier	New River Action Group	Mr F.W.Clark	Palace View Residents’ Association	Ms V. Paley	U.C.A.T.T.	Mr J. McCue	Warner Estate Residents Association	Prof R Hudson
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<p><b>APCC05.</b></p>	<p><b>TERMS OF REFERENCE</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>RESOLVED:</b></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">That the report be noted.</p> <p>At this point in the proceeding Prof Hudson asked whether, if the negotiations for the Palace were concluded then would the Firoka Group be represented on the Consultative Committee, and how would the Committee’s role change as a result of the completion.</p>																																				

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	<p>In response the General Manager – Mr Loudfoot advised that the relationship between this committee and the Alexandra Palace and Park Board, and the current level of interaction would remain unchanged. The Firoka Group would also be entitled to hold a position on this Committee, as would any other sub lessee.</p> <p>Prof Hudson commented that he hoped there would be some good dialogue with the Firoka Group upon completion and in the future.</p> <p><b>NOTED</b></p>
<b>APCC06.</b>	<p><b>MINUTES:</b></p> <p>Following a brief comment in terms of small points of accuracy by Members the Chair MOVED and it was:</p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. That the minutes of the meeting of the Alexandra Palace and Park Consultative Committee held on 19 April 2007 be confirmed and signed as a correct record, subject to the following amendments:  APCC06 - Page 9  Second para – last line  after the word ‘Mr Loudfoot updated the Committee on’ add the words ‘the contents of the report’  APCC06 – Page 9  Third bullet point  The word ‘hotgog’ be replaced with ‘hotdog’</li><li>2. That the minutes of the meeting of the Alexandra Palace and Park Board held on 24 April 2007 be noted.</li></ol>
<b>APCC07.</b>	<p><b>FUTURE OF THE ASSET – UPDATE (VERBAL REPORT OF THE GENERAL MANAGER OF THE ALEXANDRA PALACE) TO ADVISE THE COMMITTEE ON PROGRESS.</b></p> <p>The Chair asked for a brief update and introduction.</p> <p>The Consultant Development Manager advised the Committee that he was able to update the Committee to the situation as to the order being issued from the Charity Commission. However in respect of further progress, there was a limit to what could now be stated. Mr. Holder confirmed that there had been notification of a proposed judicial review by the issuing of a pre-action letter containing a statement on proposed legal challenge to the Charity Commission’s Order. In</p>

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light of this proposed action the unequivocal legal advice received from the Trust Solicitor and re-enforced by the development project legal advisers means that were unable to address the Committee in respect updating the Committee on progress regarding the future of the asset. Specifically the legal advice had been not to enter into discussion of the agenda item in light of the pre-action letter requesting the quashing of the Charity Commission's Order.

Mr. Holder confirmed the Order was agreed on 27 April 2007 though sealed on 4 May 2007. The legal challenge from an individual was to the effect of a challenge to the Charity Commission's power to grant an order.

In response to questions from Ms Hayter Mr Holder advised that beyond the 3 month period in which leave for judicial review had to be sought there were no specific time limits on that process.

In response to comments and questions from Mr Boshier and Mr Tarpey Mr Holder advised that there was a financial loss for every month that a delay to the conclusion of the agreement occurred. Staff morale was very low and 5 permanent staff had resigned in the past 5 weeks due to uncertainty created. Further Mr. Holder confirmed that legal costs would be incurred by the charity but that he would be advising the Board to make every effort to recover them.

There being no further discussions the Chair MOVED and it was:

**RESOLVED**

That the verbal update be noted.

**APCC08. HERITAGE LOTTERY FUNDED LANDSCAPE DEVELOPMENT PROJECT UPDA  
(REPORT OF THE DEVELOPMENT MANAGER) TO UPDATE ON PROGRESS M  
TOWARDS THE PROGRAMME OF WORKS FOR THIS YEAR'S PROJECT ITEM**  
The Chair asked for a brief introduction of the report.

In a succinct introduction to the circulated report Mr Evison gave a brief update of each of the areas of HLF work and answered points of clarification.

The Committee sought clarification as to a number of issues including:

- Previous concerns reiterated around issues of signage at entrances, and notice boards. Mr Evison stated that 12 new notice boards have been erected throughout the park, and that 'finger signage' would be developed and installed before the end of the project..
- The covering of the man-hole covers on the bank side of the lake.
- The possible funding of the boundary fencing of the Park and Allotment as the top wooden fence was now rather dilapidated .
- Defective lighting – light nos. 213/215 on the footpath being on during the daytime
- The possibility of replacing the road gantries which had been formed in the 1980's by use of cast iron pillars which had been sourced post-fire from the Great Hall.

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	<p>The Chair in asking that the report's contents be noted, congratulated Mr Evison on his appointment and welcomed him. This sentiment was shared by the Committee.</p> <p>There being no further discussions the Chair MOVED and it was:</p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b></p> <p>That the report be noted.</p>
<b>APCC09.</b>	<p><b>FORTHCOMING EVENTS (REPORT OF THE GENERAL MANAGER, ALEXANDRA PALACE) TO ADVISE THE COMMITTEE ON FORTHCOMING EVENTS TO THE FINANCIAL YEAR. TO BE TABLED</b></p> <p>The General Manager advised the Committee of those events provisionally confirmed (<i>in italics</i>) and those confirmed on the circulated events sheet. In particular he referred the Committee to 2 provisional all night events – Miracles Ministry &amp; Mountains of Fire on 14/15 September 2007, and 'Slammin Vinyl' on 21-22 March 2008.</p> <p>Discussions briefly centred on the previous two all night events and the phenomenon of the sound problem on one of them given the fact that the actual sound monitoring equipment had not recorded higher or exceeded levels of noise, and the ensuing local residents' complaints etc.</p> <p>Following clarification as to a number of the events and the fact that some, such as the Antiques Market was not returning Mr Loudfoot advised that that event organiser had chosen not to return to the Palace.</p> <p>Mr Apperley advised that the Organ Concert booked for 21 October 2007 had not been listed.</p> <p>Mr Loudfoot undertook to look into this oversight and advise Mr Apperley accordingly.</p> <p>There being no further discussions the Chair MOVED and it was:</p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b></p> <p>That the report be noted.</p>
<b>APCC10.</b>	<p><b>ITEMS REQUESTED BY NOMINATED REPRESENTATIVES</b></p>
<b>APCC11.</b>	<p><b>URGENT BUSINESS TO CONSIDER ANY NEW ITEM OF BUSINESS ADMITTED UNDER ITEM 3.</b></p> <p>(i) Ms Hayter sought clarification relating to her earlier comment and assumed that no planning applications had been submitted by Firoka.</p> <p>Mr Holder confirmed that assumption was correct. .</p>

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	<p>(ii) Mr O'Callaghan referred to a website EVENT that he had recently viewed that stated that the General Manager was a Mr. Shaun Ormrod when in fact Mr. Loudfoot had been appointed and sought clarification. It was confirmed that because a website has Alexandra Palace mentioned within it we would not be able to verify or control the accuracy of any statements contained therein. However Mr. Ormrod was Firoka's appointment as General Manager in preparation for the transfer.</p>
<b>APCC12.</b>	<p><b>TO NOTE THE DATES OF MEETINGS OF THE CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE MUNICIPAL YEAR 2007/2008 AS FOLLOWS:</b></p> <p>9 October 2007</p> <p>12 February 2008</p> <p>There being no further business to discuss the meeting concluded at 20:08hrs</p>

COUNCILLOR MATT COOKE

Chair