

**MINUTES OF THE ALEXANDRA PARK AND PALACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE.
TUESDAY, 3 JULY 2007**

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

NOMINATED BY LOCAL RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATIONS

*Ms. J. Hutchinson	:	Alexandra Residents' Association
*Mr P. Wastell	:	Alexandra Residents' Association
*Ms. D. Feeney (substituting for Ms Myers)	:	Muswell Hill and Fortis Green Association
Ms J. Baker	:	Palace Gates Residents' Association
Ms P. Lacroix	:	Palace View Residents' Association
Ms S. Rees (deputy)	:	Palace View Residents' Association
*Mr. D. Frith	:	The Rookfield Association
*Mr. F. Hilton (deputy)	:	The Rookfield Association
*Mr. D. Liebeck (Chair)	:	Warner Estate Residents' Association
*Mr H. Aspden	:	Warner Estate Residents' Association

APPOINTED MEMBERS

*Councillor S. Oatway	:	Alexandra Ward
Councillor A. Demirci	:	Bounds Green Ward
*Councillor S. Beynon	:	Fortis Green Ward
*Councillor M. Whyte	:	Hornsey Ward
Councillor J. Bloch	:	Muswell Hill Ward
Councillor A. Dobbie	:	Noel Park Ward
*Councillor J. Patel	:	Council Wide appointment
1 Vacancy	:	Council Wide appointment

* indicates Member present

Also in attendance:

Councillor B. Hare

Mr D. Loudfoot – General Manager Alexandra Palace

Mr K. Holder – Consultant Development Manager

Mr M. Evison - Park Manager Alexandra Palace

Mr C. Hart – Clerk to the Committee – LB Haringey Non Executive Committees Manager

**MINUTE
NO.**

SUBJECT/DECISION

APSC01.	ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR 2007/08 The Clerk advised the Committee that as this meeting was the first meeting of the Municipal Year 2007/08 the first item of business on the agenda was
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to elect a Chair and Vice-Chair of the Committee.

Mr Hart informed the meeting that in line with previous years the Chair was nominated from amongst the nominated Residents Association representatives, and the Vice-Chair from the appointed Councillors of the Advisory Committee. Mr Hart then sought nominations for the position of Chair of the Advisory Committee for the Municipal Year 2007/08.

Ms Hutchinson nominated Mr Liebeck as Chair of the Advisory Committee for the Municipal Year 2007/2008. Councillor Oatway seconded the nomination.

There being no further nominations it was:

RESOLVED

That Mr D. Liebeck – Warner Estate Residents' Association be duly elected as Chair of the Alexandra Park and Palace Advisory Committee for the Municipal Year 2007/2008.

Mr D Liebeck in the Chair

The Chair sought nominations for the position of Vice-Chair of the Advisory Committee for the Municipal Year 2007/2008.

Councillor Whyte nominated Councillor Oatway as Vice-Chair of the Advisory Committee. Mr Aspden seconded the nomination.

There being no other nominees it was:

RESOLVED

That Councillor S. Oatway be duly elected as Vice-Chair of the Alexandra Park and Palace Advisory Committee for the Municipal Year 2007/2008.

At this point in the proceedings the Chair advised that there would be an adjournment.

The Committee adjourned at 19.43hrs and reconvened at 20.00hrs.

NOTED

APSC02. MEMBERSHIP: TO NOTE ANY CHANGES TO THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

The Clerk to the Committee advised that the qualifying Associations to the Committee had confirmed to him that they had collectively felt that the previous year's allocation of places should remain for 2007/08 in terms of the appointment from amongst their number to the 8 allocated places that the qualifying associations were able to appoint to on the Advisory Committee.

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Mr Hart also advised of the Councillor representative changes for the 2007/08 Municipal Year namely Councillor Demirci (Bounds Green Ward), Councillor Beynon (Fortis Green Ward), Councillor Bloch (Muswell Hill Ward), and Councillor Patel as the 1 of 2 Council-wide nominations.

The Chair welcomed Councillors Beynon and Patel to the Advisory Committee, and Ms Feeney.

The Chair then MOVED and it was:

RESOLVED

That the allocation of the 8 places from the qualifying Associations to the Alexandra Palace and Park Advisory Committee for the Municipal Year 2007/08 as detailed below be noted:

Association	Allocated places/named representative
Alexandra Residents' Association	2 places - Ms Hutchinson /Mr Wastell
Muswell Hill and Fortis Green Association	1 place - Ms Myers
Palace Gates Residents' Association	1 place - Ms Baker
Palace View Residents' Association	1 place – Ms LaCroix (Ms Rees as deputy)
The Rookfield Association	1 place - Mr Frith (Mr Hilton as deputy)
Warner Estate Residents Association	2 places - Mr Liebeck /Mr Aspden

APSC03. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was received on behalf of Ms Monica Myers – Muswell Hill and Fortis Green Association, for whom Ms Feeney was substituting.

APSC04. APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE URGENCY SUB-COMMITTEE FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR 2007/08

The Clerk to the Committee informed the meeting that it was necessary to appoint Members of the Advisory Committee to its established Urgency Sub-Committee for the Municipal Year 2007/08. Mr Hart advised that the composition of the Urgency Sub-Committee was 2 resident association representatives, and 2 Councillor representatives of the Advisory

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	<p>Committee. Mr Hart advised that the previous year's Urgency Sub Committee Membership had been Ms J Hutchinson, Mr D Liebeck (Chair), Councillor A. Dobbie, Councillor S. Oatway (Vice-Chair).</p> <p>Mr Hart sought nominations for the positions.</p> <p>Ms Hutchinson nominated Mr Wastell as one association representative, and Councillor Oatway nominated Mr Liebeck as the other association representative, and Chair of the Urgency Sub-Committee.</p> <p>Mr Liebeck nominated Councillor Oatway as Councillor representative, and Vice-Chair of the Urgency-Sub Committee. Councillor Whyte nominated Councillor Beynon as the other Councillor nomination on the Urgency Sub Committee.</p> <p>There being no further nominations it was:</p> <p>RESOLVED</p> <p>That the following Members be appointed to the Urgency Sub-Committee of the Advisory Committee for the Municipal Year 2007/08 as detailed below:</p> <p>Mr P Wastell Mr D Liebeck (Chair) Councillor S. Beynon Councillor S. Oatway (Vice-Chair)</p>
<p>APSC05.</p>	<p>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE ARE INVITED TO DISCLOSE ANY INTEREST THEY MAY HAVE IN ANY OF THE ITEMS APPEARING ON THIS AGENDA.</p> <p>There were no declarations of interests.</p> <p>NOTED</p>
<p>APSC06.</p>	<p>TO NOTE THE COMMITTEE'S RULES OF PROCEDURES: TO NOTE THE RULES OF PROCEDURES OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND SUBSEQUENT DISCUSSIONS WITH REPRESENTATIVES.</p> <p>There being no comments or clarification it was:</p> <p>RESOLVED</p> <p>That the circulated rules of procedures be noted.</p>
<p>APSC07.</p>	<p>MINUTES</p> <p>i) Minutes of the meeting of the Advisory Committee held on 27 March 2007</p>

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That the minutes of the Alexandra Park and Palace Advisory Committee held on 27 March 2007 be confirmed as an accurate record of the proceedings.

ii) **Matters arising**

(i) **Map**

Mr Aspden asked whether Members could be supplied with a map of the park showing the location of the various building and facilities.

The Chair agreed that this could be circulated together with the draft minutes when circulated.

NOTED

(ii) **Response from the Charity Commission**

Mr Aspden asked that the formal letter sent to the Charity Commission and the formal response received from them be added to the formal minutes of the Advisory Committee meeting of 22 November 2006.

The Chair, in quoting the formal response in the form of the order, asked that the Clerk check whether it was appropriate to have the formal letter and response included and take action accordingly.

NOTED

(iii) **Funfair noise nuisance (AP47)**

Councillor Oatway advised that in respect of the funfair noise issue she could now report that local residents had advised that following management corrective actions all concerned were now happy with the outcome.

NOTED

ii) Minutes of the Alexandra Palace and Park Board – 24 April 2007, and Alexandra Palace and Park Consultative Committee – 19 April 2007

RESOLVED

That the draft minutes of the Alexandra Palace and Park Board held on 24 April 2007, and the draft minutes Alexandra Palace and Park Consultative Committee held on 19 April 2007 be noted.

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APSC08.	<p>TO CONSIDER A REQUEST BY J. O'CALLAGHAN TO ADDRESS THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE IN RESPECT OF THE FUTURE OF ALEXANDRA PALACE</p> <p>The Chair referred to the request from Mr Jacob O'Callaghan to address the Committee regarding the future of Alexandra Palace. The Chair asked if the Committee were minded to grant Mr O'Callaghan's request.</p> <p>Councillor Oatway felt that Mr O'Callaghan should be allowed to address the Committee and appraise them of his comments and concerns as to the future of Alexandra Palace.</p> <p>The Committee were in general agreement to an address from Mr O'Callaghan.</p> <p>The Chair informed Mr O'Callaghan that the Committee were in agreement to hear his address and that it was more appropriate to hear the address now given that the next meeting of the Advisory Committee was not until October 2007. The Chair welcomed Mr O'Callaghan to the proceedings and advised him that he had no more than 10 minutes to address the Committee.</p> <p>At 20:20hrs Mr O'Callaghan thanked the Committee for allowing him to address them in respect of the future of Alexandra Palace.</p> <p>During his address Mr O'Callaghan advised that his main interest in the Palace was due to the history of television. He commented that he was also one of the people who had initiated and successfully campaigned for the listing of the Palace. Arising from this interest and given the events of the past year/18 months which had been of considerable concern regarding the lease he had now taken the legal steps to commence a Judicial Review, albeit reluctantly. The basis of the application was the actual process of consultation that had been carried out by the Charity Commission in respect of their Order.</p> <p>Mr O'Callaghan re-iterated that the main argument is in relation to the question of consultation, and referred to the Parliamentary debate and the decision by Parliament to grant powers to grant an extended lease period of 125 years. The Minister had stressed the need to ensure full consultation on any future proposed lease agreement during the debate. In his view the subsequent consultation pertaining to the proposed lease had not been full consultation and therefore the subsequent issuing of the Order by the Charity Commission was wrong..</p> <p>Despite his requests details of the lease had not been forthcoming and he was formally asking if the Advisory Committee had had sight of the lease. The members present confirmed that they had not. The Chair confirmed that as an Observer at the Board he had seen the document but was unable to share its contents with anyone else. Mr O'Callaghan commented that the Board of Trustees had a duty to ensure adequate consultation and this had not appeared to have been sufficiently carried out. Mr O'Callaghan referred to his numerous requests for information under the Freedom of Information Act.</p> <p>Further he had researched the work of Juliet Solomon in challenging the accounts some years ago with regard to the future of the Palace. Mr O'Callaghan also</p>

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commented on the audited accounts which he said were inaccurate.

Mr O'Callaghan concluded by saying that if any of the Committee or the Association they represented believed that they had not been adequately consulted they were welcome to get in touch with the Save Alexandra Palace campaign.

In response to clarification by the Chair Mr O'Callaghan advised that his Solicitors had given notice to the Trust Solicitors, the Charity Commissioner's legal representatives, and the Firoka Group's legal advisers to the effect that unless the Order granted by the Charity Commission was quashed by 13 July 2007 then a judicial review application would proceed without further reference or notice.

The Chair thanked Mr O'Callaghan for his address.

The address was concluded at 20:30hrs.

NOTED

APSC09. FUTURE OF THE ASSET – UPDATE (VERBAL REPORT OF THE GENERAL MANAGER, ALEXANDRA PALACE) TO ADVISE THE COMMITTEE ON PROGRESS.

The Chair asked for a brief update and introduction.

The Consultant Development Manager advised the Committee on the discrete point of the pre-action letter outlining proposed legal action against the Charity Commission and in light of the unequivocal legal advice received from the Trust Solicitor and re-enforced by the development project legal advisers Officers 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.

In response to Councillor Hare Mr Holder advised that the advice had been given by the Trust's Solicitor – Howard Kennedy, the Trust Solicitor and Berwin Leighton Paisner the Board's legal adviser to the development project.

Councillor Oatway sought clarification as to whether there may be a possibility to have a special meeting of the Advisory Committee to receive an update in the latter part of July or early September given that there may have been developments by that time, and the next programmed meeting was not scheduled until October 2007.

The Chair responded that perhaps the most appropriate way forward was that once there further matters to report then the Clerk to the Committee could be notified and then take the necessary steps to convene an additional special

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	<p>meeting of the Advisory Committee.</p> <p>Councillor Oatway thanked the Chair and commented that she would also be checking with Mr Holder in the latter part of July to see if there were further developments that required the Committee's consideration.</p> <p>NOTED</p> <p>At this point the proceedings Mr Aspden felt it was appropriate to thank Mr Holder in the sentiments expressed by the Chair to the Board in April 2007 and the Advisory Committee's thanks to Mr Holder and to wish him well in the future. The Committee assented Mr Aspden's comments</p>
APSC10.	<p>HERITAGE LOTTERY FUNDED LANDSCAPE DEVELOPMENT PROJECT UPDATE (REPORT OF THE DEVELOPMENT MANAGER) TO UPDATE ON PROGRES</p> <p>The Chair, on behalf of the Committee, welcomed Mr Evison and wished him the best of luck in the post of Park Manager.</p> <p>The Chair then asked for a brief introduction of the report.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>The Committee sought clarification as to a number of issues including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Previous concerns reiterated around issues of signage at entrances, as well as in and along the park boundary. Mr Evison stated that this issue could be picked up at the 'walkabout' on 10 July 2007 and that perhaps 'finger signage' was a likely contender for new signage dependent on funds being available to provide new signage.• The narrowed entrance at the foot of Muswell Hill and whether this could be widened and the General Manager's confirmation that this land was Haringey Council owned• Concerns that overall, and especially the Muswell Hill entrance to the Park gives no visible indication that a Park is there and a need to ensure this.• Positive comments with regard to improvements to the dog fouling bins which seemed to be enduring and so far vandal free• The possibility of the supplying of golf drives and nets near the pitch and putt and if there could be some investigation of the possibility of this• The possibility of leaflets showing locations in the park of facilities – particularly the Information Centre and Café facilities etc, and the inclusion of the Information Centre on maps• The Farmers Market generator noise and pollution nuisance and Mr Evison's comments that there may be a possibility of mains electric connections• Further concerns at the loss of the bus stop on the eastern up side of Alexandra Palace Way and the need for TfL and LUC to find a way of maintaining the former bus stop as close as possible to its present location• Concerns at the continuing uncertainty about the status of, and plans for Redston pond, which had recently been drained.

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RESOLVED

- i. that the HLF update be noted;
- ii. that the comments expressed during discussion of the item be noted and actioned;
- iii. that the Alexandra Palace and Park Board be requested as a matter of urgency to ask TfL and LUC to find a way of maintaining the former bus stop at the eastern up side of Alexandra Palace Way, and as close as possible to its present location; and
- iv. that the Alexandra Palace and Park Board be requested as a matter of urgency to look at the possibility of funding for improved signage in and around the Park, and in the areas surrounding the Park's perimeter as there was general overall lack of indication signage that a park was there.

APSC11. FORTHCOMING EVENTS (REPORT OF THE GENERAL MANAGER, ALEXANDRA PALACE) TO ADVISE THE COMMITTEE ON FORTHCOMING EVENTS TO THE END OF THE FINANCIAL YEAR. TO FOLLOW

The General Manager advised the Committee of those events provisionally confirmed (*in italics*) and those confirmed on the TABLED events sheet. In particular he referred the Committee to 2 provisional all night events – Miracles Ministry & Mountains of Fire on 14/15 September 2007, and 'Slammin Vinyl' on 21-22 March 2008.

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.

The General Manager explained that the concerts are monitored by professional sound specialists who instruct the sound technicians on the permissible sound settings both for total sound volume and for the individual frequency bands with changes being made to the acceptable 'equalisation' settings being made at around 11pm so as to reduce the bass penetration into noise sensitive premises.

In response to comments expressed, and in particular those of Councillor Patel on the possible use of sound monitors that cut the music if a certain level was reached Mr Loudfoot advised that the current sound monitoring and control arrangements were sufficient and appropriate to the type of sound systems employed by touring groups, the previous event had had a freak noise sound issue with people as far away as Sheppard's Hill having complained about the noise.

The Chair concluded that the matter would be monitored further in the ensuing months.

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APSC12.	<p>NIGHT CLOSURE OF NORTH VIEW ROAD AND REDSTONE ROAD GATES (REPORT OF THE GENERAL MANAGER, ALEXANDRA PALACE)</p> <p>The General Manager – Mr Loudfoot referred to a recent request received from a resident via the local MP asking for gates at Redston and Northview Roads to be closed at night.</p> <p>The Committee were asked to consider this request.</p> <p>There then ensued a brief discussion as to the pros and cons of closure, the views of local residents who both supported and opposed the closure and the difficulties associated with the desired closure with safety access from the Park entrances.</p> <p>Following the discussions it was concluded and:</p> <p>RESOLVED</p> <p>(i) That on consideration of the request for the gates at Redston, and Northview Roads to be closed at night, the request for closure be not agreed, and (ii) Further requests of this nature should be referred to the appropriate residents association or the ward councillor.</p>
APSC13.	<p>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</p> <p>(i) Mr Frith MOVED that the Committee formally request the Trustees to the Alexandra Palace and Park Board to ensure that this Committee was formally consulted during the development of the Palace.</p> <p>The Consultant Development Manager advised that his role was to ensure that this Committee amongst others was formally consulted during the development of the Palace and he would be ensuring that the developer worked with the parameters of the lease and project agreement.</p> <p>Mr Frith also asked if it was clear that if the developers proposed something that was outside the auspices of the project agreement then the Trustees were able to act against them. Mr Holder confirmed that any breach or potential breach would be reported to and acted on by the Board of Trustees.</p> <p>The Chair then concluded and it was:</p> <p>RESOLVED</p> <p>That this Committee formally requests the Trustees to the Alexandra Palace and Park Board to ensure that this Committee will be formally consulted during the development of the Palace.</p> <p>(ii) Ms Hutchinson sought clarification to the frequency of meetings of the</p>

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	<p>Committee for the remainder of the Municipal Year. Mr Hart advised that 3 meetings had been scheduled – this meeting, 2nd October, and 5 February 2008. The meetings mirrored the 3 scheduled Board for 2007/08.</p> <p>NOTED</p>
APSC14.	<p>TO NOTE THE DATES OF MEETINGS OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE MUNICIPAL YEAR 2007/2008 AS FOLLOWS: 2 October 2007 5 February 2008</p> <p>There being no further business to discuss the meeting ended at 21:35hrs.</p>

DAVID LIEBECK

Chair