

MINUTES OF MEETING Alexandra Park and Palace Statutory Advisory Committee HELD ON Thursday, 30th November, 2023, 8.45pm

PRESENT:

Councillors: Crompton (Advisory Committee Member), Elizabeth Richardson (Advisory Committee Member), Jason Beazley (Advisory Committee Member), Emine Ibrahim, Cathy Brennan, Rossetti, Elin Weston, Sarah Elliott, Culverwell, Mark Blake and Sean O'Donovan

ALSO ATTENDING: Natalie Layton (Charity Secretariat), Boshra Begum (Senior Democratic Services Officer)

14. FILMING AT MEETINGS

The filming of meetings notice was noted.

The Chair mentioned that three positions on the Advisory Committee remained unfilled, and Natalie Layton was tasked with following up on this matter.

15. WELCOME & APOLOGIES

The Chair welcomed Councillor Sean O'Donovan.

Apologies were received from Councillor Arkell.

16. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

17. URGENT BUSINESS

None.

18. MINUTES

The minutes of the Statutory Advisory Committee held on 14 Sept 2023 were noted.

19. ADVISORY COMMITTEE FUNCTION

The committee agreed to defer this item. It was acknowledged that the Statutory Advisory Committee believed adjustments were necessary to better represent the role, responsibilities, and vision of the statutory committee.

RESOLVED

It was decided that proposed changes to the statement's wording would be forwarded to Natalie Layton and the chair. The revised statement will be reviewed and finalised at the upcoming meeting of the Statutory Advisory Committee in the new year.

20. GENERAL UPDATE REPORT

Emma Dagnes, CEO of Alexandra Palace and Park introduced the report,

The following was noted in the discussion:

- The Trustee Board convened on the 12th of October 2023, appointing Nick da Costa as the Lead Trustee for Environmental Sustainability.
- On governance matters, the updated draft byelaws were dispatched to the SAC and CC in June, eliciting some feedback. The SAC and CC will be involved in the final draft consultation, although the work to replace the existing 1929 Byelaws is not anticipated to progress until the next financial year. A timetable will be shared when available.
- Concerning maintenance, repairs, and improvements since the last report, the CEO highlighted ongoing work related to the Bedford Road structural retaining walls. Path and railings work continued throughout September and October.
- In October, the Ice Rink replacement chiller installation included the crane lift from the North Service Yard and subsequent commissioning.
- Regarding Collection Preservation, attention was drawn to the archive shelving unit dismantled at Goodwood Archive and donated to the Trust in 2019. Installed in the former BBC Canteen, these units facilitate easy access to the collection while maintaining the necessary storage conditions to prevent deterioration over time. This consolidation enables the archives to be stored in a central space.
- The People's Picture (150 Lifetimes) project will install a mural in the East Court and replace information boards near the BBC Tower and Transmitter Hall. Statutory applications, including Listed Building and Advert Consent, will be submitted shortly.
- In terms of strategic projects, the CEO highlighted a mini-tender exercise undertaken in autumn to procure the services of a public engagement specialist. This specialist will conduct a first-phase fact-finding exercise to ascertain the sentiments of users and non-users regarding The Grove, identifying necessary improvements or changes and providing recommendations for the next steps. The Committee will be informed of the timetable for this work.
- The Trust is exploring ideas from local community groups to revitalise the Campsbourne Building in the short to medium term. Several necessary works are required to bring the building up to a good standard before the Trust can legally lease or license it.

- An online visitor survey was initiated in October to collect feedback and opinions on the northern part of the Park (skatepark, playground, and Boating Lake). The survey aims to gather data supporting improvement projects and aiding in funding requests.

RESOLVED:

The general update report was noted.

21. PARK & ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY REPORT

Mark Evison, Head of Park and Environmental Sustainability introduced the report.

The following was noted in the discussion:

- Park visitor numbers for 2022-23 were estimated at 3.8 million. Although this figure was lower than the peaks observed during the pandemic, it still surpassed the pre-pandemic averages.
- The Park maintained the Green Flag and Green Heritage Awards in 2023 and achieved Gold standard in three London in Bloom categories (large park, heritage park, and large conservation area).
- The committee was encouraged to submit stories for the Creative Learning ‘The People’s Picture’ before the Christmas period.
- The Creative Learning team secured funding to deliver engagement activities for both the Haringey Feast and Alexandra Palace’s 150th Anniversary. The Young Producers oversaw two commissions, organising workshops across Haringey and leading on digital content for the feast.
- Regarding Haringey music services, the Symphony Orchestra worked on an exciting program of repertoire for the upcoming term, with details to be circulated once confirmed. Haringey Music Service brought 106 young musicians to Alexandra Palace each week.
- Young adults with disabilities from John Dewey Specialist College have been working with filmmaker Joe Bloom to make a short film
- Young adults with disabilities from John Dewey Specialist College collaborated with filmmaker Joe Bloom to create a short film. The Rhythm Stick events management course, designed by and for people with disabilities, attracted 15 young participants. The events were hosted in Marcus Garvey Library as part of the Library Lates series.
- Creative Learning received a grant to deliver a program of engagement across Haringey Library Service for Biblio-buzz 2024. This included performances, author readings, and discussions in libraries, with 30 schools enrolled in the program.
- The Windrush 75: The Grip Exhibition, organised by Haringey artists collaborating with older Haringey Residents from the Windrush Generation, was exhibited at Bruce Castle Museum and became part of their archive.
- 81 active volunteers were involved in various departments across Alexandra Palace and Park. The CEO hosted a social event with the volunteers in

- September, expressing gratitude for their continued support and planning the launch of the 'By the People: 150 Lifetimes' project.
- Incidents with fireworks included an intruder cutting communication cables in the park, endangering many lives. Security was increased to ensure the safety of staff and visitors.
 - Councillor Sean O'Donovan, the new Vice Chair of the APPCT Board, congratulated the events and performances, particularly praising the use of the Transmitter Hall. Councillor O'Donovan shared positive feedback on volunteering efforts, including firework displays and the Haringey Feast.
 - The carbon footprint pre-covid was ,3000 tonnes CO2e, this reduced to 2,243 tonnes CO2e in 2022/23.
 - Gas consumption for 2022/23 decreased by 21% compared to the previous year.
 - As the Palace bared a large and complex electrical distribution system installed in the 1980s it had been awarded a Local Energy Accelerator grant by the GLA in 2022. This grant funded a clean energy feasibility study that assessed potential ways to reduce the carbon footprint of the Palace and Park and there is still more work to be done in this area.
 - The main outcomes of the report include various building interventions to reduce demand, and the installation of ground source heat pumps and other options will be reviewed.
 - Regarding events and catering, plans are in place to produce more food in-house, reduce food waste, focus on local sourcing, and minimise packaging.
 - In terms of Transport, the Park team replaced two diesel vehicles with electric versions and reduced diesel consumption by almost 40%. The security team now operates an electric buggy instead of a diesel vehicle.
 - On recycling, improvements have been made, and additional suggestions have been proposed for signage and food waste separation. No waste from Alexandra Park and Palace goes to landfill.
 - The Environmental sustainability policy has been updated to reflect the previous 12 months.
 - The committee was informed that the facility team were addressing other issues, however there were challenges.
 - Emma informed the committee that the venue is unique in that there are no seats in the main auditorium. Therefore, Alexandra Park and Palace was ahead of the sector in terms of plastic usage, and the catering team continued to explore options for further improvement.

RESOLVED:

The Park and Environmental Sustainability Report was noted.

22. SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

Members emphasised the necessity of altering the format of the Statutory Advisory Committee to reduce similarities and repetition with the Consultative Committee meeting. The Chair informed members that agenda items could be addressed outside

the meeting if members were willing to share contact details, and consensus was reached on this.

It was decided that proposals for future agenda items and topics would be submitted to Natalie Layton and subject to approval by the Chair.

23. NEW ITEMS OF URGENT BUSINESS

None.

24. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

The next meeting of the Consultative Committee will be held on the 25th January 2024.

The meeting closed at 9.30pm.

CHAIR:

Signed by Chair

Date