

MINUTES OF MEETING Alexandra Palace and Park Consultative Committee HELD ON Thursday, 25th January, 2024, Times Not Specified

PRESENT:

Councillors: Duncan Neill (Consultative Committee Member), Jason Beazley (Advisory Committee Member), Anne Stennett, Nick da Costa, Lotte Collett, Sarah Elliott, Emine Ibrahim and Ahmed Mahbub

ALSO ATTENDING:

33. FILMING AT MEETINGS

The Chair drew attention to the information included on the agenda front sheet and noted that the meeting was being recorded and webcast live.

34. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were apologies from Nigel Willmott, Jacob O'Callaghan, Etain Casey, Cllr Mahbub.

35. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest put forward.

36. URGENT BUSINESS

There were no items of urgent business.

37. MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING

Subject to John Chilton being added as an attendee at the 30th of November 2023 meeting,

RESOLVED

To agree the Minutes of the meeting held on the 30th of November 2023.

38. CEO'S GENERAL UPDATE REPORT

The CEO Emma Dagnes presented the Chief Executive's General Update report, which included updates on Creative Learning, Park, Property, and Events activities.

Regarding the North East Office Building Repairs Committee was informed that following a competitive tender exercise, ROOFF Limited have been appointed as the Main Contractor. The first phase of works will start in January after the Christmas break. The programme was expected to run until end of May 2024.

Campsbourne Building reactivation discussions have been taking place about reactivating the building for community use. Work was underway to find solutions to a funding gap in order to bring the building up to the required standards for allowing public access. There was also great TV coverage over the Christmas period.

The CEO urged members of the Committee to promote the People's Picture (150 Lifetimes) within their area, there was a total of 1005 submissions to date. The project would culminate in the installation of a giant mural in the East Court, as well as the replacement of the various interpretation / information boards located around external areas of eastern end of the building (the BBC Tower, Transmitter Hall).

Regarding the Northern Area of the Park, an online visitor survey was launched in October to gather feedback and opinions on the northern part of the Park (skatepark, playground and Boating Lake). The purpose of the survey is to gather data that can be used to build the case for moving forward with improvement projects and to help with funding asks.

The Café Restaurant had been taken in-house and was being run by the APP, the CEO expressed thanks to the team making great use of the small budget.

Mark Evison, Head of Park and Environmental Sustainability, provided an overview of the Park and Environmental Sustainability section of the report. He highlighted updates on rubbish collection, volunteer activity, traffic improvements, and memorial benches. Furthermore, he mentioned that on New Year's Eve, approximately 6,000 visitors came to the park, necessitating a significant cleanup effort by the park team to preserve the space and the building. Regarding rubbish collection, it was observed that figures were nearly back to pre-pandemic levels. Corporate volunteers contributed to work in the woods, with the Chair commending their efforts on Bedford Road.

Following presentation of the report, the following was noted in the discussion:

- In response to a question about a theme for the East Court Café, this would be taken forward when funding permitted this. It was noted that during the East Wing Project there was not the resources to install a café but the trust did have plans and hoped to bring some interpretation into it. The CEO encouraged committee members to visit the East Court and read the interpretation structure that the team had spent time creating, particularly the Ice Rink cube.
- Regarding the opportunity for a BBC Documentary on Alexandra Palace, it was noted that this was for the BBC to decide. However, the Trust did have a strategic partnership with the BBC who worked with young creative networks and Jools Holland in the Theatre etc. However, it should be noted that this activity was very different to commissioning a programme to be made. The Trust were communicating with the BBC at the moment about how to celebrate the 90 years of television.

- It was noted that members were pleased to see wider borough engagement in the creative learning activities and looking forward to Macbeth performance audience visiting the basements.
- In reference to Section 8 and the detailed list of events, the details on road closures were not yet finalised but as soon as these were available, they would be shared publicly and with the Statutory Advisory Committee and the Consultative Committee. The table of events listed at Appendix 2 would be removed and instead reference made to the web link on the website.

RESOLVED

To NOTE the report.

39. FABRIC MAINTENANCE PLAN

Iain McDonald, the Head of Property & Facilities introduced the report which sought consideration and noting of the maintenance and repairs progress made in 2022/23 and 2023/24 (including scheduled work not yet conducted) and priorities for the next year.

There were no questions on the report and the Committee,

RESOLVED

To note the report.

40. MATTERS RAISED BY INTERESTED GROUPS

No matters raised by interested parties.

41. CHARTER, WORKSHOP ACTIONS & FOLLOW-UP

The Chair, John Chilton introduced the Consultative Committee Charter and Action Plan which set out the expectations for participants on this committee, including Committee members, Chair and the Trust staff and Council officers.

John Chilton MOVED that the charter as attached be adopted by the Consultative Committee and this was seconded by Cllr Ibrahim and,

RESOLVED

That the attached Charter be adopted.

42. NON-VOTING BOARD MEMBERS' FEEDBACK

Noted that the Board had received the presentation from Unit 38 at it's last meeting which included non - voting members.

43. VIEWS/ QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

None

44. SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

No items raised for future agendas.

45. NEW ITEMS OF URGENT BUSINESS

None

46. DATE OF FUTURE MEETINGS

Dates will be confirmed in due course.

MEETING ENDED AT 21:04hrs

CHAIR:

Signed by Chair

Date