

MINUTES OF THE ALEXANDRA PALACE AND PARK BOARD HELD ON MONDAY, 15 JULY 2024, 7:00PM – 8:24PM

PRESENT: Councillors Emine Ibrahim (Chair), Nick da Costa, Anne Stennett, Sean O'Donovan, Ahmed Mahbub

Co-Optees: Jason Beazley (Chair of the Advisory Committee), Nigel Willmott (Chair of the Consultative Committee (CC)), John Chilton (CC Member), Duncan Neill (CC)

Present from Alexandra Park & Palace:

Emma Dagnes OBE (CEO), Richard Paterson (Director Finance & Resources), Catherine Solomon (Director, HR & Organisational Development), Natalie Layton (Charity Secretary)

1. FILMING AT MEETINGS

The Chair referred to the notice of filming at meetings and this information was noted.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies had been received from Councillor Sarah Elliot

3. URGENT BUSINESS

There was no urgent business.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

There were none.

5. QUESTIONS, DEPUTATIONS OR PETITIONS

There were none.

6. NEW ITEMS OF URGENT BUSINESS

There were none.

7. MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on 26 February 2024 be agreed and signed as a correct record.

8. VERBAL FEEDBACK FROM THE ADVISORY & CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEES

Mr Nigel Willmott had been re-elected as Chair at the last meeting of the Consultative Committee. The Committee had noted the 151 tonnes of rubbish collected in the Park last year and requested a future report on the latest developments including planning applications in the surrounding area.

Mr John Chilton highlighted that the Friends of The Park had raised concern that the Trust did not have the powers to close the park for more than 14 days for events

Post meeting note: The Trust's legal advisors had confirmed that there were sufficient powers under the governing Acts of Parliament for all of the events held in the Park fuller information will be provided to the Consultative Committee.

RESOLVED:

That the feedback be noted.

9. APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES

The meeting heard it would be useful to have the word "Chair" stated somewhere next to the names of the individuals who had been appointed Chair. This would be useful for members of the public and the action had already been agreed in previous meetings.

The reduction of the number of Consultative Committee members would not take place before the nominations. The next nominations would take place at the next meeting in October 2024 and those occupying the current positions would continue until then.

RESOLVED:

- i. To note membership of the Alexandra Park and Palace Statutory Advisory Committee, as listed in Appendix 1.
- ii. To note the membership of the Alexandra Park and Palace Consultative Committee, as listed in Appendix 1.
- iii. To approve the proposed reduction in the number of Consultative Committee co-opted board members (from three to two) and make the subsequent amendment to the Consultative Committee Constitution.
- iv. To approve the proposed amendment to Part Three, Section B, section 4, paragraph 2 of the Council's Constitution to reduce the Consultative Committee members from 7 to 6 and; that the Council's Constitution Working Group and the Council's Standards Committee be requested to take the recommendation forward (for Full Council approval).
- v. The Lead Trustee for Whistleblowing would be Councillor Nick da Costa. The Lead Trustee for Sustainability would be Councillor Sean O' Donovan. The Lead Trustee for Safeguarding would be Councillor Anne Stennett. The Lead Trustee for Safeguarding would be Equality, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) Councillor Ahmed Mahbub.

10. GENERAL UPDATE

The Board congratulated the CEO, Emma Dagnes on receiving an OBE in the King's birthday honours, in recognition for her services to heritage .

RESOLVED:

To note the content of the report.

11. WETLANDS PROJECT

RECEIVED the report of the Head of Park and Environmental Sustainability on the award of £50,000 from the Greater London Authority (GLA) (Rewild London fund) towards a phase 1 of a wetlands project in the southeast corner of the Park. The grant followed a feasibility study (also funded by the GLA) to determine how to manage surface water and create a new reed bed habitat.

RESOLVED:

To note the contents of the report.

12. SPORTS CLUB SOLAR PANEL & SOUTH TERRACE LEDS PROJECTS

RECEIVED the report of the Head of Park and Environmental Sustainability on the Haringey Council awarded Community Carbon Fund grants for two carbon reduction projects at Alexandra Park and Palace:

- Installation of Solar Panels on the sports pavilion
- Installation of LED lights on the South Terrace

RESOLVED:

To note the contents of the report.

13. FRRAC CHAIR'S REPORT

RECEIVED the report of the Chair of the Finance, Resource, Risk and Audit Committee (FRRAC) setting out considerations at the June FRRAC meeting, including:

- Alexandra Park and Palace's economic impact had been assessed at circa £90 million. The details of this in terms of jobs created were available to members. Assessment of social benefits were being investigated as part of discussions with a funder to use Alexandra Park and Palace as a case study.
- A report would be submitted back to the board and the Committee as and when details of the progress became more available.

RESOLVED:

To note the contents of the report.

14. FINANCE REPORT

RECEIVED the report of the Director of Finance and Resources setting out the Trust's financial position for the year ending March 2024, in which the Trust was reporting unrestricted revenue of £5,164,000 (Budget: £5,150,000) with operating expenditure of £5,680,000 (Budget: £5,689,000) and an operating deficit of £516,000 (Budget: £539,000); £20,000 better than budget.

In relation to a query regarding CCTV updates, the Board was informed that strategic upgrades to the infrastructure were being made and, that it was possible to disaggregate parking charges and donations.

RESOLVED: To note the report.

15. HEALTH & SAFETY REPORT

RECEIVED the annual summary report of the Head of Health & Safety. Trustees highlighted concerns raised about the small trees that were used by children for climbing and swinging from. The team could be asked to consider a resolution for this, which could include a 'no climbing' sign.

RESOLVED: To note the report

16. HUMAN RESOURCES REPORT

RECEIVED the annual summary report of the Head of Human Resources and Organisational Development.

RESOLVED: To note the report.

17. DECISION TRACKER

RESOLVED:

The decision tracker was noted

18. NEW ITEMS OF URGENT BUSINESS

There were none.

19. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS

Items 20 - 26 were subject to a motion to exclude the press and public from the meeting as they contained exempt information as defined in Section 100a of the Local Government Act 1972; Para 1 – information relating to any individual, Para 2 – Information which is likely to reveal the identity of an individual, Para 3 - information relating to the business or financial

affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information), and Para 5 – Information in respect of which a claim to legal professional privilege could be maintained in legal proceedings.

20. EXEMPT MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the exempt minutes of the meeting held on 26 February 2024 be agreed and signed as a correct record.

21. EXEMPT INFORMATION

The Board considered the exempt information.

22. EXEMPT PROPERTY UPDATE

The Board considered the exempt information.

23. EXEMPT RISK REGISTER

The Board considered the exempt information.

24. EXEMPT RISK DEEP DIVE: FUNDRAISING APPROACH

The Board considered the exempt information.

25. EXEMPT WEST YARD TENANCY

The Board considered the exempt information.

26. EXEMPT APTL CHAIR'S REPORT

The Board considered the exempt information.

27. ANY OTHER EXEMPT BUSINESS THE CHAIR CONSIDERS TO BE URGENT

There was no other exempt business.

CHAIR: Councillor Emine Ibrahim

Signed by Chair

Date

