

MINUTES OF MEETING ALEXANDRA PARK AND PALACE STATUTORY COMMITTEE HELD ON MONDAY 1ST JULY 2024 8.30PM –9.10 PM.

PRESENT:

Councillors:Emine Ibrahim, Emily Arkell, Mark Blake, Cathy Brennan.

ALSO ATTENDING:

Ayshe Simsek (Democratic Service Manager), Yeside Odumade (Principal Committee Co-Ordinator), Emma Dagnes (CEO, APP), Mark Evison (Head of Park & Environmental Sustainability, APP), Natalie Layton (Charity Secretary).

35. FILMING AT MEETINGS

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

36. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Beatrice Murray, Duncan Neill, Councillor Elin Weston, Councillor Sarah Elliott and Cllr Rossetti.

37. NOMINATION OF CHAIR FOR MUNICIPAL YEAR 2024/2025

The Democratic Services Manager requested nominations of the chair for the Alexandra Park and Palace Statutory Advisory Committee for the municipal year 2024-2025, Mr Jason Beazley was proposed by Cllr Arkell and seconded by Cllr Brennan and the Committee agreed Mr Jason Beazley as the Chair for 2024/2025

38. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

39. URGENT BUSINESS

There were no urgent items of business.

40. MINUTES

RESOLVED:

That the minutes be amended to reflect apologies of Ms Joyce Rosser, and the meeting held on 25 January be agreed and signed as a correct record.

That Minutes for 9 November, 14 December, 26 February 2024, 27 March 2024 be noted.

41. CEO'S GENERAL UPDATE REPORT

The Committee congratulated The Chief Executive on receiving an OBE.

The report was introduced by Emma Dagnes Chief Executive of Alexandra Park. The update included updates from Uses and Activities; Access, Safety and Inclusion; Nature, Health and Well-being and Management and Community Involvement.

Mark Evison, Head of Park and Environmental Sustainability, highlighted the good work of multiple volunteer groups including the Alexandra Palace Volunteer Gardening Group and corporate groups through the TCV (The Conservation Volunteers).

The Chief Executive gave thanks to Haringey Council for the funding received.

It was requested that Committee have a look at the park bylaw review and send any comments directly to the Chair. In response it was noted that there was very detailed and dense information and the draft of the bylaw review was with the legal team and some key information had been printed for the chair and would be passed to him at the end of the meeting.

It was highlighted that it was helpful to know in advance the events that were happening in the park as well as the park closures.

RESOLVED:

The SAC noted the report.

42. REWILDING LONDON - WETLAND PROJECT PLANNING

The report was introduced by Mark Evison, Head of Park and Environmental Sustainability.

It was noted that the feasibility study was carried out following the Strategic Vision work undertaken to consider project across the Park and Palace. The scheme was developed with the Friends of Alexandra Park. The project outcomes were:

- A) Control surface water and reclaim muddy path
- B) Establish a new reed bed to increase diversity of birds using the site
- C) De-silt the pond to increase its capacity and quality
- D) Increase the capacity of the channel system to reduce the peak flows of surface water entering the public drainage system
- E) Create new ponds to increase the area of aquatic habitat

The Committee were informed that a grant of £50,000 was received to by the Greater London Authority (GLA) Rewild London Project to manage water, create ponds. The grant would also help deliver and phase 1 (elements A, D and E) of the Wetland project in the autumn.

RESOLVED:

The SAC noted the report.

43. SOLAR PANELS PLANNING APPLICATION

The item was introduced by Mark Evison, Head of Park and Environmental Sustainability. The Committee were informed that the Trust's new vision was to Create a sustainable home for all.

Haringey Council were awarded Community Carbon Fund grants for two carbon reduction projects in the Park and Palace. These were; Installation of Solar Panels on the sports pavilion and installation of LED lights on the South Terrace.

The trust in partnership with the Alexandra Park Club would install 24 solar panels onto the roof of the pavilion. It is estimated that the panels would generate output 10,000 kWh of electricity per year.

LED lights on the South Terrace

There were 52 decorative lamps on the South Terrace, the community carbon fund supported the project to replace old inefficient lamps with new low energy LED lamps. The new lamps would require half as much power as the original light sand would save 7,370 kWh of electricity per year.

RESOLVED:

The SAC noted the report.

44. SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

- It was asked if councillors/ officers could inform the Committee of expenditure of CIL and section 106 funds in relation to the new housing and buildings that overlook the Alexandra Palace and Park.
- That the March meeting, be focused on the goals of Alexandra Park and Palace 2025/26.

45. NEW ITEMS OF URGENT BUSINESS

None

46. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

Noted the dates of future meetings.

CHAIR:

Signed by Chair

Date