MINUTES OF THE Alexandra Palace and Park Board HELD ON Thursday, 11th June, 2026, 7.00 - 7.40 pm

PRESENT:

Councillors: Melanie Gingell (Chair), Daniela Parry (Vice-Chair), Rosie Latchford, Evan Bell, Nick da Costa, Jason Beazley (Chair SAC & Co-optee), Duncan Neil (Chair of CC and Co-optee), Nigel Wilmott (Co-optee).

ALSO ATTENDING:

Chris Liasi – Committee and Governance Officer, Emma Dagnes – CEO of AP

110. FILMING AT MEETINGS

The Board noted the arrangements regarding filming at meetings.

111. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr Marie Kirstensen.

112. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

The following declarations of interest were noted:

- Nick da Costa – Chair of Licensing Committee.
- Eva Bell – Member of the Licensing Committee.
- Daniela Parry – Member of the Licensing Committee. It was also noted that she had resigned from the CC.
- The Chair – Chair of the Planning Committee.

113. QUESTIONS, DEPUTATIONS OR PETITIONS

114. URGENT BUSINESS

An update was provided on the BBC programme. It was confirmed that a plan would be presented at the July Board meeting, together with a summary of ongoing work through the CC and SAC.

An update on the Panorama Room project confirmed that work was progressing as planned. Engagement with the Planning Team and the Consultation Officer had resulted in valuable recommendations, which had slightly extended the project timeline.

115. MINUTES

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The unrestricted minutes of the Alexandra Palace and Park Board held on 12th March 2026 were approved as an accurate record of the proceedings.

The minutes of the Alexandra Park and Palace Advisory Committee held on 9th March 2026 were noted.

The minutes of the Alexandra Palace and Park Consultative Committee held on 9th March were noted.

116. FEEDBACK FROM THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE & CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE (VERBAL)

The Board noted previous discussions regarding the potential merger of committees. It was agreed that the committees would remain separate for the present, while discussions continued how greater efficiencies could be achieved in the future.

117. APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES

The Board considered the appointments report. The Board agreed to maintain the independence of the Appointments and FRACC Committees due to the unprecedented level of Board turnover, ensuring continuity in governance.

Recommendations:

1.1 Cllr Eva Bell was nominated for the role of Chair, with the nomination seconded by Daniela Parry. Cllr Rosie Latchford was nominated for the FRACC Committee by Cllr Daniela Parry. Cllr Daniela Parry was nominated by Cllr Eva Bell and Seconded by Cllr Da Costa.

1.2 Cllr Eva Bell was nominated for the role of Chair, with the nomination seconded by Daniela Parry

1.3 It was agreed extend the term of office for Claire Pape Independent Financial Advisor (voluntary role) for 1 year.

1.4 Appointed four Trustee Board members to act as APTL Company Directors;
- Cllr Da Costa
- Cllr Melanie Gingell
-Cllr Daniela Parry
- Cllr Marie Kirstensen

1.5 Agreed which member of APTL is proposed to act as Chair of the APTL Board:

Nick da Costa was nominated for Chair by Daniela Parry and seconded by Eva Bell. The nomination was approved.

1.6 It was agreed to extend the terms of office for APTL Non-Executive Directors, Andrew Morton and Jamie Copas for an additional period of one yea

1.7 The Committee appointed two trustee board members to the capital programme board:

Cllrs Eva Bell and Nick da Costa were appointed to the Capital Committee.

1.8 The following appointments were noted:

- Rosie – Safeguarding Lead.
- Nick da Costa – Whistleblowing Lead.
- Marie Kirstensen – Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Lead.

1.9 The Committee noted membership of the Alexandra Park and Palace Statutory Advisory Committee, as listed in Appendix 1;

1.10 The Committee noted the membership of the Alexandra Park and Palace Consultative Committee, as listed in Appendix 1;

118. CO-OPTED DEVELOPMENT TRUSTEE REPORT

The Head of Development presented the report regarding the recruitment of a Co-opted Development Trustee. The purpose of the report was to provide a background of approvals received thus far towards the recruitment of a Co-opted Development Trustee and to provide an update on next steps.
The Board noted that the proposal had originally been approved in October 2022 but had been paused. The revised proposal included changes to the role, including:

- Chairing a volunteer advocacy group.
- Supporting fundraising activities through engagement with funders.
- Reducing the term of office from three years to two years.
- Attending at least two APPB meetings each year.

It was confirmed that recruitment was expected to commence in June, led by the internal HR team, with recommendations to be presented to the July Board meeting and formal approval sought in September.

The Board discussed the importance of improving diversity within fundraising recruitment.

An update was also provided on the Youth Trustee role. It was noted that further development work was required, with ongoing engagement through the Young People's Network. The Board was advised that the programme was likely to be developed over the next recruitment cycle.

The Board approved the proposed changes and delegated responsibility for the recruitment process to the Appointments Panel.

Recommendations:

2.1 Noted the revised role description which has been updated since 2022 to reflect the Charity’s new Vision, Goals, Fundraising Strategy and Strategic Plan. Changes are detailed below and include the responsibility for the co-optee to chair a working group of volunteer advocates raising support and awareness of Alexandra Palace projects in relevant sectors.

2.2 Confirmed the approval from the Board to delegate recruitment and appointment of the Co opted Development Trustee to the selection panel comprised of the Chair, Chief Executive and Head of Development.

119. STRATEGIC PLAN

The Board noted that the Strategic Plan had been agreed at the previous meeting.

Members discussed the restoration of the BBC studios and expressed disappointment that the project had effectively been deferred until 2030. It was noted that a new BBC Director General had been appointed and that there may be opportunities to reopen discussions.

The Board heard that while positive relationships with the BBC continued, the organisation had confirmed that it was unable to provide capital funding. It was recognised that restoration costs were estimated at approximately £50 million.
The Board agreed that securing £5 million through the National Lottery Heritage Fund for the Transmitter Hall would provide a catalyst for future discussions regarding the wider BBC Wing restoration. A phased approach was considered the most realistic strategy.

Recommendations:

1.1 The new Board noted the background of the process to create a ten-year Strategic Plan for APPCT.

1.2 The Chair approved the Foreword to the Strategic Plan prior to publication

120. ANY OTHER UNRESTRICTED BUSINESS THE CHAIR CONSIDERS TO BE URGENT

There were none.

121. FUTURE MEETINGS

The next Board meeting was confirmed for 30 July.

122. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS

Items 14 & 15 were subject of a motion to exclude the press and public from the meeting as they contain 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.

123. EXEMPT MINUTES

The exempt minutes of the Alexandra Palace and Park Board held on 12th March 2026 were approved as an accurate record of the proceedings.

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

No further exempt business was raised.

CHAIR: Councillor Melanie Gingell

Signed by Chair ………………………………..

Date …………………………………