

**MINUTES OF THE ALEXANDRA PALACE AND PARK CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE.
TUESDAY, 7 NOVEMBER 2006**

Councillors: *Adje (Chair), *Egan (Vice-Chair), *Beacham, *Hare, *Peacock, *Rainger, *Thompson

Nominated Members:

Alexandra Palace Action Group		(To be advised)
Alexandra Palace Allotments Association	*	Mr S. Ballard
Alexandra Palace Amateur Ice Skating Club	*	Mr. M. Tarpey
Alexandra Palace Angling Association	*	Mr K. Pestell
Alexandra Palace Indoor Bowls Club		(To be advised)
Alexandra Palace Organ Appeal deputising)	*	Mr.J. Apperley (H Macpherson
Alexandra Palace Television Group		Mr J. Thompson
Alexandra Palace Television Society		Mr S. Vaughan
Alexandra Residents' Association	*	Ms. C. Hayter
Bounds Green and District Residents' Association	*	Mr K. Ranson
Friends of the Alexandra Palace Theatre deputising)	*	Mr. N. Wilmott (C Richelle
Friends of the Alexandra Park	*	Mr. G. Hutchinson
Hornsey Historical Society		Mr.J.O'Callaghan
Muswell Hill and Fortis Green Association	*	Ms D. Feeney
Muswell Hill Friends of the Earth		(To be advised)
Muswell Hill Metro Group	*	Mr J. Boshier
New River Action Group	*	Mr F. Clark
Palace View Residents' Association deputising)	*	Ms V. Paley (H Williams
U.C.A.T.T.		Mr J. McCue
Warner Estate Residents' Association	*	Prof. R. Hudson

*denotes Members present.

Also In Attendance:

Mr Roger Tucker, Alexandra Palace Organ Appeal
Mr Keith Holder, General Manager, Alexandra Palace
Mr David Loudfoot, Facilities Manager, Alexandra Palace
Mr Nicolas Mattis, Principal Committee Co-ordinator, London Borough Haringey

*Members present.

MINUTE NO.	SUBJECT/DECISION	ACTION BY
APCC11.	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE (IF ANY) Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Councillor Peacock (who subsequently arrived at the meeting), and from Mr J Thompson.	

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	NOTED
APCC12.	<p>URGENT BUSINESS : THE CHAIR WILL CONSIDER THE ADMISSION OF ANY LATE ITEMS OF URGENT BUSINESS. (LATE ITEMS WILL BE CONSIDERED UNDER THE AGENDA ITEM WHERE THEY APPEAR. NEW ITEMS WILL BE DEALT WITH AT ITEM 8 BELOW)</p> <p>That an Item on the full audit of HLF work in the Park be submitted.</p>
APCC13.	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
APCC14.	<p>MINUTES</p> <p>RESOLVED</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) that the minutes of the Consultative Committee held on 5 September 2006 be approved and the chair be authorised to sign them as an accurate record. (ii) that the minutes of the meeting of the Board held on 12 September 2006 be noted (iii) That the minutes of the meeting held on 25 October 2006 (Special) were not available for the Committee to consider.
APCC15.	<p>FUTURE OF THE ASSET - UPDATE (VERBAL REPORT OF THE GENERAL MANAGER, ALEXANDRA PALACE)</p> <p>The General Manager – Mr Holder, gave a verbal outline of the recent developments in respect of the future of the asset stating that the <i>Agreement</i> document was to be signed by the chosen developer before the Charity Commission starts the formal process of its investigation into the development.</p> <p>Mr Holder highlighted changes to the advertising process for since the previous meeting of the Committee which now included provisions, under the Section 16 Order, for public consultation. It was anticipated that by the end of the week, draft wording would be available for a publication by the Charity Commission in <i>The Times</i> newspaper, the local press, and local community buildings. Mr Holder informed the Committee that responses to the adverts would be open for month i.e. 16 November and 15 December 2006 – he continued that this period was the only statutorily defined section of the process, and that at its conclusion , the matter would then be considered by the Charity Commission thought the Charity Commission was not time bound.</p> <p>Professor Hudson asked if the adverts would be published on to the web-site. Mr Holder replied that they were likely to be however there would be no updates on the Firoka developments and that the Charity Commission would also have information on its site.</p> <p>Ms Hayter asked if the advert would be available in public libraries, to which the</p>

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reply was yes. She also asked if it was possible to publish the advert in more than one national newspaper. Mr Holder replied that that this would prove too expensive and that the convention was to only publish on one. The Chair highlighted that all public libraries now had free broadband access for the public and that this would help to conserve costs.

Mr R Tucker asked if the Charity Commission had given any indication of its opinion as yet. Mr Holder responded that there were no predictions in respect of any representations and that first and foremost the Commission would be looking for expediency. It was felt that the Commission would not give any express opinions but that it would be looking after the interests of the Charity only. Mr Tucker highlighted that English Heritage had an interest in the future of the Asset. Mr Holder responded that this could be picked up during the 28 day period.

RESOLVED

That verbal update be noted.

APCC16. ITEMS REQUESTED BY NOMINATED REPRESENTATIVES

- (i) Professor Hudson of the Warner Estate Residents' Association raised two issues in respect of recent notices appearing in the Park. Firstly, that as a result of vandalism, it would be helpful to have phone number to call to report such instances. Secondly, that the *Rules of the Park* list would need to be tightened up in order to make the bye-laws more robust. This list was tabled to Committee members. Mr D Loudfoot, Facilities Manager, Alexandra Palace, stated that he had spoken with the Parks and Security Team in order to develop a list of do's and don'ts to be listed for users of the Park. Councillor Reinger suggested that regular security patrols would be useful. Mr Loudfoot responded that this would be looked in to subject to funding.
- (ii) In response to the four questions submitted by Mr J Thompson of the Alexandra Palace Television Group, a list of answers was tabled to the Committee. Mr H Williams of the Palace View Residents' Association, asked what guarantees there would be to get the television equipment out of the building when it is handed over to Firoka. Mr Holder responded that this would have to wait until the results of a review on the physical and logistical issues over the development were known. He stated that there would be some provision for equipment to be moved however and that all of the artefacts that remained in the building were held by the TV Group, not the Trust although this had not been prescribed as yet in terms of what the Trust owned. Mr Tucker asked what had happened to the artefacts from the 1989 move. Mr Loudfoot was unable to answer this specifically but stated that BBC Heritage would be fully engaged in future. Mr Richelle asked if there had been any discussions with English Heritage about the future of the items after the development. Mr Loudfoot confirmed that there had not been.

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APCC17.	<p>TO REMIND ALL NOMINATED ASSOCIATIONS OF THE REQUIREMENT TO PROVIDE A COPY OF THEIR MOST RECENT AGM</p> <p>The Committee Clerk reminded members of the Committee that each nominated association was asked to provide a copy of their most recent AGM minutes. These could be sent to Clifford Hart. The Alexandra Residents' Association submitted their AGM minutes to the Committee Clerk.</p> <p>RESOLVED</p> <p>That AGM minutes be sent to Clifford Hart (clifford.hart@haringey.gov.uk).</p>
APCC18.	<p>URGENT BUSINESS :TO CONSIDER ANY NEW ITEMS OF BUSINESS ADMITTED UNDER ITEM 2</p> <p>Mr Loudfoot outlined the progress of the project works funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) within the Park. Mr Holder informed the Committee that the Parks Manager, Mr Matt Baker, had resigned from his post due to personal reasons.</p> <p>There was a general discussion on issues picked up by the information supplied by the progress audit.</p> <p>These issues were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rose Garden – how many roses had been planted? The answer would be circulated at a future meeting.• Traffic Lights – the Committee was informed that the lights were not to be switched on until road markings are completed. Works to the gantry are due to be completed by 18 December 2006, at which point works on road markings will commence.• Dukes Avenue Bridge – the Committee heard that investigations into loosening stones and inadequate tarring would be undertaken in the near future.• South slope trees – the Committee heard that it was unlikely that a reappraisal of the works done to this area would be undertaken and that any issues in respect of this should be taken up with the HLF.• Speed humps – the Committee was informed that at the Wood Green end of Alexandra Palace Way, two speed tabled had been installed and that in both directions, the road had been narrowed to one lane.

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- Skate Park and Boating Lake - Mr Loudfoot informed the Committee that he would be investigating the ultra sonic sound unit in the boating lake and that the source of the £10k that went to the skating park was unknown.
- Graffiti – the Committee heard that the skate park was exempt from the provisions outlined in the *Rules of the Park* and that regular “artists” were encouraged to this space to paint on the canvas provided which is regularly whitewashed for their use. This process had been a success to date, although some graffiti had found its way onto various bins within the Park.
- Highways – the Committee was informed that costings for works to the highways within the Park’s ground would be complete by the end of November 2006 and that if agreed, work could start in January 2007. Specific work on the Muswell Hill entrance may take up to eight weeks.
- The Grove Workshop – the Committee heard that there had been a number of instances of vandalism to the workshop and that as a result work had been successfully undertaken to make it more safer. Now, the search had begun for suitable user of the premises and that this process had started. It was hoped that the space would be used for a restaurant or kiosk service.
- Animal Enclosure – it was reported that there had been problems with the running of the enclosure area due to Camden Job Train downsizing.
- Bedford Road entrance – the Committee heard that the area bounded by the wing wall had significant overgrowth and that further work to contain this was likely. Mr Loudfoot confirmed that English Nature had not shown an interest in this issue and that he would investigate the issue of rubble being deposited at the Bedford Road entrance.
- Post HLF – the Committee confirmed that it would like to review a presentation on how the Park would be managed and funded when the HLF had ceased. This would be added to the agenda for the 30 Jnaury 2007.
- New Parks Manager post – the Committee was informed that the information pack for the post had been prepared which had been contributed to by the HLF although they would not have an input into who was selected. The likely timeframe for appointment and the new post-holder to be in post would be three months.
- Lease on restaurant facilities – the Committee heard, in response to concerns that the leasing of the facilities would be delayed, that a process was in place, and that adverts for the tending of the lease were to be published in December 2006. Given that the tender will be open-wide, this would make analysis of the those tenders received somewhat lengthy. The Committee would receive updates in due course.
- Revenue – the Committee heard that a rival contract was in place for bike show to replace the withdrawal of the Super Bikes contract. It also heard that the incoming developer would deal with the future of antique show provisions.
- Fire works display – the Committee expressed its thanks to the Management of the Palace and Parks and its partners for their first-class organisation of the fireworks displays that took place on Saturday 4 November 2006.

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APCC19.	TO NOTE THE DATES OF MEETINGS OF THE CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE MUNICIPAL YEAR 2006/07 AS FOLLOWS:		
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	<p>The meeting ended at 20:35HRS</p> <p>Councillor CHARLES ADJE Chair</p>		