

UNRESTRICTED MINUTES OF THE ALEXANDRA PALACE AND PARK BOARD

TUESDAY, 17 FEBRUARY 2009

Nominated Members:

Alexandra Palace Action Group		(To be advised)
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	*	Mr.J. Apperley
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		Mr. N. Wilmott
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 Skatepark Association		Mr. P. Lumsden
Palace View Residents' Association	*	Ms V. Paley
U.C.A.T.T.		Mr J. McCue
Warner Estate Residents' Association	*	Prof. R. Hudson

*Members present.

Apologies Councillor

Also In Attendance:

The General Manager, Alexandra Palace

MINUTE NO.	SUBJECT/DECISION	ACTION BY
APCC54.	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Kevin Pestell, John Apperley, Gordan Hithinson, Caroline Hayter (for whom J Hutchinson was substituting) and Val Paley (for whom H Williams was substituting), and also from Paul Brayebrooke. NOTED	
APCC55.	URGENT BUSINESS The Chair sought clarification as to whether there were any items of urgent	

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	<p>business.</p> <p>The Clerk to the Consultative Committee advised that he had been notified of an item of business raised by Mr Willmott on behalf of the Friends of the Theatre relating to a question to the Board regarding the Board's policy towards the AP Theatre and as a request to the board to discuss and outline its policy.</p> <p>The Chair agreed to take the item under urgent business.</p> <p>NOTED</p>
APCC56.	<p>DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS</p> <p>There were no declarations of interests.</p> <p>NOTED</p>
APCC57.	<p>MINUTES</p> <p>i. Minutes of the Alexandra Palace and Park Consultative Committee – 14 October 2008</p> <p>The Committee briefly discussed the circulated minutes and queried the figure quoted in page 8 – penultimate paragraph of £750K for the overall running costs per annum for maintaining the Palace. Following clarification from the General manager of the inaccuracy of the figure the Chair asked that the minutes be corrected, and that the correct version be circulated to the Committee, and posted on the web. The Committee also queried the name quoted in page 10 – ‘Mark Thomas’ and that this should read ‘Mark Thompson’.</p> <p>There being no further comments it was;</p> <p>RESOLVED</p> <p>That the minutes of the Alexandra Palace and Park Consultative Committee held on 14 October 2008 be agreed subject to the amendment at page 7 of the minutes and amendment at page 10, and that the amended minutes be circulated to the Committee for information, and placed on the web.</p> <p>ii. Minutes of the Alexandra Palace and Park Board – 21 October, & 5 November 2008, and 6 January 2009</p> <p>RESOLVED</p> <p>That the minutes of the Alexandra Palace and Park Board held on 21October, and 5 November 2008(special) , and 6 January 2009 (special) be noted.</p>

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	<p>Following a brief clarification and discussion in relation to the issue of raising issues contained within the minutes as circulated when there was no opportunity to question items discussed under matters arising.</p> <p>The Clerk advised that if Members had any matters they wished to raise then they could do so at this point. The Clerk also advised that if there were any issues the Committee wished to put to the Board then this could be done via a resolution agreed upon by the Committee, or also channelled through the three Consultative Committee members who sat on the Board.</p> <p>Mr O’Callaghan commented that he wished to raise an issue in relation to the operation and performance and activities etc at the Palace, together with the deliberations of the Board, as partly reflected during the discussion at the Board on 6 January 2009 in relation to the Accounts, and sought clarification as to whether the accounts had been unanimously agreed and signed off.</p> <p>The Chair, in response advised that he would take the item under any other business.</p> <p>NOTED</p> <p>iii. Minutes of the Alexandra Park and Palace Advisory Committee – 7 October 2008, and 10 February 2009</p> <p>The Clerk advised that the minutes of the meeting held on 10 February 2009 were not available.</p> <p>RESOLVED</p> <p>That the Minutes of the Alexandra Park and Palace Advisory Committee held on 7 October 2008 be noted.</p>
<p>APCC58.</p>	<p>PARK ACTIVITIES UPDATE</p> <p>The Chair asked for a brief introduction of the report.</p> <p>In a succinct introduction to the circulated report Mr Evison gave a brief update of recent activities carried out in Alexandra Park and answered points of clarification.</p> <p>The Committee then raised the following points of concern;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The difficulties with the Thames Water work at the Bedford road end of the lower road and the resultant difficulties with traffic movement etc and the expected completion of the works the following day;

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- issues relating to pathway surfaces and the preference to gravel as opposed to the use of tarmac (being visually un-natural in landscaping terms);
- the problem with drainage in the general vicinity of the upper part of the Lower Road with running off of water , and issues of drainage blocking and urban flooding in the vicinity of the Park, and also across the Borough, and in London as a whole;
- the issue of restricting speed of vehicles across the Park given the number of vehicles exceeding speed limits, including buses , and the need for some clear indication of the Park entrances now that the gantrys no longer were at each end, and the need for signage at both ends of the Park stating 'you are entering/leaving the Park' to celebrate the fact that a Park was what was being driven through, as well as clear speed restrictions of 20 mph;
- the usage of the road as a cut through, and its status as a private or public road and the consequential maintenance/upkeep costs and whether such cost should be met solely by the Trust, or with a contribution by the Mayor of London/TfL;
- the proposed expansion of deer enclosure which would require planning permission, and the issue of the increase in 'Lime Disease' which can be contracted from Deer and the need to ensure regular checks by vets to ensure prevention;
- the absence of byelaws on the notices boards around the Park and whether these could be placed on notice boards;
- Discussions in relation to pros and cons of the proposals by Warner Estate Residents Association in respect of a proposal for a all-weather path to replace the present informal, and very muddy, desire line from the top of Park Avenue North across the Redston Road playing fields and the old race-course to join the Lower Road at the eastern end of the car park, and the Committee's discussion in relation to 'desire lines' for the path across the particular area, and the Committee's endorsement (on a vote of 7 for, and 6 against) of this proposal for recommending to the Board, noting that the proposal will be considered by the Alexandra Palace and Park Board on 24 February 2009, and endorsed by the Alexandra Park and Palace Advisory Committee on 10 February 2009;

There being no further discussion it was:

RESOLVED

- i. that the report and discussions be noted;
- ii. that the Park Manager be asked to investigate the possibility of for signage at both ends of the Park stating 'you are entering/leaving the Park' to celebrate the fact that a Park was what was being driven through, as well as clear speed restrictions of 20 mph;
- iii. that the proposals by Warner Estate Residents Association in respect of a proposal for a all-weather path to replace the present informal, and very muddy, desire line from the top of Park Avenue North across the Redston Road playing fields and the old race-course to join the Lower Road at the eastern end of the car park, be endorsement for recommendation to the Alexandra Palace and Park Board on 24 February 2009.

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APCC59.	FORTHCOMING EVENTS The Chair
APCC60.	ITEMS REQUESTED BY NOMINATED REPRESENTATIVES (i)
APCC61.	ANY OTHER BUSINESS

COUNCILLOR VIVIENNE MANHEIM

Chair