### NOMINATED BY LOCAL RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATIONS

\* indicates attendance

\*Ms. J. Hutchinson : Alexandra Residents' Association Mr P. Wastell : Alexandra Residents' Association Ms. Feeney, : Muswell Hill and Fortis Green

deputising for Ms. M.

Myers

\*Ms J. Baker : Palace Gates Residents' Association
Vacancy Palace View Residents' Association
Ms S. Rees (deputy) Palace View Residents' Association

Association

\*Mr. D. Frith : The Rookfield Association \*Mr. F. Hilton (deputy) : The Rookfield Association

\*Mr. D. Liebeck : Warner Estate Residents' Association \*Mr H. Aspden : Warner Estate Residents' Association

### **APPOINTED MEMBERS**

\*Councillor S. Oatway : Alexandra Ward 
\*Councillor A. Demirci : Bounds Green Ward 
Councillor S. Beynon : Fortis Green Ward 
\*Councillor M. Whyte : Hornsey Ward 
\*Councillor S. Rainger : Muswell Hill Ward 
\*Councillor C. Harris : Noel Park Ward

\*Councillor M. Newton : Council Wide appointment Councillor J. Patel : Council Wide appointment

Also in attendance:

Councillor B. Hare

MINUTE NO.

#### SUBJECT/DECISION

## APSC01. ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR 2008/09

The Clerk advised the Committee that as this meeting was the first meeting of the Municipal Year 2008/09 the first item of business on the agenda was to elect a Chair and Vice-Chair of the Committee.

Mr Hart informed the meeting that in line with previous years the Chair was appointed from amongst the nominated Residents Association representatives, and the Vice-Chair from the appointed Councillors of the Advisory Committee. Mr Hart then sought nominations for the position of Chair of the Advisory Committee for the Municipal Year 2008/09.

<sup>\*</sup> indicates Member present

Ms Hutchinson nominated Mr Liebeck as Chair of the Advisory Committee for the Municipal Year 2008/2009. Councillor Oatway seconded the nomination.

There being no further nominations it was:

### **RESOLVED**

That Mr D. Liebeck – Warner Estate Residents' Association be duly elected as Chair of the Alexandra Park and Palace Advisory Committee for the Municipal Year 2008/2009.

### Mr D Liebeck in the Chair

The Chair sought nominations for the position of Vice-Chair of the Advisory Committee for the Municipal Year 2008/2009.

Councillor Whyte nominated Councillor Oatway as Vice-Chair of the Advisory Committee. Councillor Newton seconded the nomination.

There being no other nominees it was:

### **RESOLVED**

That Councillor S. Oatway be duly elected as Vice-Chair of the Alexandra Park and Palace Advisory Committee for the Municipal Year 2008/2009.

### APSC02. MEMBERSHIP: TO NOTE ANY CHANGES TO THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Clerk to the Committee – Mr Hart advised that the qualifying Associations to the Committee had confirmed to him that they had collectively felt that the previous year's allocation of places should remain for 2008/09 in terms of the appointment from amongst their number to the 8 allocated places that the qualifying associations were able to appoint to on the Advisory Committee.

In respect of representation from the Palace View Residents Association - Mr Hart advised that the representative – Ms Lacroix had resigned from the Committee due to personal reasons and therefore a vacancy had arisen. He advised that he had been in discussion with the Secretary to the association as to a replacement and the matter would be reported to the next meeting of the Advisory committee in the Autumn.

Mr Hart also advised of the Councillor representative changes for the 2008/09 Municipal Year namely Councillor Rainger (Muswell Hill Ward), Councillor C. Harris (Noel Park Ward) and Councillor Newton as the 1 of 2 Council-wide appointees.

The Chair welcomed Councillors Rainger, C. Harris and Newton to the

Advisory Committee.

The Chair then MOVED and it was:

#### **RESOLVED**

That the allocation of the 8 places from the qualifying Associations to the Alexandra Palace and Park Advisory Committee for the Municipal Year 2008/09 as detailed below be noted:

Association Allocated places/named representative

Alexandra Residents' Association 2 places - Ms Hutchinson

/Mr Wastell

Muswell Hill and Fortis Green Association 1 place - Ms Myers

Palace Gates Residents' Association 1 place - Ms Baker

Palace View Residents' Association 1 place – vacancy (Ms Rees

as deputy)

The Rookfield Association 1 place - Mr Frith (Mr Hilton

as deputy)

Warner Estate Residents Association 2 places - Mr Liebeck /Mr

Aspden

### APSC03. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was received on behalf of Ms Monica Myers – Muswell Hill and Fortis Green Association due to being unwell, for whom Ms Feeney was substituting, and from Paul Wastell.

The Committee passed on its best wishes to Ms Myers for a speedy recovery.

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Councillor Beynon, and from Councillor Patel who was attending a special Licensing Committee.

### APSC04. APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE URGENCY SUB-COMMITTEE FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR 2008/09

The Clerk to the Committee informed the meeting that it was necessary to appoint Members of the Advisory Committee to its established Urgency Sub-Committee for the Municipal Year 2008/09. Mr Hart advised that the composition of the Urgency Sub-Committee was 2 resident association representatives, and 2 Councillor representatives of the Advisory Committee. Mr Hart advised that the previous year's Urgency Sub

Committee Membership had been Mr P Wastell, Mr D Liebeck (Chair), Councillor S. Beynon, Councillor S. Oatway (Vice-Chair).

Mr Hart sought nominations for the positions.

Ms Hutchinson nominated Mr Wastell as one association representative, and Councillor Oatway nominated Mr Liebeck as the other association representative, and Chair of the Urgency Sub-Committee.

Mr Liebeck nominated Councillor Oatway as Councillor representative, and Vice-Chair of the Urgency-Sub Committee. Councillor Oatway nominated Councillor C. Harris as the other Councillor nomination on the Urgency Sub Committee.

There being no further nominations it was:

#### **RESOLVED**

That the following Members be appointed to the Urgency Sub-Committee of the Advisory Committee for the Municipal Year 2008/09 as detailed below:

Mr P Wastell Mr D Liebeck (Chair) Councillor C. Harris Councillor S. Oatway (Vice-Chair)

### **APSC05. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**

There were no declarations of interests.

#### **NOTED**

#### APSC06. TO NOTE THE COMMITTEE'S RULES OF PROCEDURES:

The Chair referred to the circulated procedures and asked if there were any comments from the Committee.

There being no points of clarification the Chair advised that in terms of the duration of this and future meetings of the Advisory Committee he felt that it was appropriate to limit the duration to 2 hours maximum and he would ensure that the Committee tried to keep to the time period.

#### **RESOLVED**

That the circulated rules of procedures be noted.

At this point in the proceedings the Chair advised that the order of business on the agenda be varied to next consider Item 9 – Park Activities Update. The Committee agreed to the variation of business.

NOTED

#### APSC07. PARK ACTIVITIES UPDATE

The Chair then asked for a brief introduction of the report.

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. In particular Mr Evison advised that Warner Estate Residents Association had consulted their members over their request for a new pathway from the Redston Road entrance. Mr Evison commented that he had attended the WERA AGM on 6 July 2008 where the meeting had fully endorsed the proposals. He would now commence drawing up detailed plans.

Mr Evison further commented that:

- The Alexandra Park Ornithological Group (APOG) held a public bird walk in May and 43 species were sighted. This list has been published on the Alexandra Palace Website and is available in the Information Centre. APOG is preparing a 'Birds of Alexandra Park' leaflet detailing all species that may be seen;
- Traffic Engineers have reviewed the crossing point on Alexandra Palace Way (below the Palm Court entrance) and feel a traffic island could be installed to provide a refuge for pedestrians. Quotations for this project are being sought.

Mr Evison also advised that following the conclusion of the HLF an event had been arranged for Sunday 10 August 2008 to celebrate the success of the HLF project, with full media coverage, and all members of the Advisory, and Consultative Committee, and the Alexandra Palace and Park Board would be invited to the event. In response to points of clarification Mr Evison advised that the event was not open to the public and was by invitation only. The event would also be appearing on the Palace's website.

Mr Evison also advised that there had been a positive visit from the Green Flag Judges at the end of May 2008, where it had been remarked upon how improved the park had appeared since the previous year by one of the judges who had been judging the park the previous year. The judges' results were expected on 17 July 2008.

The Committee then briefly raised the following points of concern;

Concerns with regard security issues in and around the Park and at various entrances and concerns that incidences should be followed through, in particular incidences either sexual attack/exposure. In response the General Manager – Mr Loudfoot advised that the system operated whereby on site security at the palace received daily reports of any incidents in the park such as attacks etc although it was the case that not all incidents were reported to the Palace. The incidents, if reported to the Council's Safer Neighbourhood Team, were fed back to the palace and vice versa. In

terms of frequency of incidents it could be said that there could be periods of weeks where no serious incidents occurred and then as was the case the previous week a number of incidents occurred within 2/3 days. Mr Evison reported that a number of those incidents had been tracked on camera and the identities of the attackers were being investigated, and arrests had or would be made shortly. Mr Evison advised that the park was monitored by both security staff and the park Police, in conjunction with the Safer Neighbourhood team;

- The need for an security/incident report to be provided for the next meeting of the Advisory Committee;
- Whether the gantries would be replaced and the response from Mr Loudfoot that the columns had been cast iron, filled with concrete which had subsequently caused corrosion which resulted in the need for their removal. The gantries would not be returning.

#### **RESOLVED**

- i. that the update be noted; and
- ii. that the comments expressed during discussion of the item be noted and actioned, and report backs to the next Advisory Committee, together with a report on the level of incidents in the park.

#### APSC08. MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting of the Advisory Committee – 5 February 2008 & 18 March 2008

#### **RESOLVED**

That the minutes of the meetings Alexandra Park and Palace Advisory Committee held on 5 February 2008, and 18 March 2008 be confirmed as an accurate record of the proceedings

#### Matters arising – 5 February 2008

### (i) Page 3 (ii) Cricket Club

In response to a query from Mr Aspden with regard to recent press reports that the club were being asked to pay a triple rent for the club in future and whether this was actually correct the General Manager – Mr Loudfoot advised the Committee that the current lease with the club, detailed the requirement for a 5 year rent review and that this had been agreed by the club when it entered into the lease arrangements some 10 years previous. The proposed rent level was based on the review and the findings of a surveyor's report and as a result negotiations were now proceeding with the club. In response to points of clarification Mr Loudfoot advised that the rent level was based on the principle of 'Best rent reasonably obtainable' and that the factors in determining this were in relation to the size of the site

and its potential and current usage. Mr Loudfoot also commented that the press reports had been grossly exaggerated and there was no intention to force out the Cricket Club and the Palace was only doing what was required within the lease that the Cricket Club itself had agreed and signed up to, and the reported speculation that the club were being deliberately forced out was complete and utter nonsense. Mr Loudfoot also confirmed that the Alexandra Palace and Park Board would be considering the matter at its meeting on 22 July 2008.

Following a wide ranging discussion as to the usage of the cricket club and the issues of the new school development, and possible commercial usage, the Chair summarised and it was:

#### **RESOLVED**

That in respect of the Alexandra Park Cricket Club, the Board be asked to consider the following deliberations of the Advisory Committee:

- The Board notes the concerns of the Advisory Committee at rumours circulating of the likely level of the increase of the rent;
- ii. That the Board be urged to set a rent which was at a reasonable and affordable level, to ensure the continued existence and operation of the Cricket Club; and
- iii. That the Board consider agreeing a variation to the terms of the existing Lease to permit the possible subletting of the Cricket Club facilities to other (cricket) users, for example, during weekdays, to ensure it remains a viable entity.

### ii) Page 9 – ANY OTHER BUSINESS – LICENCE – WORLD PROFESSIONAL DARTS CHAMPIONSHIPS

In a further wide ranging discussion regarding the World Professional Darts Championships Mr Frith referred to the issue of the Licence application which had not, and should have been brought to the Committee for consideration, which in his view was not acceptable. This view was shared and expressed by a number of those present. Following the Clerk clarifying that the Council's legal view that it was not within the remit of the Advisory Committee the Committee asked that it be circulated with this comment and the Clerk undertook to circulate it.

Following clarification of the operation of the licence by Mr Loudfoot the Chair commented that this was not the only issue that the Advisory Committee had not been consulted on and that he felt that the Board needed to be reminded of this. Following further discussion and comment the Chair felt it would be appropriate to

include a resolution to the Board to this effect in the wider context of the lack of consultation in respect of other issues affecting the Palace during the past year, including the terms of the proposed Agreements with, and Lease to, Firoka, the matter of the licence agreement entered into with Firoka, and the granting of a track betting licence for the World Darts Championships. The Chair also asked that the legal opinion given by the LB Haringey's legal services be discussed at its next scheduled meeting in October 2008.

The Committee shared the comments expressed by the Chair.

## iii) Resolution of the Alexandra Park and Palace Advisory Committee - 5 February 2008

The Clerk gave a brief explanation as to the reasons why the Board had yet to consider the resolution of the Advisory Committee of 5 February 2008, which were that the Board at its meetings on 26 February, 10 and 19 March 2008 had not felt able to give comment on the resolutions as the Board itself was unable to give a view at that time as to its position, other than that previously expressed, but it would give consideration to such resolutions when it was in a position to do so and respond accordingly.

The Committee expressed its considerable concern at the Board seemingly ignoring of the Advisory Committee's resolutions. The Chair proposed that the Committee consider this issue during discussion of Item 8 – Future of the Asset.

**NOTED** 

MINUTES OF THE ALEXANDRA PALACE AND PARK BOARD - 26 FEBRUARY, 10 MARCH & 19 MARCH 2008

NOTED

MINUTES OF THE ALEXANDRA PALACE AND PARK CONSULTATATIVE COMMITTEE - 12 FEBRUARY2008

NOTED

## APSC09. FUTURE OF THE ASSET – UPDATE ( REPORT OF THE GENERAL MANAGER, ALEXANDRA PALACE)

The Chair asked for a brief introduction.

The General Manager – Mr Loudfoot advised that at the last meeting of the advisory committee it was reported that little if any progress had been made in forwarding the development project. It was agreed that should any significant progress be made before the next scheduled meeting then a special meeting of the advisory committee would be called to discuss the progress. It had not been necessary to call this meeting. Mr Loudfoot further

commented that at this point in time it was still the case that insufficient progress had been made to be able to offer any meaningful report on negotiations. Mr Loudfoot advised that since there was no progress to be reported a written report would not normally be tabled. However, past meetings had resolved that a written report should always be tabled and as such the lack of progress was formally reported.

In response to a point of clarification from Councillor Whyte with regard to an investigation by the Charity Commission Mr Loudfoot advised that no such investigation was being carried out to his knowledge.

The Chair commented at the brevity of the circulated report and the fact that there was surely some progress to report/impart to the Advisory Committee regarding the current position with the Firoka Group. The local community was hanging on to the fact that there had been a deal struck with the Firoka Group and that in this respect the local community needed to know what the latest position was.

In response Mr Loudfoot advised that he fully appreciated the frustrations expressed at the lack of progress. He advised that in terms of the Firoka bid it was the case that the Board were still in negotiations with Firoka and they were still the Board's chosen preferred bidder, and a holistic development and approach was still the aim of Board. Beyond that there was nothing further to report.

The Chair commented that surely if there were doubts as to the Firoka bid and further negotiations were being delayed then people had the right to know that this was the case. In sensing that it was likely that there was a problem the Chair commented that by stating that there was no news did give a negative outlook as to the future of the asset. It was the case that all concerned wanted the building to be in full use and a viable development.

Councillor C Harris commented that whilst she appreciated the frustrations of many present it was a fact that there was indeed no further news to report, and that the situation was as reported. It was also the case that there were occasions where the Board would be unable to report on negotiations because of the financial/commercially sensitive nature or legal content of such negotiations to which no other party would be privy.

Councillor Whyte commented that whilst she appreciated that there was insufficient progress to allow for a fuller report it was the case that there may then be a perceived level of cynicism/questioning.

In response to a request for clarification from Ms Feeney, together with the comments from Councillors Whyte and C. Harris, Mr Loudfoot advised that there were a myriad of delaying issues, some were in relation to items such as project delivery, finance and others such as the principles of the future consultation. It was not the case that vast changes of details to the project were being considered but the fact was that progress had stalled. This was partly due to the consequences of the judicial review of the Charity Commission's previous consultation.

Ms Feeney thanked Mr Loudfoot for his clear and succinct clarification.

Councillor Oatway, in echoing some of the concerns expressed in terms of the report's lack of clarity, expressed her dissatisfaction at the lack of consideration by the Alexandra Palace and Park Board of this Committee's resolution of 5 February 2008 and that the Board had not as yet considered these resolutions.

The Committee then discussed in considerable detail the issue of the resolution of the Advisory Committee of 5 February 2008 which echoed Councillor Oatway's concerns of seemingly being ignored by the Board. Concerns were expressed at the wording of the High Court judgement in relation to the consultation process, and the fact that if there was no overall change to the process or detail of the consultation then why was there a delay in Charity Commission commencing a new consultation process.

Mr Loudfoot commented that it was not the case that the Board were ignoring the Advisory Committee and that the resolutions would be considered when it was appropriate for the Board to do so but he again reiterated that the development project had not advanced since the last meeting.

The Committee further commented that it was appropriate, should there be no forthcoming response to the resolutions by the Board at its next meeting on 22 July 2008, that a letter should be prepared by the Chair to the Charity Commission expressing the Advisory Committee's concerns at the Board's lack of consideration of its resolutions, and its concern at the lack of progress with regard to the consultation process to be embarked upon by the Charity Commission. The Chair commented that it would be appropriate to call a special Advisory Committee or Urgency Sub-Committee after 22 July 2008 to consider such.

Councillor C Harris advised that if such action were to be taken by the Advisory Committee she would not be able to be supportive of such action. Councillor Harris reiterated her earlier comments with regard to the Board being unable to give responses at this stage to those resolutions.

Mr Aspden advised the Committee for information that out of 31 resolutions thus far put to the Board 2 had been accepted, 12 rejected, and 17 ignored.

The Chair then summarised and it was:

### **RESOLVED**

- i. The Advisory Committee notes with considerable concern that the Board has yet to respond to the resolutions of the Advisory Committee of 5 February 2008 (see attached, marked (i)) despite the Board meeting on three separate occasions, namely on 26 February, and 10 and 19 March 2008;
- ii. That Board be requested without fail, to give due and proper consideration to the above resolutions of 5 February 2008 at its

forthcoming meeting on 22 July 2008, and provide a detailed response thereto;

- iii. That the Board be asked to note the Advisory Committee's concern at the brevity and lack of any meaningful information imparted by the General Manager in relation to the future of the asset at its meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> July, 2008 and,, in the wider context, at the lack of consultation in respect of other issues affecting the Palace during the past year, including the terms of the proposed Agreements with, and Lease to, Firoka, the matter of the licence agreement entered into with Firoka, and the granting of an track betting licence for the World Darts Championships; and
- iv. That, in anticipation of there not being any response to the Advisory Committee's resolutions of 5 February 2008 by the Board at its next meeting on 22 July 2008, then a letter should be prepared by the Chair to the Charity Commission expressing the Advisory Committee's concerns at the Board's lack of consideration of its resolutions, that it also expresses its concern at the lack of progress with regard to the consultation process to be embarked upon by the Charity Commission, and that either a special Advisory Committee or Urgency Sub-Committee be convened after 22 July 2008 to discuss the proposed draft letter.

#### APSC10. FORTHCOMING EVENTS

The General Manager advised the Committee of those events provisionally confirmed (*in italics*) and those confirmed on the events sheet. In particular he referred the Committee to the new antique fair scheduled and the good quality feedback of the previous event by the new organiser.

In response to questions from Councillor Oatway re the finishing times of concerts Mr Loudfoot advised that all concerts were scheduled to finish by 10.30/11.00pm.

Ms Feeney commented on the Fireworks event the previous November and the fairground gate and resultant difficulties with attendees existing and the sheer volume of people and the sheer crushing and difficulties. Mr Loudfoot responded that this issue had been investigated and officers would ensure that this did not occur at future events.

Ms Hutchinson referred to a corporate event the previous weekend that had closed the road way down to the deer enclosure. Mr Loudfoot commented that he would look into the issue and advise as to the agreed arrangements.

In response to further clarification as to bookings Mr Loudfoot advised that there were bookings 3 years ahead, and the Trading Company was fully engaged in actively progressing bookings etc.

#### NOTED

APSC11	ANY OTHER BUSINESS
	Nil Items
APSC12	TO NOTE THE DATES OF MEETINGS OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE MUNICIPAL YEAR 2008/2009 AS FOLLOWS: 7 October 2008 10 February 2009

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Chair