

**MINUTES OF THE ALEXANDRA PARK AND PALACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE.
TUESDAY, 1 SEPTEMBER 2009**

PRESENT: * denotes attendee

NOMINATED BY LOCAL RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATIONS

*Ms J. Hutchinson : Alexandra Residents' Association
 *Ms. M. Myers : Muswell Hill and Fortis Green Association
 *Mr D. Heathcote : Muswell Hill and Fortis Green Association
 Ms J. Baker : Palace Gates Residents' Association
 Vacancy : Palace View Residents' Association
 Ms S. Rees (deputy) : Palace View Residents' Association
 *Mr. D. Frith : 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 M Davies : Fortis Green Ward
 *Councillor M. Whyte : Hornsey Ward
 Councillor S. Rainger : Muswell Hill Ward
 Councillor M. Newton : Council Wide appointment
 Councillor J. Patel : Council Wide appointment
 Vacancy

Also in attendance:

Mr Andrew Gill – Interim General Manager – Alexandra Palace
 Mr Mark Evison – Park Manager – Alexandra Palace
 Ms Rebecca Kane – Managing Director, Alexandra Palace Trading Limited
 Ms Natalie Cole – Clerk to the Committee

MINUTE NO.	SUBJECT/DECISION
APSC14.	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE An apology for absence was received from Councillor Newton and an apology for lateness was received from Councillor Davies. The meeting started at 19:40 hrs.
APSC15.	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST There were no declarations of interest in relation to items on the agenda.
APSC16.	MINUTES

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Minutes of the Advisory Committee held on 16th June 2009

Committee members expressed dissatisfaction that the Advisory Committee's views on the Heartlands Planning application were rejected by the Board and considered not to be within the Committee's remit. The main concerns of the Advisory Committee had been about the impact of the development on the view from the Palace which Committee members considered to be relevant.

Committee members also expressed concern at the Board's responses to the Advisory Committee's comments about the Park Workshop Building and that the Board had ignored the resolutions of the Advisory Committee.

With regard to minute no. APSC04 - Appointment of Members to the Alexandra Park and Palace Statutory Advisory Urgency Sub-Committee for the Municipal Year 2009/10 – the Committee noted that Councillor Dobbie was no longer a member of the Advisory Committee.

Councillor Oatway nominated Councillor Whyte to take Councillor Dobbie's place on the Statutory Advisory Urgency Sub-Committee. This was seconded by Councillor Davies and it was:

RESOLVED

That Councillor Whyte be appointed to the Urgency Sub-Committee of the Advisory Committee for the Municipal Year 2009/10.

Minutes of the meeting of the Alexandra Palace and Park Board held on 16th April 2009 and 30th June 2009

The draft minutes of the Alexandra Palace and Park Board held on 30th June 2009 were tabled.

Andrew Gill (Interim General Manager, Alexandra Palace) brought members attention to minute number APB007 which deferred consideration of the Redston Park proposed pathway. Mr Gill informed the Committee that Board members had attended a Redston Park site visit on 23rd June and that the matter would be considered by the Board in October 2009. Mr Gill further advised that there was no budget available for this work.

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the draft minutes of the Alexandra Palace and Park Board held on 16th April 2009 and 30th June 2009 be noted.

Minutes of the meeting of the Consultative Committee held on 23rd June 2009

RESOLVED

That the draft minutes of the Consultative Committee held on 23rd June 2009 be noted.

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	<p><u>Minutes of the meeting of the Alexandra Palace and Park Panel held on 3rd June 2009</u></p> <p>RESOLVED</p> <p>That the draft minutes of the Alexandra Palace and Park Panel held on 3rd June 2009 be noted.</p>
APSC17.	<p>PARK ACTIVITIES UPDATE</p> <p>The Committee received the report updating on park activities, presented by Mark Evison (Park Manager).</p> <p>Members of the Committee congratulated officers and Friends of the Park, particularly Gordon Hutchinson, who played a large part in helping the Park to obtain Green Flag status for the second year.</p> <p>The Chair highlighted some water drainage problems in the Redston Field area of the Park. Mr Evison stated that this could be due to the leaking fire main and agreed to investigate.</p> <p>Mr Evison reported that the operator of the Workshop Building had obtained planning permission and relevant parties were in the process of agreeing the lease. Committee members complained that the boundary in the map provided as part of the planning application seemed different to the map provided in the lease. Mr Evison stated that the area shown on a plan as part of the lease, was likely to become smaller when the lease was agreed.</p> <p>Mr Evison informed members that the Park would be responsible for cutting the grass on the land within the fenced area of the Workshop Building. This area, however, will be exclusive to children using the Little Dinosaurs project in the Workshop Building although it was still part of the public park. The tenant would be responsible for maintaining security in this area.</p> <p>The Committee were informed that Adidas had offered to supply the Borough with Adizone outdoor gym equipment at the Newlands Road playing field area which would be open to the public. There would be only 12 Adizone gyms in London and installation and maintenance would be free of charge to Alexandra Palace. Trustees and the Advisory and Consultative Committees would be consulted and installation would be subject to a planning application and consultation with the local community.</p> <p>RESOLVED</p> <p>That the report be noted.</p>
APSC18.	<p>FORTHCOMING EVENTS</p> <p>The Committee received the report on forthcoming events presented by Rebecca Kane (Managing Director, Alexandra Palace Trading Limited (APTL)).</p>

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	<p>Ms Kane highlighted that no events consisting of more than 10,000 people had been organised except for the fireworks event which was expected to be attended by 30-40,000 people.</p> <p>The Knitting & Stitching and Darts events were currently being planned. Ms Kane emphasised that APTL relied on hosting 3 to 4 concerts each year but only one concert had been booked so far (with a further 20 days available) and that the licence application for additional capacity in the Great Hall should improve the number of bookings.</p> <p>Ms Kane reported that the Christmas Pantomime was always a popular event and APTL was considering how the ice-rink foyer could be used; a Christmas Market was one of the options.</p> <p>Ms Kane informed the Committee that raising capital to improve and update the ice-rink freezing mechanism was a priority. The gas which was currently used to freeze the ice would soon become obsolete.</p> <p>RESOLVED</p> <p>That the report be noted.</p>
<p>APSC19.</p>	<p>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</p> <p>Before the Chair considered any other business he asked the officers present (Mr Gil and Mr Evison) to leave the meeting.</p> <p><i>Clerks note: The Committee moved into informal session for this discussion.</i></p>
<p>APSC20.</p>	<p>FUTURE MEETINGS</p> <p>The Committee noted the dates of future meetings as detailed below:</p> <p>3rd November 2009 9th February 2010 30th March 2010</p>

The meeting ended at 21:30 hrs

David Liebeck

Chair