

**MINUTES OF THE JOINT INFORMAL MEETING OF THE ALEXANDRA PARK & PALACE
STATUTORY ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND THE ALEXANDRA PALACE AND PARK
CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE
TUESDAY, 17 JULY 2012**

PRESENT: * denotes absence

NOMINATED BY LOCAL RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATIONS

Advisory Committee Nominated Members of:

Alexandra Residents' Association	: Ms J. Hutchinson
Bounds Green and District Residents Association	: Mr K. Ranson
Muswell Hill and Fortis Green Association	: Mr D. Heathcote
Palace Gates Residents' Association	: *Mr J. Athanassiou
Palace View Residents Association	: Ms E. Richardson
The Rookfield Association	: Mr D. Frith
Warner Estate Residents' Association	: *Mr D. Liebeck
1 Vacancy	

Advisory Committee Appointed Members:

Alexandra Ward	:	*Councillor Beacham
Bounds Green Ward	:	Councillor Christophides
Fortis Green Ward	:	Councillor Erskine
Hornsey Ward	:	*Councillor Gorrie
Muswell Hill Ward	:	Councillor Jenks
Noel Park Ward	:	Councillor Gibson
Council-wide Member	:	Councillor Griffith
Council-wide Member	:	*Councillor Dogus

Consultative Committee Nominated Members:

Alexandra Palace Amateur Ice Skating Club	*Mr M. Tarpey
Alexandra Palace Allotments Association	Ms E. Regan
Alexandra Palace Angling Association	Mr K. Pestell
Alexandra Palace Organ Appeal	*Mr R. Tucker
Alexandra Palace Television Group	*Mr J. Thompson
Alexandra Residents' Association	Ms C. Hayter
Alexandra Palace Garden Centre	*Mr C. Campbell-Preston
Alexandra Park and Palace Conservation Area Advisory Committee	Mr C. Marr
Bounds Green and District Residents' Association	Mr K. Ranson
CUFOS	*Mr J. Smith
Friends of Alexandra Park	Mr G. Hutchinson
Friends of the Alexandra Palace Theatre	*Mr N. Willmott
Hornsey Historical Society	Mr J. O'Callaghan
Muswell Hill and Fortis Green Association	Ms D Feeney
Muswell Hill Metro Group	*Mr J. Boshier
New River Action Group	Miss R. Macdonald
Palace View Residents' Association	Ms V. Paley
Vitrine Ltd - The Lakeside Café	*Mr A. Yener
Warner Estate Residents' Association	Prof. R. Hudson

Consultative Committee Appointed Members:

*Councillor Cooke
*Councillor Demirci
Councillor Hare
*Councillor Peacock

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*Councillor Scott
*Councillor Stewart
*Councillor Williams

Also attending

Duncan Wilson – Chief Executive – Alexandra Palace
Mark Evison – Park Manager, Alexandra Palace
Sam Davison – LB. Haringey
Felicity Parker – Clerk to the Committee (LB Haringey)

Approximately 8 members of the public

MINUTE NO.	SUBJECT/DECISION
APSC75.	<p>ELECTION OF CHAIR</p> <p>As Chair of the previous meeting, Colin Marr opened the meeting and called for nomination for a Chair for the remainder of the 2012/13 Municipal Year.</p> <p>Gordon Hutchinson nominated Colin Marr, Jacob O’Callaghan seconded the nomination and it was</p> <p>RESOLVED that Colin Marr be elected as Chair of the Joint Informal Meeting of the Alexandra Park and Palace Statutory Advisory Committee and the Alexandra Palace and Park Consultative Committee.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Colin Marr in the Chair</u></p>
APSC76.	<p>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</p> <p>Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Beacham, Councillor Cooke, Councillor Demirci, Councillor Peacock, Councillor Stewart, Jimmy Athanassiou and David Liebeck.</p>
APSC77.	<p>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</p> <p>Councillor Jenks declared a personal interest as he was a member of the Warner Estate Residents’ Association.</p>
APSC78.	<p>MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING</p> <p>RESOLVED</p> <p>i) To approve the minutes of the informal Joint Statutory Advisory and Consultative Committee meeting held on 22 May 2012, subject to the following amendment:</p> <p>Apologies for absence to be noted for Liz Richardson.</p>

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	<p>ii) To note the minutes of the Statutory Advisory Committee meeting held on 22 May 2012.</p> <p>iii) To note the minutes of the Consultative Committee meeting held on 22 May 2012, subject to the following amendment:</p> <p>APCC12 (b) to read – Colin ‘Marr’, rather than ‘Frith’.</p> <p>iv) To note the minutes of the Alexandra Palace and Park Board meeting held on 3 April 2012.</p>
<p>APSC79.</p>	<p>PARK ACTIVITIES UPDATE</p> <p>RECEIVED the Park Activities Update as set out in the agenda papers, introduced by Mark Evison – Park Manager, Alexandra Park.</p> <p>NOTED</p> <p><u>Red Bull BMX Event</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The recent weather had not helped with the restoration of the grounds, although some re-seeding had now taken place using acid-loving grass species as recommendation by an ecologist. • Some Committee members raised concerns over the ‘spoil’ left behind by Red Bull and asked when it would be removed. Duncan Wilson explained that Red Bull had requested to hold another event in the Park next year. Although no decision has been made with regards to this, and Red Bull would still have to submit a proposal, it was decided that removing the spoil would incur high costs and cause significant disruption especially if it were to be brought back again should another event take place. It was anticipated that Alexandra Palace would be in a position to take a decision at the end of the year. • A discussion continued and the following was noted: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Councillor Hare suggested that the perimeter fence be moved in closer so that the area looked tidier, until a decision was made.- - Gordon Hutchinson spoke on behalf of Friends of the Park and stated that although the event was said to be successful, it was felt that the disadvantages outweighed the benefits. The main disadvantages were noise from the event, noise from the movement of vehicles, damage done to the park, delay in the restoration of the park, and general interference with normal park activities. - Some members of the Committee felt that moving the debris to a different area in the park could cause as much disruption as it would to remove it completely. Other members felt that Red Bull should have removed everything after the event, as they had promised to do, and any further proposals for events would be considered at a later date. - The Chair proposed a recommendation to the Board, and it was agreed that the view of the joint committee should be made to the Board – this to request that Red Bull be asked, at their expense, either to clear the

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site of all the debris, or remove it to some other agreed and safe location within the park. Further that any proposal for another similar event next year be considered on its merits at a later date. The Statutory Advisory Committee would separately consider its' recommendation.

- Duncan Wilson said that it would be known by October whether Red Bull wanted a repeat event and a fresh proposal could be considered then and would be open for review by the joint committee.

Improvements to Cricket Grounds – Sam Davison

- Since the last meeting, site visits had been carried out for members. A couple of further options had been suggested, but after investigation by the project team, were considered unsuitable.
- The new proposal was to bury the tank. Additional funding would be required for this, but assurances had been made that it would be available.
- In response to whether the tank could be moved to the car park at the back of the building, Sam Davison explained that this was not feasible as it would impinge on parking spaces, the tank would be sitting 6ft above the ground and an access door to the club house would be blocked.
- The Committee were reassured by the decision to bury the tank and agreed not to press any further reservations about this with the Board.

Dog Control Orders

- LB Haringey were in the process of consulting on Dog Control Orders. The proposal from Alexandra Palace was included in the agenda pack and the Committee was requested to consider the proposal and respond directly to the Council.
- Enforcement of the Orders would be by the Council's Enforcement Officers, but improved signage would play a large part in educating park users / dog owners.
- Mark Evison emphasised that the consultation was a LB Haringey initiative, and not Alexandra Palace. Committee members were encouraged to take the opportunity to potentially influence the outcome of the consultation.
- Committee members were generally in support of the Dog Control order and welcomed the more ordered approach that should benefit dog walkers and other park users.

A general discussion took place regarding park activities and the following was noted:

- Alexandra Park had achieved Green Flag and Green Heritage site status for the fifth year running.
- The proposal for the closure of the Park Avenue North gate and Muswell Hill

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	<p>pedestrian entrance would be presented to the Alexandra Palace and Park Board on 24 July – some Committee members commented that closing the gates would prevent park users using the park as a through route, which is part of a designated cycle route and extension of the Parkland Walk. Mark Evison explained that the closures were not 24-hour, but between 22.00/23.00 and 06.00, and would only be introduced on a trial basis. The purpose of the proposal was to see whether ASB and vandalism could be reduced. Committee members agreed to this for a trial period.</p> <p>RESOLVED</p> <p>i) That the report be noted.</p> <p>ii) That the discussion with regards to the Red Bull BMX event, and the recommendation from the joint committee be made to the Board for its consideration at the next Board meeting.</p> <p>iii) That the Alexandra Palace and Park Board be notified of the Committee’s approval of the updated proposals for the water storage tank at the Cricket Club.</p> <p>iv) That the proposals for Dog Control Orders in the Park and the request for the Committee to respond to the consultation be noted.</p>
<p>APSC80.</p>	<p>FORTHCOMING EVENTS</p> <p>RECEIVED the Forthcoming Events report as set out in the agenda papers, introduced by Duncan Wilson – Chief Executive, Alexandra Palace.</p> <p>NOTED</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Further information was requested as to access to the park from the north side on Torch Relay day. Duncan Wilson undertook to check this and publish access information on the Alexandra Palace website. • Jacob O’Callaghan queried the two dates for Gardeners Question Time – one was provisional and the other looked to be confirmed. Duncan Wilson explained that both dates were still provisional. • The Committee requested that timings of events be included on the event list. <p>RESOLVED to note the report.</p>
<p>APSC81.</p>	<p>GOVERNANCE</p> <p>The Chair introduced the item and referred to the recent letter sent to Committee members, which suggested that a Chair of the joint committee could be elected for the remainder of the Municipal Year and included a proposal for rationalisation of the membership. The Chair explained that the origins of this went back to the adoption of the joint committee idea early in 2011 when it was always envisaged</p>

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that there would be continuity of chairmen and rationalisation / streamlining of membership, both to make the joint committee manageable in size and to improve its effectiveness.

The Chair said that it was overdue that these matters were looked at again and proposed that a working group be re-established to address streamlining the committee by eliminating duplicate membership and resolving representation of lessees, tenants and employees. Other issues that should be resolved include the need for common agendas / paperwork and moving towards a more formalised and statutory nature for the joint committee. All of these issues had been anticipated in the original approach to joint working between the two committees, but had not been progressed.

In the discussion on this item, Duncan Wilson suggested to the Chair that somebody from the executive could be involved with the working group to help it with its deliberations. The Chair thanked Duncan Wilson for his offer and recalled that the working group had in the past worked effectively and had liaised with the Trust Chair and the General Manager in the conclusion of its work..

RESOLVED that the Statutory Advisory Committee and Consultative Committee Chairs would work together to facilitate the working group.

APSC82. REGENERATION

RECEIVED the report as set out in the agenda pack, introduced by Duncan Wilson – Chief Executive, Alexandra Palace.

NOTED:

- Over 2000 responses had been received in response to the consultation. A full report had been included in the papers for the Alexandra Palace and Park Board meeting on 24 July 2012, and were published on the Council website - <http://www.minutes.haringey.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=105&MId=5935>
- The general conclusion was that people were please to see that proposals for improving the Palace were being considered. There was significant support for bringing the theatre back into use.
- The consultation showed some negative responses to the hotel idea, but these were put down to confusion as to what was actually proposed. Similarly, concerns about increased road traffic were to be seen as misunderstandings.
- Concerns were raised by committee members about one or more of the display panels that seemed to show some specific proposals in the south east wing, e.g. for a 'BBC TV experience' that were not part of the consultation plan. Duncan Wilson responded that the labelling here was entirely illustrative and was not indicative of any firm plan. Duncan went on to say that ideas were moving ahead for a 'visitor experience' in the Transmitter Hall and he expected to have some developed proposals for consideration in the Autumn.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Duncan Wilson said that he hoped to have a significant bid for Heritage Lottery Funding for the next phase of regeneration in November, this would include plans for the Theatre and the south east wing / TV studios. Duncan agreed that these proposals at a formative stage would be put to the joint committee in October in advance for formal consideration by the Board. <p>RESOLVED to note the report.</p>
APSC83.	<p>NON-VOTING BOARD MEMBERS FEEDBACK</p> <p>None.</p>
APSC84.	<p>ITEMS RAISED BY INTERESTED GROUPS</p> <p>Noise from concerts/events at Alexandra Palace – raised by Jane Hutchinson on behalf of the Alexandra Residents’ Association.</p> <p>Jane Hutchinson raised concerns over noise nuisance from concerts at the Palace. The noise levels seem to have risen from previous years, and this needed to be addressed especially as the amount of concerts at the Palace was rising. Local residents were carrying out surveys, the results of which would be presented to Duncan Wilson.</p> <p>Duncan Wilson responded by saying that until specific examples were provided to him, he was not able to comment in detail. He added that all events at the Palace were bound by the terms of the Palace’s licence and all music must be set at a certain level as prescribed by the Council. This did not mean that there would not be any noise heard from events, but that this level of noise was one that was deemed acceptable by the Local Authority.</p>
APSC85.	<p>ANY OTHER BUSINESS OR URGENT BUSINESS</p> <p>The Chair welcomed Evelyn Regan from the Alexandra Palace Allotments Association, who would replace Colin Mahony as a Consultative Committee member.</p>
APSC86.	<p>DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS</p> <p>NOTED the dates of future meetings:</p> <p>Tuesday 16 October 2012 Tuesday 15 January 2013</p>

Colin Marr

Chair

Signed by the Chair Date