

**MINUTES OF THE JOINT MEETING OF THE ALEXANDRA PARK & PALACE STATUTORY ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND THE ALEXANDRA PALACE AND PARK CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE HELD ON TUESDAY, 3RD OCTOBER, 2017, 19:30**

**PRESENT:**

**Councillors: Joanna Christophides, Anne Stennett, Jennifer Mann and Ann Waters.**

**John Wilkinson, Dermot Barnes, Duncan Neill Nigel Willmott, Rachael Macdonald, Val Paley, Jaime Singleton, Richard Hudson and Jacob O'Callaghan**

**Also in attendance: Cllr Adam Jogee, Cllr Peter Mitchell, Jim Jenks (Chair), Kevin Stanfield, Elizabeth Richardson and Jason Beazley**

**62. FILMING AT MEETINGS**

The Chair referred those present to agenda Item 1 as shown on the agenda in respect of filming at this meeting and asked that those present reviewed and noted the information contained therein.

**63. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from:

Cllr Stephen Mann, Cllr Ross, Cllr Paterson, Cllr Mark Blake, Cllr Claire Bull and David Frith. In addition, Jaime Singleton was attendance as a substitute for Hugh MacPherson.

Cllr Wright, Cllr Hare and John Boshier.

*\*Clerks Note – The Statutory Advisory Committee was not Quorate as there were only two appointed Members present. The meeting continued informally, however the SAC were unable to take any decisions.\**

**64. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No Declarations of Interest were received.

**65. URGENT BUSINESS**

Cllr Christophides advised the Chair that there was an item of urgent business to be considered around nominating a Consultative Committee member to fill the remaining

vacant slot as a non-voting member on the APP Board. The Chair agreed to consider the item as a new item of urgent business under Item 10.

## 66. MINUTES

The Board noted the minutes of the informal Joint Statutory Advisory and Consultative Committee on 27<sup>th</sup> June 2017.

The Board noted the draft minutes of the meeting of the Alexandra Palace and Park Board held on 18<sup>th</sup> July.

## 67. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

RECEIVED the report of Louise Stewart, Chief Executive (CE), Alexandra Park and Palace.

The following matters arose from discussion of the report:

- a. In response to a request for further information around the APPB governance review, the CE advised that there was no further information available at present as the Board had reached no decisions. Governance was due to be discussed further at the Board strategy day on 21<sup>st</sup> October, at the meeting some consideration would be given to timescales and when consultation would take place with the SAC & CC committees and appropriate stakeholders.
- b. East Wing Restoration Project – The Chief Executive advised that the methodology for the theatre ceiling was still to be finalised.
- c. The Friends of Alexandra Palace Theatre advised that they were willing to assist with fundraising for community usage of the theatre.
- d. The planning and listed building conditions submitted for listed building consent discharge were not significant changes but were noted as amendments to existing consents.
- e. West Yard Storage Project – In response to a question about what was being done about temporary storage, it was commented that some storage was off-site as the building was not ready on time. The additional costs to APP were covered by the contractor, in accordance with the contract.
- f. No issues were foreseen with seeking planning permission and listed building consent for relocating the storm water drain attenuation tank from beneath the West Yard to the North Yard.
- g. BBC Tower Mast - In response to a suggestion that the lighting of the mast be undertaken regularly and not just for special events, the CE advised that the planning process was subject to competing priorities and that some stakeholders had raised objections to the proposal. It was agreed that the dates for the planning application would be circulated (**Action: Natalie Layton**).
- h. Events – The Chair advised that representatives from WERA met with the CE recently and that a number of mitigations were agreed in response to the parks licence. These included how noise complaints would be responded to and an agreement that regular updates would be provided to the Committee on the amount of noise complaints received.
- i. The psychedelic mural was currently in storage and would be used again at future events.

- j. The Trust was continuing to liaise with the Forestry Commission to tackle the Oak Processionary Moth nests found in the park. Low-level nests had been fenced off and would be removed.
- k. Future Events – In response to a question on whether the Palace would have to make any improvements to the building in order to facilitate the zip wire and whether its installation would involve any restrictions to areas of the park; the Committee was advised that arrangements were still to be determined. The CE advised that several potential anchoring points had been identified and that the management team were conscious that they did not want to unnecessarily fence off areas of the park. In response to a follow-up question, the CE reiterated that no decision had been made and that the size and location of a landing platform was still to be determined. The CE stated that it would not necessarily be a permanent installation.
- l. Park update - Congratulations to Mark Evison and the Parks team was noted for the three awards that they received. The Committee also acknowledged the work done by the Friends of Alexandra Park.
- m. Volunteers – In response a query, the committee was advised that a general request for volunteers had not been undertaken for some time. However, the team was actively looking into areas that volunteers could become more involved with. The CE advised that the Committee would be advised as-and-when a call for volunteers was made.
- n. Archive and Interpretation – The Committee was advised that the BBC Wing Forward Plan was still being developed by the Trust and that this would be shared in due course. The CE acknowledged that an advisory workshop would be included in the Forward Plan.
- o. The Chief Executive acknowledged that the 3D scans of both basement levels would be accessible to the public, but that the timescales for this were not determined.

*\*Clerk's note - Virtual tours of the basements can be found at this link: [https://www.google.com/culturalinstitute/beta/streetview/alexandra-palace-solitary-confinement-cell/LwFRdIB4EqKT\\_w](https://www.google.com/culturalinstitute/beta/streetview/alexandra-palace-solitary-confinement-cell/LwFRdIB4EqKT_w) \**

## **68. NEW YEAR'S EVE - PARK AND PALACE MANAGEMENT PLAN**

RECEIVED the report of Louise Stewart, Chief Executive, Alexandra Park and Palace.

The following matters arose from discussion of the report:

- a. The Committee expressed concern with the displacement of vehicles into the surrounding streets and questioned where the vehicles would park if Alexandra Palace Way was closed. The Committee also questioned how access for buses would be managed. In response, the CE advised that the Palace was working with the safety advisory group; which included the Police, TfL and the Council and would ensure that any road closure was properly managed.
- b. The Committee sought assurances that any road closure would be publicised widely and well in advance. The CE acknowledged that any road closure would be well publicised.
- c. The Committee also sought assurances around the timings of the road closure and whether people who had parked their cars before 22:00 would be able to

- leave. In response, the Committee was advised that the Police would be involved in the determination of the final road closure timings and that further work would be done to assess whether access to car parks would be restricted from earlier in the day.
- d. In response to concerns, the Chief Executive advised that similar arrangements had been successfully implemented for the fireworks and that this included installation of a temporary Controlled Parking Zone.
  - e. The Committee commented that traffic pressures may be different on New Year's Eve, as the pressure tended to be on parking spaces at the bottom of the hill during the fireworks event, whereas it was likely to be at the top of the hill on New Year's Eve.
  - f. The Committee sought assurances that pedestrian access gates would remain open. The Chief Executive commented that the problems caused were associated with visitors arriving in cars and that pedestrian access would remain.
  - g. The Committee questioned whether the Trust could exploit New Year's Eve to generate additional revenue. In response, the CE advised that the team had looked at all available options; but opening the Palace had been discounted due a lack of capacity to put on additional events during an already extremely busy period.
  - h. It was suggested that representatives of residents' associations could feedback their thoughts on the New Year's Eve proposals directly to the Chief Executive.

## 69. NON-VOTING BOARD MEMBERS FEEDBACK

Nigel Wilmott advised the Committee that many of the reports at the last APP Board meeting related to the Trust's long term strategic vision. The Committee noted that there was very little specific feedback from the last meeting, as most of the substantive business was conducted in the exempt section.

## 70. ITEMS RAISED BY INTERESTED GROUPS

Val Paley questioned when the Committee would have the opportunity to discuss the Heartlands development and its effect on the amenity of the Park. The Chief Executive advised that she was unsure of whether the SAC were able to formally comment on planning applications that were not submitted by the Alexandra Park and Palace. **(Action: Clerk).**

The Committee noted that individual resident's associations were able comment on planning applications, as part of the process at Planning Committee.

The Clerk to ascertain the key dates for the Heartlands planning application. **(Action: Clerk).**

*\*Clerk's note – The SAC's remit extends to commenting on planning applications either submitted by the Trust or those on the Trust's land. At the time of writing the minutes, the Clarendon Road Gas Works site was due to be validated around the week beginning 6<sup>th</sup> November, this would start the clock on the wider planning*

*process and the planning department have confirmed that the application has met the relevant requirements at the present stage. A description of the site includes the construction of 2-15 storeys to accommodate 622 residential units, as well as a number of other use classes including business use and a day nursery. It was anticipated that the application would be heard by the Committee at the beginning of the next calendar year\*.*

**71. NEW ITEMS OF URGENT BUSINESS**

Gordon Hutchinson nominated Duncan Neill to sit on the APP Board as a non-voting Member. Dick Hudson seconded.

**RESOLVED**

That Duncan Neill be nominated to sit on the APP Board as a non-voting Member.

**72. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS**

The next meeting date of 23<sup>rd</sup> January was noted.

CHAIR:

Signed by Chair .....

Date .....