

MINUTES OF MEETING ALEXANDRA PALACE AND PARK BOARD HELD ON TUESDAY, 14TH JANUARY, 2020, 7.30 - 9.20 PM

PRESENT:

Councillors: Anne Stennett (Chair), Eldridge Culverwell (Vice-Chair), Dana Carlin, Nick da Costa, Bob Hare and Sarah Williams

Non-voting members: Duncan Neill, Val Paley and Nigel Willmott

1. FILMING AT MEETINGS

The meeting was not filmed or recorded.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Jason Beazley.

Apologies for lateness were received from Councillor Williams.

3. URGENT BUSINESS

There was one item of urgent business - Execution of APTL User Agreement. This would be discussed under item 11 of the agenda.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

None.

5. QUESTIONS, DEPUTATIONS OR PETITIONS

None received.

6. MINUTES

RESOLVED that

- i. The minutes of the Alexandra Palace and Park Board held on 8 October 2019 be approved;**
- ii. The minutes of the Alexandra Palace and Park Board held on 10 December 2019 be approved;**
- iii. The minutes of the Alexandra Park and Palace Statutory Advisory Committee held on 10 December 2019 be noted; and**
- iv. The minutes of the joint Alexandra Park and Palace Statutory Advisory Committee and Alexandra Palace and Park Consultative Committee be noted.**

7. REPORT FROM THE CHAIR OF THE FINANCE, RISK, RESOURCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE

RESOLVED that the feedback from the Finance, Risk, Resource and Audit Committee be noted.

8. TRUST FINANCIAL RESULTS

Dorota Dominiczak, Director of Finance and Resources, introduced the report as set out. The Trading Company had made good progress towards the ambitious fundraising target.

Section 11 highlighted the known risks for 2020/21 – a possible cut in the Corporate Trustee grant and some contractual costs. The Finance team were currently working on the budget for 2020/21 to factor in the reduction of the grant, and this would be discussed at the Finance, Risk, Resources and Audit Committee (FRRAC) and presented to the next Board meeting.

RESOLVED that the financial performance of the Trust and the pressure on the Trust's 2019/20 budget be noted.

9. CEO REPORT

Louise Stewart, Chief Executive, introduced the report as set out. The parking consultation had ended, with over 2000 responses. The responses were predominantly from local residents. There were early indications that there was a good level of detailed useful feedback in key areas. The results would be analysed and reported back at a future meeting.

The Trust had received funding from Arts Council England, this was a new funding relationship for the Trust.

Work was being undertaken to resolve broken lighting in the park and to address enquiries and complaints received.

A digital asset management system was in the process of being rolled out across the organisation for archiving materials. This system would have an internal interface that would currently cover the back office, but eventually would contain a public access element. In response to a Board Member, Emma Dagnes advised that the system would start as a basic public asset platform but there could be scope to include a retail element.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

10. FABRIC MAINTENANCE PLAN (FMP)

Emma Dagnes, Deputy Chief Executive, introduced the report as set out. Prior to the meeting the Board had carried out a tour of the building to view some of the priority areas identified in the Fabric Maintenance Plan (FMP).

In response to questions it was noted:

- Refurbishment of the ladies' toilets in the Phoenix Bar is on the priority list but had been deferred due to other emergency repair works required during December. A decision needed to be made as to whether a small refurbishment would suffice, or if a full redesign was required. The Head of Facilities was exploring replacing the splashback at the sinks. Louise Stewart advised that the organisation was getting better at communicating to the public on site when there was a refurbishment or repair happening or required and its status.
- The overarching position of the FMP had not changed significantly from last year. Some parts of the building had not been looked at due to budget.
- The aim was to complete the East Court project fully before embarking on other projects.
- Meanwhile uses for certain parts of the building had been explored but some of the uses discussed were not currently financially viable.
- The FMP was reviewed by the Building Manager every two months.

RESOLVED that

- i. **The progress made in 2019/20 be noted; and**
- ii. **Adjustments to priorities be approved.**

11. ANY OTHER UNRESTRICTED BUSINESS THE CHAIR CONSIDERS TO BE URGENT

The Chair introduced the report as set out. The Board had taken a decision at its' meeting on 8 October 2019 to approve an updated APTL User Agreement to commence in April 2020, however the recommendations had omitted the Board's explicit approval for the Council's Legal Services team to execute and seal the new agreement.

RESOLVED that the London Borough of Haringey's Assistant Director of Corporate Governance be authorised to seal the APTL User Agreement, which was approved by the trustee board on 8th October 2019.

12. FUTURE MEETINGS

24 March 2020

13. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS

RESOLVED that the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the consideration of items 14-18 as they contained exempt information as defined in Section 100a of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended by Section 12A of the Local Government Act 1985); Para 1 – information relating to any individual, Para 2 – Information which is likely to reveal the identity of an individual, Para 3 - information relating to the business or financial affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information), and Para 5 - Information in respect of which a claim to legal professional privilege could be maintained in legal proceedings.

14. MINUTES

RESOLVED that

- i. The minutes of the Alexandra Palace and Park Board held on 8 October 2019 be approved; and**
- ii. The minutes of the Alexandra Palace and Park Board held on 10 December be approved.**

15. EXEMPT LEASEHOLD PROPERTY REVIEW

The recommendations in the report were approved.

16. EXEMPT ESTATE GUARDING CONTRACT

The recommendations in the report were approved.

17. EXEMPT APTL CHAIR'S FEEDBACK REPORT

The recommendations in the report were approved.

18. ANY OTHER EXEMPT BUSINESS THE CHAIR CONSIDERS TO BE URGENT

None.

CHAIR: Councillor Anne Stennett

Signed by Chair

Date