

MINUTES OF MEETING ALEXANDRA PARK AND PALACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE HELD ON TUESDAY, 1ST SEPTEMBER, 2020.

PRESENT:

Councillors Josh Dixon, Scott Emery, Elin Weston, Khaled Moyeed, Yvonne Say and James Chiriyankandath.

David Frith (The Rookfield Association), Jason Beazley – Chair (Three Avenues Residents Association), Jim Jenks (Warner Estate Residents Association).

73. FILMING AT MEETINGS

Noted.

74. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Das Neves and Jane Hutchinson.

75. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest.

76. URGENT BUSINESS

None.

77. MINUTES

The meeting raised concerns that the previous APPCT Board minutes had not been included in the SAC agenda pack. Clerk to include in future agendas **(Action)**.

RESOLVED

To approve the minutes of the Advisory Committee held on 10th December 2019.

78. CEO'S UPDATE REPORT

The SAC received a report which provided an update on Alexandra Park and Palace; including the impact of COVID-19, reopening and recovery, wellbeing survey, park management, Creative Learning and Dukes Avenue. The report was introduced by Louise Stewart, Chief Executive (CE) of APPCT as set out in the Joint SAC/CC agenda pack at pages 9-27.

RESOLVED

That the contents of the report were noted.

79. CAR PARK CHARGING PROPOSALS

The SAC received a report which set out findings of the parking charges survey, the proposed discounts and exemptions for certain user groups, and the next steps in the process. The report was introduced by Louise Stewart, Chief Executive (CE) of APPCT as set out in the Joint SAC/CC agenda pack at pages 27-34. The SAC endorsed the comments made at the Joint Meeting of the Alexandra Park and Palace Statutory Advisory Committee and the Alexandra Palace and Park Consultative Committee and put forward the following points for the Board's consideration on the introduction of car parking charges:

- a. The SAC were broadly supportive of the proposals but raised some concerns around groups on low income and those who have mobility issues. It was suggested that parking charges should be kept as low as possible not to discourage particular user groups and perhaps there could be some free parking such as on Bank Holidays for lower income families who might wish to have a free day out.
- b. It was suggested that there needed to be a balanced response to this issue. There was a strong financial argument for introducing charges but there also needed to be some recognition that a significant proportion of people responding to the consultation expressed concerns with charging. It was suggested that local ward councillors needed to be engaging with the local community on this to ensure that those living in the vicinity of the park were aware of possible knock-on effects to parking in the surrounding area.
- c. It was commented that most people were used to paying for parking and that this was an unfortunate reality of the financial situation faced by APPCT and the need to protect the future of the charity.
- d. The SAC believes that any parking charges should not disadvantage vulnerable people and that some mitigation was required to protect them.

RESOLVED

That the SAC noted and discussed the information in the report and provided advice and feedback to the Trustee Board on the public feedback to the car park charging proposals.

80. END OF YEAR REPORT

The SAC received a report which provided an annual summary report on outdoor events monitoring, complaints and theatre activity. The report was introduced by Louise Stewart, Chief Executive (CE) of APPCT as set out in the Joint SAC/CC agenda pack at pages 35-42.

RESOLVED

That the SAC noted the report.

81. NEW ITEMS OF URGENT BUSINESS

None.

82. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

5th November

CHAIR:

Signed by Chair

Date