

MINUTES OF THE ALEXANDRA PARK AND PALACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, 5TH NOVEMBER, 2020, 7.30 - 8.30 PM.

PRESENT: Councillors James Chiriyankandath, Lucia das Neves, Scott Emery, Khaled Moyeed, and Elin Weston.

John Crompton (Muswell Hill and Fortis Green Residents' Association), David Frith (The Rookfield Association), Jason Beazley (Chair, Three Avenues Residents' Association), and Jim Jenks (Warner Estate Residents' Association).

1. ELECTION OF A CHAIR FOR THE MEETING

RESOLVED

Jason Beazley (Chair) was elected Chair for the joint meeting of the Alexandra Park and Palace Advisory Committee and the Alexandra Palace and Park Consultative Committee.

2. FILMING AT MEETINGS

The Chair referred to the notice of filming at meetings and this information was noted.

3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Josh Dixon, Councillor Justin Hinchcliffe, and Jane Hutchinson (Alexandra Residents' Association).

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

5. URGENT BUSINESS

There was no urgent business.

6. MINUTES

It was noted that Duncan Neill (Muswell Hill and Fortis Green Association) had attended the joint meeting on 1 September 2020.

It was noted that, in the Board minutes from 14 September 2020, it was stated that the Council planned to roll out Controlled Parking Zones (CPZs) across the borough; it was asked whether there was any additional information. Louise Stewart, Chief Executive Officer, explained that the Trust was aware that the introduction of CPZs was an intention of the Council but there was no further information at this stage; this had been noted to make Board members aware. Cllr Elin Weston stated that she did not believe that it was a Council policy to roll out CPZs but that there may be a review underway to investigate whether additional CPZs were required. However, it was highlighted that CPZs would only go ahead if residents were in support. Cllr Elin Weston stated that it should be possible to obtain further information and to circulate this to members.

In relation to the joint minutes from 1 September 2020, it was noted that there was no new information to report in relation to the Duke's Avenue bridge.

RESOLVED

1. That the minutes of the Statutory Advisory Committee meeting held on 1 September 2020 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.
2. That, subject to the above amendment, the minutes of the Joint Meeting of the Statutory Advisory and Consultative Committees held on 1 September 2020 be noted.
3. That the minutes of the Alexandra Palace and Park Board meetings held on 14 September 2020 and 20 October 2020 be noted.

7. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER (CEO) UPDATE

Louise Stewart, Chief Executive Officer (CEO), introduced the report which provided an update in relation to planning and policy issues for Alexandra Park and Palace, additional information on the events programme, and a range of activities of the Charitable Trust. She also provided updates on various issues which, as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic, had changed since the report was written. The report was presented and discussed and was set out in full in the minutes of the Joint Meeting of the Alexandra Park and Palace Advisory Committee and Alexandra Palace and Park Consultative Committee.

In addition to the discussion at the joint meeting, the Advisory Committee noted that the finances of the Alexandra Palace and Park Board were very tight and congratulated the entire team, all volunteers, and donors on their excellent work. In particular, the Advisory Committee noted that, despite an 80% increase in footfall, the Park was still being well maintained and had achieved its usual awards.

The Advisory Committee enquired whether additional toilets would be provided in Alexandra Park. The CEO noted that there were some barriers to providing additional toilets and that any solution would need to address how to fund more toilets, to ensure safety, and to ensure the correct sewerage arrangements were in place. It was explained that some alternatives had been investigated, including solar and

composting toilets. It was also noted that the existing toilets were sufficient for the volume of users but it was hoped that the issues could be addressed and that additional toilet facilities could be provided.

RESOLVED

To note the report.

8. NON-VOTING BOARD MEMBERS FEEDBACK

The Chair noted that, at the Board meeting which discussed the future of the FOAPT, the FOAPT representative had been satisfied with the response from the Board. It was noted that the main responsibility of the FOAPT, namely the restoration of the theatre, had completed and it was accepted that the governance changes were appropriate. It was also acknowledged that there would likely be some delay in the FOAPT finalising the governance changes at their annual general meeting due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

It was also reported that virtual meetings had been progressing and that it was particularly important to provide regular training for members to ensure their ability to carry out their work effectively. The Chair noted his gratitude that virtual meetings were continuing as it was important for members to continue to provide input and represent their organisations.

9. ITEMS RAISED BY INTERESTED GROUPS

There were no additional items raised by interested groups.

10. NEW ITEMS OF URGENT BUSINESS

There were no new items of urgent business.

11. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

To note the dates of future meetings:

15 March 2021

CHAIR: Jason Beazley

Signed by Chair

Date

