

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE JOINT MEETING OF THE ALEXANDRA PARK & PALACE STATUTORY ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND THE ALEXANDRA PALACE AND PARK CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE HELD ON TUESDAY, 23RD JANUARY 2018, 19:00.

PRESENT:

Consultative Committee Members:

Councillors: Joanna Christophides, Bob Hare, Jennifer Mann, Ann Waters and Charles Wright.

John Wilkinson (AP Allotments Association), Hugh Macpherson (AP Organ Appeal), John Boshier (Muswell Hill Metro Group), Richard Hudson (WERA), Gordon Hutchinson (Chair), Rachael Macdonald (Hornsey Historical Society), Val Paley (Palace View RA), Nigel Willmott (Friends of AP Theatre), Dermot Barnes (Alexandra RA), Jacob O'Callaghan (APP Conservation Advisory Area Advisory Committee) and Duncan Neill (Muswell Hill & Fortis Green Association).

Statutory Advisory Committee Members:

Councillors: Mark Blake, Adam Jogee, Viv Ross, Joanna Christophides, Jennifer Mann, Bob Hare, Ann Waters and Charles Wright.

Jane Hutchinson (Alexandra RA), Elizabeth Richardson (Palace View RA), David Frith (The Rookfield Association), Jason Beazley (TARA), Jim Jenks (WERA) & Kevin Stanfield (Palace Gates RA).

73. FILMING AT MEETINGS

The Chair referred Members present to agenda Item 1 as shown on the agenda in respect of filming at this meeting, and Members noted the information contained therein'.

74. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were noted for Cllr Stennett, Cllr Mitchell, Cllr Claire Bull and Cllr Patterson.

75. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

76. URGENT BUSINESS

There were no items of urgent business.

77. MINUTES

RESOLVED

- I. That the minutes of the informal Joint Statutory Advisory and Consultative Committees held on 3rd October 2017 be approved as an accurate record of the meeting.
- II. That the minutes of the meeting of the Alexandra Palace and Park Board held on 2nd November be noted.

78. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

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

The following matters arose from the discussion of the report:

- a. Governance report – In response to a suggestion that the SAC should be wound up instead of the CC, the CEO acknowledged this suggestion, advising that the report did not recommend any changes to the composition of the SAC. The CEO advised that the SAC provided a forum to engage with surrounding residents associations and that the Palace valued having a good working relationship with its neighbours.
- b. East Wing Restoration Project – In response to a question, the Deputy CEO advised that the East Wing was due to be ready in summer 2018 but that the public opening would be later than that, possibly autumn.
- c. In response to a question on the Listed Building Consent for the lighting of the mast, the CEO advised that the condition of it being lit no more than 120 times a year was agreed with the Planning Authority and that the Palace was responsible for monitoring this.
- d. The Committee was advised that the majority of the work to the East Court was being done to the inside of the building but that there was some fabric repair being undertaken to the outside.
- e. The Committee noted that the Learning and Participation team were being renamed the Creative Learning Team which seemed to have more resonance with funders. In response to a query, the Committee was advised that the head of the CLT was Mark Sibble who had a background as a teacher and had also ran a theatre as well as working as an assessor for the Arts Council.
- f. BBC Studios – The CEO acknowledged the offer from the APP Conservation Area Advisory Committee to assist in the development of the BBC Studios project and agreed to put the offer to the Board.
- g. The Clerk agreed to circulate an electronic version of the BBC Studios Forward Plan to all members of the JSAC/CC. **(Action: Clerk).**

- h. In response to a query, the CEO advised that the input of other media outlets had been sought in the project and not just the BBC.
- i. West Yard Storage Project – In response to a question, officers were advised that the West Yard was not yet in use, but that any additional costs from the delay and continued off-site storage was being met by the contractor.
- j. Events – Some Members of the Committee advised that they had not received a letter outlining the details of the arts festival.
- k. The CEO acknowledged that there were no plans to pursue zip wire proposals at this time.
- l. In response to a question, the CEO advised that access was monitored during indoor events and that any offensive behaviour or costumes would be dealt with by security staff.
- m. New Year's Eve Road Closure – In response to a question from the Committee, it was noted that the overall level of anti-social behaviour experienced was considerably reduced from previous years. However, instances of anti-social behaviour did still occur.
- n. Park Update – The CEO advised that poor drainage was an ongoing issue, particularly during winter but that there had also been a water leak which had exacerbated problems. The leak had now been fixed. The CEO agreed to speak the Parks Manager and feedback on what was being done to address the drainage issues and accumulation of puddles. **(Action: Louise Stewart)**.
- o. Drone Policy – The CEO clarified that although drone competitions had taken place inside the Palace, the policy stipulated that it was not permitted to fly a drone on or over the Park or Palace without the written permission of the Trustees.
- p. A member of the Committee enquired whether drones could be allowed in the park but only in a prescribed area at a prescribed time. The CEO suggested that she would take that feedback to the Board but commented that it was unlikely to be popular with other park users.

79. ARTS FESTIVAL

The Committee received a verbal update from Simon Fell, Director of Event Operations on the proposed arts festival event. The Committee was advised that APPCT were developing plans to hold an arts festival called Kaleidoscope on 21st July 2018. The event would take place across the south slopes and inside the Palace. The event would be limited to 15k tickets and early bird tickets would cost £40 for adults and £15 for children.

In response to the discussion following the presentation, the below points were noted:

- a. It was proposed that there would be a road closure in place for Alexandra Palace Way from the Thursday through to the Sunday.
- b. Attendance would be lower than the Reb Bull Soap Box Derby.
- c. In response to a question, the Committee was advised that no decision had been made on whether the Summer Festival would also be held this year. It was a decision that the Board would make in due course.
- d. In response to a query about contingency planning in the case of bad weather, the Committee was advised that given the level of logistical planning involved, it wouldn't be possible to move the outside stages inside.

- e. In response to concerns about noise levels, the Committee was advised that 75 decibels was the limit as per the licensing conditions but that staff would be making every effort to keep noise to a lower level. The sound would be directed away from the building and the noise monitoring phone line would be manned throughout the event.

80. NON-VOTING BOARD MEMBERS FEEDBACK

Nigel Wilmott fed back to the Committee on the APPCT Board meeting on 2nd November 2017. The Committee was advised that the planning response prepared in relation to the Haringey Heartlands development would be used as the basis for APPCT's response to other similar developments, particularly those submitted as part of the Wood Green Area Action Plan.

81. ITEMS RAISED BY INTERESTED GROUPS

None.

82. NEW ITEMS OF URGENT BUSINESS

N/A

83. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

There were no further meetings in the current municipal year.

CHAIR: Gordon Hutchinson

Signed by Chair

Date