

# **MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ALEXANDRA PARK AND PALACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE HELD ON TUESDAY, 23RD JANUARY, 2018, 19:00.**

## **PRESENT:**

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 (Chair - TARA), Jim Jenks (WERA) & Kevin Stanfield (Palace Gates RA).

## **1. 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'.

## **2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Mitchell, Cllr Patterson, Cllr Claire Bull.

## **3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

## **4. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT**

The SAC noted the discussion that took place during the Joint SAC-CC meeting and agreed that there was no further recommendations on the CEO report to feed up to the Board.

## **5. NYE ROAD CLOSURE**

The SAC noted the discussion that took place during the Joint SAC-CC meeting and the following points were raised for noting by the Alexandra Park & Palace Board:

- a. The Committee reiterated that there were very few problems following the road closure and that there was no noticeable impact on parking in the surrounding streets.
- b. The Committee appreciated that there was early notification of the road closure to the public. It was suggested that the public be given similarly early notification of any future road closures.

- c. The Committee raised concerns with disabled access during a road closure as blue badge holders would be prevented from parking within easy access of the Palace.
- d. In response to a question, it was noted that there was no information available around how many people attempted to gain access to the Park and Palace but were prevented from doing so by the road closure.
- e. In response to a question, the CEO advised that she was happy with the results of the road closure and considered it to be value for money.

## 6. ZIP WIRE

The Committee welcomed that there were no plans at this moment in time for the zip wire to proceed and commented that the proposal was not well received by residents.

## 7. PARK EVENTS

The SAC noted the discussion that took place during the Joint SAC-CC meeting and the following points were raised for noting by the Alexandra Park & Palace Board:

- a. That this was the first year of the increase in the number of park events and the Committee encouraged residents to report any issues.
- b. The Committee noted its concerns with the proposal to set the maximum noise level of the arts festival at 75 decibels, which was the limit allowed under the licensing conditions.

## 8. SAC ATTENDANCE

The Committee expressed its concern that its previous meeting was inquorate as only two appointed Members were present. The SAC reiterated the importance of its role within the overall governance arrangements, and emphasised the need for attendance at meetings in order to allow the Committee to transact its business.

The Clerk agreed to feedback the need to avoid future clashes when determining the calendar of meetings for 2018/2019. **(Action: Clerk).**

The Clerk also agreed to feedback the Committee concern's to the Whips' Office. **(Action: Clerk).**

## 9. GOVERNANCE REVIEW

The SAC noted the discussion that took place during the Joint SAC-CC meeting and the following points were raised for noting by the Alexandra Park & Palace Board:

- a. The SAC recommended that it should be maintained as part of the overall governance structure and sought to affirm its ongoing role.
- b. The Committee raised concerns with a lack of political buy-in to the process and suggested that perhaps Councillors could have been consulted prior to SAC meeting.
- c. The Committee also emphasised that any further consultation should be on a borough wide basis as APPCT was subsidised by council tax payers. In response the management team advised that this consultation was on proposals at an early stage, as there was an expectation from the Charity

Commission that consultation took place with stakeholders. The Board would make a decision on how the Corporate Trustee would be consulted following feedback from the SAC and CC.

- d. The Committee were advised that ultimately, it would be Full Council that would be required to take a decision from a Council perspective as current proposals would involve changes to the Council's constitution.
- e. The Committee sought clarification around the position of the Chair of the SAC sitting on the Board as a non-voting observer. It was queried whether there was an inherent conflict with an SAC member also sitting on the Board and apprehension was noted with the discontinuation of this arrangement.
- f. In response to a query around the likely date for implementation of the governance review, the Committee was advised that further legal advice would be sought and that resources would need to be identified before the Board made a final decision. It was anticipated that the earliest opportunity would be in late summer but that this may be impacted by the election of a new council administration in May.
- g. The CEO acknowledged that the SAC would be consulted on the final arrangements.
- h. The Chair of the SAC suggested that he would like to speak to the Council about the future governance arrangements of the SAC.

**10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

None.

**11. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS**

Noted that there were no further meetings scheduled for this municipal year.

CHAIR:

Signed by Chair .....

Date .....