

# **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 THURSDAY, 25TH APRIL, 2019, 7.30 - 9.00 pm**

**PRESENT:** Councillor Josh Dixon, Councillor Khaled Moyeed, Councillor Yvonne Say, Councillor Dana Carlin, Councillor Nick da Costa, Councillor Bob Hare, Councillor Anne Stennett, Councillor Sarah Williams, Gordon Hutchinson (**Chair**), Jane Hutchinson (Advisory Committee Member), Ken Ranson (Advisory Committee Member), Kevin Stanfield (Advisory Committee Member), Elizabeth Richardson (Advisory Committee Member), David Frith (Advisory Committee Member), Wilkinson (Consultative Committee Member), John Thompson (Consultative Committee Member), Dermot Barnes (Consultative Committee Member), Jonathan Smith (Consultative Committee Member), Nigel Willmott (Consultative Committee Member), Rachael Macdonald (Consultative Committee Member), John Boshier (Consultative Committee Member), Val Paley (Consultative Committee Member), Frances Hargrove (Consultative Committee Member), Richard Hudson (Consultative Committee Member), and Jacob O'Callaghan (Consultative Committee Member),

## **119. ELECTION OF CHAIR FOR THE MEETING**

Gordon Hutchinson agreed to chair the meeting.

## **120. FILMING AT MEETINGS**

Noted.

## **121. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Duncan Neill, Jim Jenks, Jason Beazley, Hugh Macpherson and Councillors Chiriyankandath, das Neves, Emery, Hinchcliffe, Jogee and Dogan.

## **122. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations of interest were made.

## **123. URGENT BUSINESS**

There were no items of urgent business.

## **124. MINUTES**

The following issues were noted in discussion:

- In response to member questions, Louise Stewart, CEO, noted the Trust had not yet implemented the licence for commercial dog walkers.
- Jacob O'Callaghan requested the Alexandra Palace and Park Board have an item on their next meeting's agenda regarding Freedom of Information (FOI) and exempt information.
- The CEO noted that, if the Charity were a standalone charity without Haringey Council as a corporate trustee, then it would not be subject to FOI. However, because the corporate trustee was a local authority, the officers of the Council guided the Board on FOI matters. The Board had agreed with the Council that it would operate on the basis of the same exemptions as the Council. The CEO reassured the Joint Committee that the Trust was committed to openness and transparency and always acted in the interest of the Charity. The work undertaken by the Trust on a Strategic Vision for AP was ongoing and not for publication at this time.

## RESOLVED

- i. To approve the minutes of the informal Joint Statutory Advisory and Consultative Committees held on 29th January 2019.
- ii. To note the minutes of the Statutory Advisory Committee held on 29th January 2019.
- iii. To note the minutes of the meeting of the Alexandra Palace and Park Board held on 4th March 2019.

## 125. CEO'S UPDATE REPORT

The CEO introduced the report and invited Member comments. The following was noted:

### Park Update

- The yellow shipping container that was in the Go Ape area had been removed following completion of a new electrical supply store.
- The CEO informed that the ice cream vans operating within the Park and the east car park had the appropriate licences to operate. The ice cream company that the Trust used provided registration numbers of the vans used and notified the Trust of any changes in vehicles.
- No feedback had been received on the Park Run event coffee van trial. The Trust had a good working relationship with Park Run. If it wished to use its coffee van onsite then it would have to apply for a licence, as it was commercial activity.  
**Post meeting note:** The arrangements for the coffee van at Park Run events have now been made, to the satisfaction of the Trust.
- The CEO confirmed that the annual report on outdoor events monitoring framework, which was discussed by the Board in November 2018, would be listed as a standalone item at the next Joint Committee meeting. (**Action: Natalie Layton**).

## East Wing and Theatre

*Theatre* - The original business plan for the Theatre was being exceeded. There had been a high level of interest in holding performances/events at the Theatre with a broad range of performances listed with a mixture of community usage.

The CEO confirmed that a list of the community and local arts groups past and future activities at the Theatre would be listed in the minutes, they are as follows:

- BBC Proms learning – 1st December
- Haringey Music Service – Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December
- Haringey has pride workshop – 1st April
- Bilbo Buzz Children books awards on the 2nd April (26 schools)

**Post meeting note:** We have held many more community and creative learning activities in other areas including the East Court and Transmitter Hall. The areas chosen to facilitate these events are dependent on the event requirements and capacity. The table below shows the community events currently provided by the Creative Learning Team:

Table – Creative Learning community activities:

Event	Location	Description of Creative Learning
Baby Jazz	East Court	Weekly singing sessions with babies with partner organisation Ruby
Rhythm Stick	Transmitter Hall	10-week training programme focussed on events skills; end result of putting on a club night for adults with learning disabilities. No formal partners but My AFK, Kith & Kids, Haringey Shed have all helped
Singing for the Brain	Transmitter Hall	Weekly participatory singing sessions, based on reminiscence for people with dementia and their carers. Partner: Alzheimer's Society
Pell Ensemble	Transmitter Hall	Half-day dance and coding workshop held on 3 <sup>rd</sup> May for secondary school pupils with partner Pell Ensemble
Nest Art Day	Creative Learning Pavillion	Drop-in family activity day held with partners Sally Hart (commissioned)
Drumming Workshop	Transmitter Hall	Drumming Session for children held on 7 <sup>th</sup> May, 14 <sup>th</sup> May with partner CM Sounds
Creative Writing Workshop	East Court	Weekly Creative writing workshops for adults, with partner Creative Writes
School groups	Transmitter Hall	School workshops are held almost weekly in term time, arranged with individual schools
Coffee and Computers	Creative Learning Pavilion	Free monthly drop-in session for older people providing advice on light technologies (e.g. how to Skype), with partner Coffee & Computers
Singing for the Brain	Transmitter Hall	Target audience: People with dementia & their carers Description: Weekly participatory singing sessions based on reminiscence Partners: Alzheimer's Society
Wellness Café	Transmitter Hall	Monthly session of creative activity and refreshments, in partnership with Home Instead & The Good Care Group

A new website was due to be launched, which would better highlight the breadth of the operations of the organisation, including the Theatre.

In response to a question the CEO confirmed that there was no progress on the BBC Studios element of the original East Wing project, due to lack of capacity and likelihood of funding at this time.

Concern was expressed that the Friends of the Theatre were not happy with the level of recognition from the Trust. The CEO confirmed that she and the Trust acknowledged the work of the Friends in supporting the Theatre frequently. If there were any concerns amongst the Friends of the Theatre, they were invited to discuss those with the CEO. The CEO noted that it was surprising at the recent meeting with the Friends that these issues had not been raised. Nigel Wilmott stated that the concern expressed was not shared by the majority of Friends members.

Members praised the CEO for her interview on Radio 3 with Ken Bruce. Good feedback had been received on the acoustics in the Theatre.

### Creative Learning

- The Chair noted the tabled paper to the CEO's Update Report, which clarified that the funding award from the Tottenham Grammar Foundation provided £10,000 towards the Big Schools Day BAFTA Kids event and £6,000 towards Biblio Buzz. The second Big Schools Day was Para Dance an externally funded event for children with special education needs, in partnership with Para-Dance and London Youth Games
- Regarding the redecoration of the Transmitter Hall, the CEO would feedback to the team regarding the suggestion to incorporate interpretation in the space.

A member asked what the Trust was doing to celebrate 50 Years of Open University (OU), the university opened in 1969. **Post meeting note:** There have been discussions with the OU about the possibility of hosting an event commemorating the OU's first graduation in 1973. The Trust has been liaising with OU archive and contributing to their celebrations/ online exhibition. It has also engaged with ex-OU staff who worked at Alexandra Palace and hosted a reunion including a tour of the site. There are plans this year to include a blog on "the Ally Pally spirit" and social media regarding the first graduation.

### West Yard Storage Building

The top floor of the new West Yard Building was not fitted out and so the Trust team would remain where they were currently situated, for now.

### Events and Noise Management

- The CEO corrected the report at 6.6 and informed the number of complaints received from the Fireworks festival was four, not two.
- Kaleidoscope Presents, a spin off which would incorporate some of the aspects of the Kaleidoscope festival, was to be held in the summer of 2019. It is hoped to hold the festival again in 2020.
- The CEO confirmed a list of upcoming events would be circulated with the minutes – see *table below*.
- The Tottenham Hotspur shuttle bus had caused issues for the Trust, even though reassurances were given that the potential impacts would be managed and avoided. There was also issues with the match goers using AP car parks as a park and ride for the stadium. The Trust had written to the club and intended to contact

the Council's planning department to inform them of the Trust's dissatisfaction with the arrangements.

Table – Upcoming Events

Event	Location	Date
Park Run	Park	Every Saturday 09:00 - 10:00
Farmers Market	Park	Most Sundays 10:00 - 15:00
PROGRESS WRESTLING	West Hall	Sat 4th May - Monday 6th May
Four Tet	ALL AREAS	Wed 8th - Thursday 9th May
Friends of the Park Scavenger Hunt	The Grove	Monday 6th May
English National Opera with Paul Bunyon	Theatre	Friday 5th - Saturday 13th May
Disturbed	ALL AREAS	Saturday 11th May
Reginald D Hunter	Theatre	Thursday 16th May
YMCA Park Run	Park	Sunday 19th May
Antiques Fair	Great Hall	Sunday 19th May
Ronnie Scotts - Manhattan Transfer	Theatre	Monday 20th - Tuesday 21st May
The Great British Tattoo Show	Great Hall	Saturday 25th - Sunday 26th May
Alexisonfire	ALL AREAS	Saturday 1st June
In Loyal Company Evening (ABTT)	Theatre	Wednesday 5th June
Liam Gallagher: As it Was World	Theatre	Thursday 6th June
Haringey Box Cup	West Hall	Thurs 13th - Sunday 16th June
Foals	ALL AREAS	Fri 21st & Sat 22nd June
Live Music Event - Tash Sultana	ALL AREAS	Friday 28th June
Red Bull Soap Box Race	ALL AREAS	Sunday 7th July
Catlin Moran	Theatre	Tuesday 9th July
Luna Cinema	Park - South Slopes	Friday 12th - Sunday 14th July
Graham Nash - An intimate Evening of Stories and Songs	Theatre	Saturday 3rd August
The Monster	Great Hall	Fri 23rd - Mon 26th August
Antiques Fair	Great Hall	Sunday 1st September
PROGRESS Wrestling	West Hall	Sunday 15th September
Table Top Gaming	G. hall, W. Hall, P.Room	Sat 28th & Sun 29th Sept
King Gizzard and The Lizard Wizard	ALL AREAS	Saturday 5th October
As Good as it Gets	Theatre	Sunday 6th October
MBS & Yoga Show	G.Hall & W. Hall	Friday 18th - Sun 20th October
Fireworks Festival	Park	Fri 1st and Sat 2nd Nov
Ardal O' Hanlon - The Showing Off Must Go On	Theatre	Wednesday 6th November
Fat Freddy's Drop	ALL AREAS	Saturday 16th November
Dr John Cooper Clarke - The Luckiest Guy Alive Tour	Theatre	Sunday 24th November
Halestorm	ALL AREAS	Thursday 28th November
YolanDa Brown 10 year anniversary Tour	Theatre	Friday 29th November
Antiques Fair	Great Hall	Sunday 1st December
Darts	ALL AREAS	Sun 8th Dec - Wed 1st January

[Car Park charging project update](#)

The CEO clarified that the report referred to the appointment of experts to assist the Trust in testing the proposals to charge for car parking on site, not the actual implementation of charges.

### Recruitment of Independent Members

The CEO informed there had been widespread interest in the two advertised independent non-executive director roles for APTL and for the independent committee member (finance) for the Trust Finance, Risk, Resource and Audit Committee.

### **RESOLVED**

That the content of the report, including the closure of Alexandra Palace Way from 10am on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July until 5am on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July for the Red Bull event, be noted.

## **126. PLANNING APPLICATION - BEER GARDEN**

The CEO introduced this report, which sought the Joint Committee to note and provide comments on the planning and listed building consent application.

The following was noted in discussion:

- The CEO stated it was an inherent risk with outdoor property that damage could be caused but there was already CCTV in the area and the security team are based in close proximity.
- The CEO reassured the sound levels would continue to be monitored and managed. The music would be localised and within the set noise conditions on the premises licence. Members queried whether no music being played on 'The Beach' would be more suitable for the location. **Post meeting note:** During pub opening times, background music is already played daily in the outdoor area This has always been the case and will not differ from previous years.
- The level of noise generated is less that for scheduled event days such as StrEatlife and the Great Fete.
- Members cautioned the potential loss of view from the beer garden
- Members of the committee asked how encouraging more visitors on summer evenings worked with the car parking arrangements that sees car parks such as the Grove car park closed at 7pm.
- It was noted that the structures would be in place from April to October.

**Post meeting note:** The team are providing improved signage in the grove car park – it currently closes at 7pm on non-event days. On event days it remains open later when the car park is marshalled. .

- The pictures included in the report were examples only.
- There would still be a through way to the rest of the terrace.
- The CEO confirmed a search would be undertaken for the cast iron railing structures that had previously been used to separate 'The Beach' from the terrace. Rachael Macdonald would provide a photograph of the cast iron railings.

**Post meeting note:** The small section of black and silver cast iron railings on the beach were removed sometime after 2012/13 and are stored in the

Basement. They are replicas or extensively refurbished, but also found were some fragments in their original state during the Basement Works, which are still stored to the western end of the main avenue under the Great Hall.

**RESOLVED**

- i. To note the contents of this report.
- ii. To provide comments on the planning and listed building consent application.

**127. NON-VOTING BOARD MEMBERS FEEDBACK**

The Colour Framework was an important piece of work that the Board was continuing to discuss.

**128. ITEMS RAISED BY INTERESTED GROUPS**

Jacob O’Callaghan raised the issue of the temporary red and white bollards installed around the Palace to prevent nuisance parking. He queried whether there was any alternative to the bollards, such as clamping vehicles.

The CEO stated that clamping had been ruled out as an alternative temporary option due to the well publicised issues this can cause. Further, alternatives to the bollards were expensive, and any permanent structures put in place would need to be operationally efficient.

**129. NEW ITEMS OF URGENT BUSINESS**

None.

**130. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS**

*Revised* post meeting –

- 18 June 2019
- 24 Sept 2019
- 10 Dec 2019
- 28 April 2020

CHAIR: Gordon Hutchinson

Signed by Chair .....

Date .....