

**MINUTES OF THE ALEXANDRA PALACE AND PARK  
CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE**

**22 NOVEMBER 2005**

Councillors: \*Manheim (Chair), Dillon, Haley, \*Krokou, Reynolds, Robertson  
(two vacancies).

Nominated Members:

Alexandra Palace Action Group		(To be advised)
Alexandra Palace Amateur Ice Skating Club	*	Mr. M. Tarpey
Alexandra Palace Angling Association	*	Mr K. Pestell
Alexandra Palace Indoor Bowls Club		(To be advised)
Alexandra Palace Organ Appeal	*	Mr.J. Apperley
Alexandra Palace Television Society		Mr S. Vaughan
Alexandra Residents' Association	*	Ms. C. Hayter
Bounds Green and District Residents' Association	*	Mr K. Ranson
Friends of the Alexandra Palace Theatre		Mr. N. Wilmott
Hornsey Historical Society		Mr.J.O'Callaghan
Muswell Hill and Fortis Green Association	*	Ms D. Feeney
Muswell Hill Friends of the Earth		(To be advised)
Muswell Hill Metro Group		Mr J. Boshier
New River Action Group		Mr F. Clark
Palace Skatepark Association		Mr. P. Lumsden
Palace View Residents' Association	*	Ms V. Paley
U.C.A.T.T.		Mr J. McCue
Warner Estate Residents' Association	*	Prof. R. Hudson

\*Members present.

**Also In Attendance:**

The General Manager, Alexandra Palace

Councillor Hare

**APC18 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Mr Boshier and Mr Clark, and for lateness and possible non-attendance from Councillor Dillon due to returning from a family bereavement in Ireland.

**APC19 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Nil

**APC20 URGENT BUSINESS**

There was no urgent business.

**APC21 MINUTES**

**RESOLVED:**

1. That the minutes of the meeting of the Alexandra Palace and Park Consultative Committee held on 21 June 2005 be confirmed and signed as a correct record;
2. That the minutes of the meetings of the Alexandra Palace and Park Board held on 28 June, 12 July, and 13 September 2005 be noted; and
3. That the minutes of the meeting of the Alexandra Palace and Park Panel held on 1 November 2005 be noted.

**MATTERS ARISING:**

None

**APC22 FUTURE USE OF THE ASSET – UPDATE (Verbal Report of the General Manager) (Agenda Item 5)**

The General Manager – Mr Holder advised of the latest position in respect of the process for selecting the preferred bidders for the future use of the asset, to final short listing stage. A press release had been released the on 16 November 2005 detailing the 3 short listed bidders – The Business Design Centre Group Ltd, Earls and Olympia Group Ltd, and Firoka (Heythrop Park) Ltd. Mr Holder, in response to questions advised that the overall financial outlay estimated during valuation had not caused any difficulties for any of the short listed bidders. In terms of proposed uses by each bidder it was the case that the usage would be as an extension of what was provided already and that the future usage was not likely to cause too many usage difficulties with either permission required from the Local Authority, or the Charity Commission.

Mr Holder advised that the Board on 29 November 2005 would consider as set of evaluation criteria to assess the detailed submissions of the 3 short listed bidders and it was then the intention to hold a special meeting of the Board after then, likely to be held in early January 2006 to agree the preferred bidder for the future development of the asset. It was the case that with the 11 original bidders – the 8 unsuccessful had been asked if their proposals could be shared with the 3 three remaining bidders, and in the main most of them had agreed to this had been asked if their ideas had been that submitted. With regard to information requested by each of the 3 bidders from the Trust it was the case that any information supplied by to one, would be shared with the other two.

Further points of clarification were sought from Mr Richelle, and Prof. Hudson in relation to the future existence of the Consultative Committee, the future of the Theatre in the development, and the commitment of the bidders to the £38 million, together with whether the General Manager was of the view that that having three robust and viable bidders was a good thing.

In response Mr Holder commented that it was likely that the there would still be a Consultative type Committee but the shape and form and its purpose was something that would require determining in the future. In terms of the future of the Theatre it was the case that any development proposals regarding any parts of the Palace's interiors would require consultation and planning permissions, especially given English Heritage's interest thus far in any development proposals for the theatre. Mr Holder reiterated that the overall financial outlay estimated during valuation had not caused any difficulties for any of the short listed bidders, and that the £38 million had and would be factored in to their final submission in early January 2006. Mr Holder also felt that each submission was of good standing and robust and that it was a good position for the Palace and Trust to be in, and that in effect any of the 3 bidder proposals would be able to help to alleviate the debt to Local Authority and minimise the level of burden to the Council Tax payers of Haringey.

In response to comments of Ms Hayter and Ms Feeney in respect of future uses of the Palace, and the need for clear and full publicity Mr Holder commented that their nature each of the bidders had had previous experience of concerts and managing such event, especially Earls Court, though any future events would be subject to the licensing approvals that currently existed. It was the case that any future development may have an effect on existing bookings at the Palace and therefore any development would need to be on a planned/phased basis. Concerning publicity it was the case that there would be a robust and effective consultation process with each bidder providing a story board display of their proposals, and a likely local newspaper

publicity programme and news coverage through the local media. The Consultants would ensure that a full PR exercise would be launched.

The Chair concluded that she was very pleased and quite excited at the prospects of being able to consider and agree to a final bidder and that the outcome would be good for the people of Haringey. The Chair also praised the work of the project team and the General Manager in their concerted efforts thus far, together with those of the marketing/estate agents involved in the process.

**RESOLVED:**

That the verbal update and comments of the Committee be noted.

**APC23**

**CAPITAL AND MAINTENANCE WORKS IN THE PALACE AND PARK** (Report of the Facilities Manager, Alexandra Palace) (Agenda Item 6)

The General Manager – Mr Holder provided a comprehensive update of the major works to maintain the asset, as outlined in the circulated report.

Ms Feeney sought clarification as to the sign attached to the recently painted gates at the entrance to Dukes Avenue which was covered with graffiti and was unreadable, needing replacement. Mr Holder responded that the information on the notice was outdated as the entrance was no longer an emergency vehicle entrance and the notice would therefore be removed.

Mr Holder also advised that the Parks Development Manager was currently unwell, recovering from hospitalisation and therefore a more composite report on progress with Heritage Lottery schemes would not be brought to the Committee until January 2006.

There being no points of clarification and comments it was:

**RESOLVED**

That the report be noted.

**APC24**

**PREMISES LICENCE** (Report of the Facilities Manager, Alexandra Palace)(Agenda Item 7)

The General Manager – Mr Holder briefly outlined the recent process for granting of a Premises Licence for the buildings and grounds at Alexandra Palace. Mr Holder commented that the matter went before the Council's Licensing sub committee on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> October. The sub committee considered public representations from concerned local residents and heard evidence from Capita Symonds on the subject of noise levels during music events. Mr Holder advised that the Statutory bodies had raised no objections except for the police who requested a

longer notice period of 21 days for small events and 3 months for large events.

Mr Holder then advised that due to a legal issue the sub-committee chose to adjourn the meeting without decision. The matter was further considered on 2<sup>nd</sup> November and the licence was granted subject to various conditions relating to noise prevention, notice of large events and the holding of a planning meeting with the various statutory authorities.

In response to questions from the Committee Mr Holder advised that he had not received any official notice of the conditions applied to the licence but commented that these were in relation to (Keith can you fill in ? Cllr Manheim had distracted me during this bit.....)

There being no points of clarification and comments it was:

### **RESOLVED**

That the report be noted.

#### **APC25 FORTHCOMING EVENTS (Report of the General Manager, Alexandra Palace)**

Following a brief introduction by the General Manager the Committee briefly discussed the report and the implications of a number of events and the noise levels emanating therefrom especially with regard to the events over the Christmas and New Year period. The General Manager also stressed to the Committee that all of the events listed would end at 11.00pm.

In response to questions from the Committee Mr Holder advised that it would not be the case that the 24 hour licence would not mean that Phoenix Bar would be open till 1.00am, after events finishing. Also the question of whether the Phoenix Bar would be open at Christmas it was case of economics and the viability of it being open against the costs of paying bar staff/electricity costs etc for a limited use on these evenings.

Mr Apperley referred to the forthcoming event on 13 December 2005 'The Phantom of the Opera' and that the original 1930's film was being shown to be accompanied by the original organ score played on the Willis Organ.

There being no points of clarification and comments it was:

### **RESOLVED**

That the report be noted.

#### **APC26 ITEMS REQUESTED BY NOMINATED REPRESENTATIVES**

None requested

**APC27 URGENT ITEMS**

None received

**APC28 TO NOTE THE DATES OF MEETINGS OF THE CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE MUNICIPAL YEAR 2005/2006**

**RESOLVED**

That the following remaining dates be noted as meetings of the Consultative Committee for the Municipal Year 2005/06:

31 January 2006

4 April 2006

**Meeting terminated at 20.20HRS**

**Cllr Denis Dillon  
VICE-CHAIR**