

MINUTES OF MEETING JOINT MEETING OF THE ALEXANDRA PARK & PALACE STATUTORY ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND THE ALEXANDRA PALACE AND PARK CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE HELD ON THURSDAY, 3RD OCTOBER, 2019, 7.30 – 9.10PM

PRESENT: Jason Beazley (Advisory Committee Member), John Crompton (Advisory Committee Member), David Frith (Advisory Committee Member), Jane Hutchinson (Advisory Committee Member), Elizabeth Richardson (Advisory Committee Member), Dermot Barnes (Consultative Committee Member), John Boshier (Consultative Committee Member), Gordon Hutchinson (Consultative Committee Member), Rachael Macdonald (Consultative Committee Member), Jacob O'Callaghan (Consultative Committee Member), Val Paley (Consultative Committee Member), Nigel Willmott (Consultative Committee Member), Councillor James Chiriyankandath, Councillor Nick da Costa, Councillor Bob Hare, Councillor Anne Stennett, Councillor Khaled Moyeed and Councillor Elin Weston

143. ELECTION OF CHAIR FOR THE MEETING

Gordon Hutchinson nominated Jason Beazley, and this was seconded by Cllr Nick da Costa.

RESOLVED

That Jason Beazley would chair the meeting.

144. FILMING AT MEETINGS

Noted.

145. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Dana Carlin, Cllr Eldridge Culverwell, Cllr Josh Dixon, Cllr Scott Emery, Cllr Justin Hinchliffe, Jim Jenks, Duncan Neill, Cllr Lucia das Neves and Cllr Yvonne Say.

Jim Jenks substituted by Adrian Thomas (Warner Estate Residents Association).

146. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

147. URGENT BUSINESS

None.

148. MINUTES

The following points were noted in discussion regarding the previous minutes of the Joint Alexandra Park and Palace Statutory Advisory Committee and Consultative Committee:

- Gordon Hutchinson to be added under the 'apologies for absence' item as his name had been missed from the item **(Action: Clerk)**.
- Regarding the shuttle buses between Alexandra Palace Railway Station and Tottenham Hotspur Stadium, which were using the east car park / AP Way roundabout as a turning point, the CEO confirmed that the Trust had still not received a response from Tottenham Hotspur to the concerns raised by the Trust.
- In response to a Member's concern that the use of the word 'tad' on the litter signage was not widely understood and perhaps should be avoided, the CEO, Louise Stewart, noted that this concern would be fed back to the team **(Action: CEO)**.
- The CEO informed the Members that the public consultation on the Heritage Significance Appraisal had closed at the end of September 2019 but comments from Members would still be considered, as the consultation results were yet to be evaluated.
- The CEO mentioned that work on the creativity pavilion had not yet started and that it was expected to start in October 2019.
- Responding to an enquiry on the removal of the Beer Garden structure, the CEO explained that planning permission was only to the end of September each year. Members asked for the signage promoting the beer garden to be taken down **(Action: CEO)**.
- Cllr Weston mentioned that the outcome of the Haringey Ward Boundaries consultation was due to be published on 3rd December.

RESOLVED

1. To approve the minutes of the informal Joint Statutory Advisory and Consultative Committee held on 18th June 2019.
2. To note the minutes of the Statutory Advisory Committee held on 18th June 2019.
3. To note the minutes of the Consultative Committee held on 18th June 2019.
4. To note the draft minutes of the meeting of the Alexandra Palace and Park Board held on 16th July 2019.

149. CEO'S UPDATE REPORT

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

Governance and Strategy update

Responding to a question on the background and skills of the Finance, Risk, Resource and Audit Committee (FRRAC) and Alexandra Palace Trading Limited (APTL) Board appointments, the CEO informed that the FRACC Independent Member held a chief finance officer position in a large media company, had over 20 years of experience in finance working for central government and large corporations and lived locally. One of the APTL appointees was a qualified accountant, had held a range of different senior roles and now ran his own advisory business. The other APTL Director was a CEO in the sports and entertainment sector with more than 25 years' experience working within the marketing communications industry, working with many of the world's leading brands.

In response to a question on the timescale for the Campsbourne Project, the CEO informed that the rough timescale for the project was 5 years. The CEO noted that the next steps included an initial conversation with potential funders and partners, to create a more focussed brief and an understanding of who should be engaged in the next stages of co-creation (including residents, community groups around the Campsbourne area). Cllr Weston asked that the Hornsey ward Councillors be involved early on. The CEO agreed for SAC & CC Councillor members to be included in the consultation process to share with their constituents (**Action: CEO**). In response to a question, the CEO mentioned that the Council's Accessibility Officers would be consulted on the Project.

In discussion of the Car Park Charging Feasibility Project the following was noted:

- Responding to a question about the involvement of the Council's Accessibility team in the consultation of the Project, the CEO explained that the consultation had not started but the council would have the opportunity to comment.
- The CEO provided a brief update on the feasibility project which was nearing completion. Recommendations would be presented to the Trustee Board and consultation on a proposed scheme would commence before the end of the year. The consultation page would be on the new website.
- Members were invited to contribute suggestions the 'Frequently Asked Questions' via email by the end of October, or if they desired, to provide their contributions at the meeting. Subsequently, the following points were made by Members:
 - Consideration should be given to whether to charge dog walkers, staff, volunteers and Committee members.
 - Overspill in Campsbourne and Dukes Avenue should be considered.
 - The Consultation should state the reason for charging and what the income will be spent on.
- The CEO informed that it was important to demonstrate that the consultation engaged a wide range of beneficiaries. The consultation will seek a wide demographic spread and will be publicised on the website, social media, and

- available in hard copy. We will also promote through others such as the Bridge Renewal Trust, to help make sure we are reaching that wider demographic
- The CEO informed that the consultation was planned to be for a 6week period with regular bursts of promotion. Post meeting note, consultation dates – 4th November 31st December
 - In response to a question, the CEO mentioned that blue badge holders would be free from the charge, as was stated in the original announcement in February 2019.

Regarding the Heritage Significance Appraisal, a Member felt that a general point needed to be made about the significance of the natural heritage of Alexandra Park. A further point was made by another Member that the protected view of St Paul's had been lost from Alexandra Park as the Mayor of London had changed the protection of the view, and the Member asked for the Trust to look into this and challenge the Mayor of London if necessary. Cllr da Costa noted that the view of St Paul's was protected in the London Plan and there were no changes to the view from Alexandra Palace to St Pauls. The CEO informed that she would obtain confirmation on this at an upcoming meeting with a Deputy Mayor of London and would undertake advocacy if necessary **(Action: CEO). Post meeting note: this has now been checked and the view is protected, both as a view to central London and as part of this a distinct view to St Pauls. This protection is the same as the previous version of the London Plan.**

Park Update

A Member queried whether commemorative tree planting could be a way to fundraise for the tree planting project. The CEO explained that this was impractical for a number of reasons, such as the administration and record keeping, who pays for replacement of such trees should they die; this was also corroborated by Friends of the Park and other Members. It was highlighted that people were encouraged to fund memorial benches, which had become popular, and there were systems and policies in place for how the benches were maintained.

Cllr Hare highlighted that provenance was important when replacing trees and noted that this was a practice carried out at Highgate Wood. Cllr Hare mentioned that he would put the Highgate Wood manager in touch with the CEO **(Action: Cllr Bob Hare).**

In response to a question about restoration levy, the CEO explained that this was a fee charged on tickets to some events by the Trading Subsidiary and passed as a gift to the Trust by the Subsidiary. It was further explained that the restoration levy was ring fenced by the Trust for projects to improve the visitor experience at Alexandra Park and Palace, such as toilet refurbishments, acoustic improvements and other equipment in the Theatre. The restoration levy collected around £400,000 a year and was an important source of income for the Trust.

East Wing and Theatre

In response to a question on additional power supply, the CEO explained that sometimes additional power supplies were required depending on an events requirements.

Responding to a question, the CEO explained that the organisation works with promoters and event organisers to on the promotional plan for events held at Alexandra Palace, some events will be promoted on the Trusts website, not all.

Regarding a question on whether now the Theatre and East Court were open the charity was seeing a financial benefit. The CEO explained that whilst the Theatre was performing well the cost of opening those areas on a daily basis to higher standards of presentation was more expensive.

Creative Learning

Regarding a question from Cllr Weston on the amount of young people involved in the Summer camps, the CEO mentioned that she would forward the details to her on the total number **(Action: CEO). Post meeting note:** Between 70-75 young people attended the 6 summer camps, which could accommodate between 10-20 each depending on the type of activity.

Concerns were raised by Members on the closure of The Grove Pedestrian Bridge for the Black History Month street art project. It was felt that people would need to know about the closure widely around, such as Springfield, as it would inconvenience people using Ciro's, Playgroup and Little Dinosaurs. It was mentioned that people would have to walk all the way around and it was felt that the painting on the boards could be done inside. The CEO explained that the project work should cause minor disruption as the team had chosen a time where there would be less movement, and the projects ran for around just 2 hours each day during the half term week. The CEO informed that signs had been put up to give people ample warning. The CEO assured the Members that she would check where the signs had been placed **(Action: CEO). Post meeting note: Signage was in place, although it had been installed slightly later than planned.**

Responding to a question, the CEO assured the Members that there would not be any structural changes in relation to the redecoration of the Transmitter Hall. A Member asked that the team involved in the redecoration be informed of the historical nature of the Transmitter Hall. In response, the CEO explained that the heritage of the Transmitter Hall is visually incorporated into the design.

Events and Noise Management

Concerns were raised by Members regarding the road and park closures for fireworks. It was mentioned that last year fencing continued across the Grove and other areas throughout the Sunday morning after the fireworks, and it was asked whether the residents' letter could be explicit on which areas would be reopened when. In response, the CEO informed that she would check the wording of the residents' letter (Action: CEO). Another Member pointed out that every year the Campsbourne area was cut off from the station due to the fences and the people needed to have access to the station as it was a long walk around. The CEO explained that the closure was

for safety reasons and to prevent access during the final stages of build up and start of break down as well as the event. To keep the Campsbourne path open throughout would require significant infrastructure in the nature conservation area

RESOLVED

To note the contents of this report.

Consultation on proposed cut of 10% of the revenue grant

Whilst not on the agenda report, the CEO updated the Members on the proposed cut of 10% of the revenue grant (£195,000) from the Corporate Trustee, Haringey Council.

Members expressed concern on the potential cut to the revenue grant the Trust receives from the Council. The CEO invited Members to provide comments which she would convey to the Council. In discussion, the following comments were made by Members in support of the Trust:

- The Council should recognise and support the value of the Park to the community.
- Alexandra Park and Palace brought economic investment and benefits into the Borough, such as tourism. It was suggested whether funding for the Trust from the Mayor of London could be explored. The CEO noted that this could be explored **(Action: CEO)**.
- The Committee emphasised the value, hard work, and contributions of the Trust.
- It was highlighted that the Trust would need more financial help to accommodate the growing footfall of people in the area, particularly as a result of new housing developments.
- A toll charge for using Alexandra Palace Way had been considered in the past and SAC / CC Members recognised that it should still be considered and discussed with TfL as a possible subsidy.

The SAC/CC noted that the Trust was working towards self-sustainability and a reduced grant could jeopardise the projects in the pipeline. Cllr Hare recommended that the Council's consultation on the budget should be shared with Members **(Action: Clerk – if available, to share a link to the Council's MTFP with SAC/CC Members)**.

Post meeting note: There was no mention of Alexandra Park & Palace specifically in the Council's Medium-Term Financial Strategy published in August 2019 – the Statutory Advisory Committee should look out for the Council's draft budget which was usually published for consultation in November/December until January/February **(Action: Clerk to share budget consultation link with SAC/CC Members when available)**.

150. OUTDOOR EVENTS MONITORING FRAMEWORK

The CEO introduced this report as set out. In discussion, a Member hoped that the team would continue to work on improvements. It was recognised that this relied on investment in the Park, but generally the framework had been successful in ensuring that outdoor events were not detrimental to the Park.

RESOLVED

To consider the results of the Outdoor Monitoring Framework and make any recommendations to the Trustee Board.

151. NON-VOTING BOARD MEMBERS FEEDBACK

The non-voting Member informed that the Board's Strategy Day on 28th September discussed key issues, such as car parking.

152. ITEMS RAISED BY INTERESTED GROUPS

None.

153. NEW ITEMS OF URGENT BUSINESS

N/A

154. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

Tuesday 10th December 2019

Tuesday 28th April 2020

CHAIR:

Signed by Chair

Date

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