

# UNRESTRICTED MINUTES OF THE ALEXANDRA PALACE AND PARK CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE - TUESDAY, 23 JUNE 2009

\*Nominated Members present:

Alexandra Palace Amateur Ice Skating Club		Mr M. Tarpey
Alexandra Palace Allotments Association	*	Mr S. Ballard
Alexandra Palace Angling Association	*	Mr K. Pestell
Alexandra Palace Organ Appeal	*	Mr R. Tucker
Alexandra Palace Television Group		Mr J. Thompson
Alexandra Residents' Association	*	Ms C. Hayter
Bounds Green and District Residents' Association	*	Mr K. Ranson
Friends of Alexandra Park		Mr G. Hutchinson
Friends of the Alexandra Palace Theatre (Deputy)	*	Mr C. Richell
Hornsey Historical Society		Mr J. O'Callaghan
Muswell Hill and Fortis Green Association	*	Ms D Feeney
Muswell Hill Metro Group	*	Mr J. Boshier
New River Action Group		Ms R Macdonald
Palace View Residents' Association	*	Ms V. Paley
Union of Construction, Allied Trades and Technicians		Mr J. McCue
Warner Estate Residents' Association	*	Prof. R. Hudson

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\*Councillor P. Egan (Chair)  
 \*Councillor B. Hare  
 Councillor C. Harris  
 \*Councillor S. Peacock  
 \*Councillor N. Scott  
 \*Councillor S. Thompson  
 \*Councillor N. Williams

Also in attendance:

Mr A. Gill – Acting General Manager, Alexandra Palace  
 Mr P. Braybrooke - Alexandra Palace Trading Limited (APTL)  
 Mr M. Evison – Park Manager, Alexandra Palace  
 Mr M. De'Ath - Acting Head of Operations and Events -Alexandra Palace  
 Mr C. Hart, Committee Manager, London Borough of Haringey  
 Ms N. Cole – Clerk to the Committee

MINUTE NO.	SUBJECT/DECISION	ACTION BY
APCC01.	<b>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE (IF ANY)</b>  An apology for absence was received from Councillor C. Harris and an apology for lateness was received from Mr Tarpey (Alexandra Palace Amateur Ice Skating Club).	

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<b>APCC02.</b>	<b>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</b>																																
	Councillors Scott and Thompson declared prejudicial interests in Agenda Item 10 – Great Hall Capacity - as they sat on the London Borough of Haringey's Licensing Committee. They would not take part in discussions.																																
<b>APCC03.</b>	<b>URGENT BUSINESS</b>																																
	There was no urgent business to be considered.																																
<b>APCC04.</b>	<b>MEMBERS AND CONSTITUTION</b>																																
a.	<p>The Committee Manager, Clifford Hart, informed the Consultative Committee that the application form sent to Mr Vaughan (Alexandra Palace Television Society) had been returned. Mr Hart advised that Mr Vaughan, who had not attended a meeting for some years, would no longer be a member of the Consultative Committee. Further information would be sought from the Alexandra Palace Television Society.</p> <p><u><i>NOMINATED BY LOCAL RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATIONS</i></u></p> <table> <tr> <td>Alexandra Palace Amateur Ice Skating Club</td><td>Mr M. Tarpey</td></tr> <tr> <td>Alexandra Palace Allotments Association</td><td>Mr S. Ballard</td></tr> <tr> <td>Alexandra Palace Angling Association</td><td>Mr K. Pestell</td></tr> <tr> <td>Alexandra Palace Organ Appeal</td><td>Mr R. Tucker</td></tr> <tr> <td>Alexandra Palace Television Group</td><td>Mr J. Thompson</td></tr> <tr> <td>Alexandra Residents' Association</td><td>Ms C. Hayter</td></tr> <tr> <td>Bounds Green and District Residents' Association</td><td>Mr K. Ranson</td></tr> <tr> <td>Friends of Alexandra Park</td><td>Mr G. Hutchinson</td></tr> <tr> <td>Friends of the Alexandra Palace Theatre (Deputy)</td><td>Mr C. Richell</td></tr> <tr> <td>Hornsey Historical Society</td><td>Mr J. O'Callaghan</td></tr> <tr> <td>Muswell Hill and Fortis Green Association</td><td>Ms D Feeney</td></tr> <tr> <td>Muswell Hill Metro Group</td><td>Mr J. Boshier</td></tr> <tr> <td>New River Action Group</td><td>Ms R Macdonald</td></tr> <tr> <td>Palace View Residents' Association</td><td>Ms V. Paley</td></tr> <tr> <td>Union of Construction, Allied Trades and Technicians</td><td>Mr J. McCue</td></tr> <tr> <td>Warner Estate Residents' Association</td><td>Prof. R. Hudson</td></tr> </table>	Alexandra Palace Amateur Ice Skating Club	Mr M. Tarpey	Alexandra Palace Allotments Association	Mr S. Ballard	Alexandra Palace Angling Association	Mr K. Pestell	Alexandra Palace Organ Appeal	Mr R. Tucker	Alexandra Palace Television Group	Mr J. Thompson	Alexandra Residents' Association	Ms C. Hayter	Bounds Green and District Residents' Association	Mr K. Ranson	Friends of Alexandra Park	Mr G. Hutchinson	Friends of the Alexandra Palace Theatre (Deputy)	Mr C. Richell	Hornsey Historical Society	Mr J. O'Callaghan	Muswell Hill and Fortis Green Association	Ms D Feeney	Muswell Hill Metro Group	Mr J. Boshier	New River Action Group	Ms R Macdonald	Palace View Residents' Association	Ms V. Paley	Union of Construction, Allied Trades and Technicians	Mr J. McCue	Warner Estate Residents' Association	Prof. R. Hudson
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b.	<p><b>RESOLVED</b></p> <p>That the following representatives of the Consultative Committee would serve as non-voting members of the Alexandra Palace and Park Board:</p> <p>Ms V. Paley (Palace View Residents' Association) Mr N Wilmott (Friends of the Alexandra Palace Theatre) Mr M Tarpey (Alexandra Palace Amateur Ice Skating Club)</p>																																
c.	<p><b>RESOLVED</b></p> <p>That the Consultative Committee's Constitution be noted.</p>																																

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<b>APCC05.</b>	<p><b>TERMS OF REFERENCE</b></p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b></p> <p>That the Consultative Committee's Terms of Reference be noted.</p>
<b>APCC06.</b>	<p><b>MINUTES</b></p> <p>a. <u><b>Minutes of the meeting of the Consultative Committee – 17<sup>th</sup> February 2009</b></u></p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b></p> <p>That the minutes of the meeting of the Consultative Committee held on 17<sup>th</sup> February 2009 be agreed as a correct record of the meeting</p> <p>b. <u><b>Minutes of the meeting of the Alexandra Palace and Park Board – 24<sup>th</sup> February 2009, 19<sup>th</sup> March 2009 and 16<sup>th</sup> April 2009</b></u></p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b></p> <p>That the minutes of the meetings of the Alexandra Palace and Park Board held on 24<sup>th</sup> February 2009, 19<sup>th</sup> March 2009 and 16<sup>th</sup> April 2009 be noted.</p> <p>c. <u><b>Minutes of the meeting of the Alexandra Park and Palace Advisory Committee – 10<sup>th</sup> February 2009</b></u></p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b></p> <p>That the minutes of the meeting of the Alexandra Park and Palace Advisory Committee held on 10<sup>th</sup> February 2009 be noted.</p>
<b>APCC07.</b>	<p><b>MATTERS ARISING</b></p> <p><u><b>Minutes of the meeting of the Consultative Committee – 17<sup>th</sup> February 2009</b></u></p> <p>With regard to Minute No. APCC61 (page 15 of the agenda pack) which stated that a review of the Board Strategy formed part of the Governance action plan and strategy, the Chair informed the Consultative Committee that the review of how the Palace and Park were governed had commenced with further away-days planned.</p> <p>The Committee expressed concerns about the consistency of Members and the possibility of membership changing as a result of the 2010 local elections and urged for a quick review.</p> <p><b>NOTED</b></p>

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<b>APCC08.</b>	<p><b>PARK ACTIVITIES UPDATE</b></p> <p>Mr Evison (Park Manager) introduced the report on the recent activities carried out in Alexandra Park including the art show during the recent half term holiday and the Friends of the Park open day.</p> <p>Mr Evison advised that the Pitch and Putt course was well used and further developments for the facility were planned.</p> <p>The Bird Watching Group had been awarded a grant to help improve the conservation area and funding had been agreed to improve the boating lake.</p> <p>Mr Evison informed the Consultative Committee that the Grounds Maintenance contractor had sent surveys to Advisory Committee and Consultative Committee members but the volume of responses had been disappointing.</p> <p>The Park had been entered in the London in Bloom competition but not yet Haringey in Bloom. Mr Evison would contact the relevant person to enter the Park in Haringey in Bloom.</p> <p>Consultative Committee Members expressed concerns about how the recently agreed lease for a soft play centre to be operated from the Workshop Building would affect the Grove Café. Mr Evison reassured Members that the lease included clauses to ensure no take-away sales from the premises were permitted and that only customers with children would be permitted into the facility.</p> <p>Professor Hudson (Warner Estate Residents' Association) asked if there were any fish in the lake. Mr Pestell (Alexandra Palace Angling Association) said there were some but not many and questioned whether any more fish were required.</p> <p>Mr Evison agreed to provide Mr Pestell with an exact figure of funding to be provided by The Environment Agency for Boating Lake improvements.</p> <p>In response to concerns raised about a dead swan in the lake Mr Gill stated that the RSPCA (Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals) had not highlighted reasons for this in any report.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b></p> <p>That the report be noted.</p>
<b>APCC09.</b>	<p><b>FORTHCOMING EVENTS</b></p> <p>Mr Paul Braybrooke (Alexandra Palace Trading Limited) introduced the report which detailed forthcoming events at the Palace, highlighting the new Freestyle Stake-boarding Festival in October 2009 and the Fresh Thinking Trade Show which was an entrepreneurial event encouraging the start up of small businesses. The Christmas Ice Show was not yet on the schedule for this year.</p> <p>In relation to concerns about the late closing time of Miracles of Ministries Conference on the 11<sup>th</sup> September 2009, Mr De'Ath explained that the event was</p>

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	<p>for a group of 4,000 to 5,000 people who attended the religious event to pray and sing and assured members that it would not be a noisy event.</p> <p>Mr Evison agreed to check the route of the course for the Cross Country event to ensure there was no impact on the wildlife and the conservation area.</p> <p>In response to the Consultative Committee enquiring, Mr Braybrooke stated that the recession had impacted bookings at the Palace but overall there was a satisfactory amount of business. Clients holding events at the Palace were offered 2 year contracts and discussions about pricing for events were being held to maximise use of the Palace.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b></p> <p>That the report be noted.</p>
<b>APCC10.</b>	<p><b>GREAT HALL CAPACITY</b></p> <p>Mr Mark De'Ath (Acting Head of Operations and Events - Alexandra Palace), introduced the report which detailed APTL's proposal to request a variation in the Premises Licence to enable the capacity for live music/concert events to be extended from 7,250 to 10,400. The additional capacity would mean the Palace could increase hire fees and catering sales.</p> <p>In response to concerns expressed by the Committee that four additional fire doors (as highlighted in the Health and Safety section of the report) to allow extra capacity would be detrimental to the architecture of the Great Hall, Mr De'Ath informed the Committee that four temporary fire doors had already been installed within existing fire shutters without affecting the structure.</p> <p>Committee Members concerns that a larger capacity in the Great Hall could give rise to potential noise disturbance and additional traffic on the street were noted.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b></p> <p>That the report be noted.</p>
<b>APCC11.</b>	<p><b>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</b></p> <p>(i)     <u>Group Presentations</u></p> <p>The Chair advised that Consultative Committee agendas would include a brief report and presentation at each meeting from 3 nominated members explaining what the groups they represented were all about and how they related to the Palace. Consultative Committee Members would be given the opportunity to ask questions after the presentations.</p>

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	<p>(ii) <u>Tottenham Carnival</u></p> <p>The Chair referred the recent Tottenham Carnival and stated that an opportunity to market the Palace at the event had been lost. He suggested that a stall advertising Palace and Park activities be set up at future similar events.</p> <p>The Committee also felt that wider use could be made of the internet and “Google-map” to market the Palace and Park, including the suggestion of a virtual tour and photos of the park and links to residents’ associations’ websites. Mr Evison agreed and explained that the website for the Palace and Park would be reviewed in the near future.</p> <p>(iii) <u>Showcase Event</u></p> <p>The Chair proposed that an open event be held, possibly in the Londesborough Room at the Palace, to advertise the organisation and offering an opportunity for members of the public to meet the Board, with associates of both the Advisory and Consultative Committees in attendance, having a small stall and explaining what they were about.</p> <p>(iv) <u>Thanks</u></p> <p>Committee Members expressed thanks to David Loudfoot (Former General Manager, Alexandra Palace) and Irene French (Former Office Manager and PA) for their many years of hard work at the Palace.</p>
<b>APCC12.</b>	<p><b>FUTURE MEETINGS</b></p> <p>The following dates of Consultative Committee meetings were noted:</p> <p>8<sup>th</sup> September 2009  17<sup>th</sup> November 2009  16<sup>th</sup> February 2010  8<sup>th</sup> April 2010</p> <p>The meeting ended at 20:30 hrs</p>

COUNCILLOR PAT EGAN

CHAIR