

MINUTES OF MEETING ALEXANDRA PALACE AND PARK BOARD HELD ON TUESDAY, 19 JULY 2022 AT 7-9.30PM

PRESENT:

Councillors: Ibrahim (chair), Collett (vice-chair), Elliot, Stennett

Co-optees/ Non-Voting Members: Jason Beazley (Three Avenues Residents Association (TARA)) (Co-Optee), Duncan Neill (Muswell Hill and Fortis Green Association) (Co-Optee), Val Paley (Palace View Residents' Association) (Co-Optee), and Nigel Willmott (Friends of the Alexandra Palace Theatre) (Co-Optee)

Quorum: three councillors

1. FILMING AT MEETINGS

The meeting was not filmed.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Mahbub and Councillor da Costa.

3. URGENT BUSINESS

Minutes from the Advisory Committee and Consultative Committee meetings on the 20 June 2022 were tabled and noted by the board.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

There were no declarations of interest.

5. QUESTIONS, DEPUTATIONS OR PETITIONS

There were no questions, deputations, or petitions.

6. MINUTES

RESOLVED

- a. To approve the minutes of the Alexandra Palace and Park Board meeting on 9 June 2022. Subject to the following amendments:
 - Councillor Elliot and Nigel Willmott had given their apologies for the meeting.
- b. To note the minutes of the Alexandra Palace and Park Joint Advisory and Consultative Committees meeting on 20 June 2022.

7. FEEDBACK FROM THE JOINT ADVISORY & CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

It was noted that the capital projects that the trust had set out were enthusiastically received by the Joint Advisory & Consultative Committee.

8. FEEDBACK FROM THE CHAIR OF FRRAC

There was no feedback from the chair of FRRAC.

9. PLANNING, ADVERTISING, AND LISTED BUILDING APPLICATIONS

The report sought approval to delegate authority to the CEO to submit applications for a number of planning, listed building and advertising consent proposals.

In response to questions the CEO provided the following responses:

- The West Yard Building was being used by trust staff. The trust were looking to complete works to this part of the building through fundraising;
- The new Ice Café in the East Corridor would be fully refurbished and operational during September 2022, and generating better income, with the existing café having been closed to the public since the major rewiring and relighting project to Ice Rink and East Corridor; and
- The summer pagoda referred to the structure outside the pub.

RESOLVED

- a. To note that the Advisory and Consultative Committees were consulted on the recommendations at a joint meeting on 20th June 2022, the draft minutes of which are included at agenda item 6b and within this report;
- b. To approve the submission of planning, listed building and advertising consent applications for the proposals outlined in the report at 1.2.
- c. To delegate to the CEO of Alexandra Park and Palace, the authority to submit the individual consent applications at the appropriate time during each project.

10. CEO'S REPORT

The CEO gave an update on current issues and projects at Alexandra Park and Palace and provided additional information on the events programme and the Trust's activities.

In response to questions the CEO provided the following responses:

- Since the pandemic there has been high attendance for Alexandra Park and Palace events. The fireworks event had over 100,000 people attend over two days. The overall event was very positively received. However, there were a few complaints that had been logged and there were operational improvements that can be made arising from these; and
- The summer festival had positive feedback, with minimal complaints, relative to the size of the festival. Complaints were around noise and traffic from guests.

RESOLVED

To note the general update including annual monitoring.

11. FINANCE REPORT

The Finance Director presented his Finance report.

In response to questions the Finance Director gave the following answers:

- The intention with car parking at Alexandra Park and Palace was that it would be operational from autumn 2022;
- Overall, the expenditure and income for Alexandra Park and Palace was relatively stable. Risks occurred around unexpected costs that were not planned for;
- There were opportunities around fundraising, particularly as the charity had not optimised this particularly revenue stream. It was important that potential funders were clear about what the charitable objectives of the charity were, as well as the intended outcomes of funding; and
- Support costs included services such as: legal; finance; governance; and audit.
- The cash flow projection had built in flexibility, while remaining dependent on the grant from the corporate trustee.

RESOLVED

To note the year end position report.

12. TRUSTEES' REGISTER OF INTERESTS

RESOLVED

To consider whether any trustees' interests are likely to give rise to a serious conflict of interest.

13. POLICY REVIEWS

RESOLVED

- a. To approve the amended Safeguarding Policy; and
- b. To approve the amended Whistleblowing Policy.

14. ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY REPORT

RESOLVED

To approve the Environmental Strategy.

15. NEW ITEMS OF URGENT BUSINESS

To consider any items of urgent business brought forward at item 3.

16. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS

RESOLVED

That the press and public be excluded for the consideration of agenda items 13-15 as they contained exempt information as defined in Section 100a of the Local Government Act 1972; Para 1 – information relating to any individual, Para 2 – Information which is likely to reveal the identity of an individual, Para 3 – information relating to the business or financial affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information), and Para 5 – Information in respect of which a claim to legal professional privilege could be maintained in legal proceedings.

17. EXEMPT SPORTS GROUND LEASE

RESOLVED

The board noted the exempt information.

18. EXEMPT TRUSTEES DRAFT ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

This item was deferred to a special meeting.

19. EXEMPT AUDIT FINDINGS REPORT

RESOLVED

The board noted the exempt information.

20. DELEGATED DECISIONS

RESOLVED

To note delegated decisions and significant actions taken by Alexandra Park and Palace officers.

21. EXEMPT FEEDBACK FROM THE CHAIR OF THE TRADING SUBSIDIARY

RESOLVED

To note the report.

22. ANY OTHER EXEMPT BUSINESS THE CHAIR CONSIDERS TO BE URGENT

There were no exempt items of urgent business.

23. FUTURE MEETINGS

Thursday, 29 September 2022

Tuesday, 13 December 2022

Monday, 20 March 2023

All meetings to commence at 7.30pm unless otherwise stated.

CHAIR: Councillor Emine Ibrahim

Signed by Chair

Date

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