

MINUTES OF THE ALEXANDRA PARK AND PALACE JOINT ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, 20 JUNE 2022, 7.30-9PM

SAC Appointed Councillors: Arkell, Brennan, Ibrahim, Rossetti, Wallace, Weston, and Ali.

SAC Nominated Members: Kevin Stanfield, Elizabeth Richardson, and Jim Jenks.

CC Appointed Councillors: Ibrahim, Stennett, and Da Costa.

CC Nominated Members: Annette Baker, John Wilkinson, Jacob O'Callaghan, Caroline Beattie-Merrion, Nigel Willmott, Duncan Neill, and Val Paley.

Also present: Emma Dagnes (CEO), Richard Paterson (CFO), Louise Johnson (Strategic Programme Manager), Mark Civil (Head of Creative Learning), Jack Booth (Principal Committee Co-ordinator).

Quorum: No business shall be transacted at any meeting of a Committee, Sub-Committee or other body, unless at least one quarter of the whole number of voting members are present.

1. ELECTION OF THE CHAIR

RESOLVED

Nigel Willmott was elected chair of the committee.

2. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIR

There were no nominations.

3. FILMING AT MEETINGS

A member commented that these committee meetings should be streamed and recorded to ensure the public could access them virtually.

4. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence had been received from:

- Jason Beazley;
- Gordon Hutchinson, Friends of Alexandra Park. He had nominated Caroline Beattie-Merriman as his substitute;
- Councillor Mahbub; and
- Adrian Thomas.

5. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

6. URGENT BUSINESS

None.

7. COMMITTEE MEMBERS INDUCTION BRIEFING

RESOLVED

To note the contents of the report.

8. MINUTES

RESOLVED

- a. To approve the minutes of the Joint Meeting of the Statutory Advisory and Consultative Committees held on 9 March 2022 as a correct record.
- b. To note the minutes of the Alexandra Palace and Park Board meeting held on 25 March 2022.

9. PLANNING, ADVERTISING, AND LISTED BUILDING CONSENT

The Strategic Programme Manager went through the following proposals:

- Parking Management System (PMS) infrastructure;
- The Beach improvements;
- East Wing projects: Visitor Services office and store/ post room;
- East Court café/ restaurant;
- Signage and wayfinding improvement;
- Changing Places facility;
- Ice Rink café refurbishment;
- Skywalk Rooftop Adventure; and
- Go Ape Climbing Wall (non-material amendment to extant permission).

In response to member questions the Strategic Programme Manager and the CEO gave the following answers:

- Regarding the PMS there would be nine terminals across the site for payment along with clear signage. Parking would be enforced through an automatic number plate recognition system which monitored traffic. They were aiming at introducing the system this autumn;
- There were several ways to pay for parking including: Google Pay; Apple Pay; pay by phone; and paying at the car park terminal;
- Beach improvements would aim at upgrading the quality of the visitor experience through decluttering the existing area and updating parts of the building. The AstroTurf currently at the location would be factored into these considerations;
- The East Wing projects looked to improve visitor experience, while updating office space for staff. A member commented that a visitor centre would be a good addition to this proposal;

- The East Court cafe was a priority project. The charity would use their in-house team to deliver the service. Sustainability issues would be of paramount concern. A member commented that there were particularly good local food producers and sellers in the vicinity, this venture would be an opportunity to utilise them;
- Regarding wayfinding and signage, it was emphasised that the charity had done significant work around accessibility. For example, the charity was looking at signage in braille, audio, and larger print. This was to ensure that those with protected characteristics could navigate their way around Alexandra Park and Palace safely and efficiently. Members were directed [here](#), to the charity's website, for more information about how the charity made Alexandra Park and Palace accessible to the public.
- The Changing Places facility and Ice Rink refurbishment would be part of a holistic project to improve visitor access and experience. This proposal was in the planning phase. The specifics around how the space would work operationally would be brought back to the committee after the planning phase had been completed;
- The Skywalk Rooftop Adventure company had substantial experience organising this activity at several iconic buildings in London. The charity made free tickets to events available to schools, this offer would be extended to the Skywalk as well.
- Permission was already in place for a Go Ape Climbing Wall; and
- A member commented that it would be beneficial to the public to have toilets in the park. The CEO said that this idea was welcome. However, it would prove resource intensive due to requirements around drainage and maintenance.

RESOLVED

The committee noted the proposals.

10. CREATIVE LEARNING PRESENTATION

Mark Civil gave a presentation on creative learning.

11. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER (CEO) UPDATE

The CEO went through her report.

In response to member questions the CEO gave the following answers:

- Complaints were dealt with directly. To this end the charity had a close working relationship with the council.

RESOLVED

To note the general update.

12. END OF YEAR MONITORING REPORT

RESOLVED

To note the annual update on complaints and theatre use.

13. MATTERS RAISED BY INTERESTED GROUPS

A member asked for an update on the proposed plans to create a forum. They thought that the plans for a forum were in keeping with Haringey Council's aims for resident co-production, while simultaneously extending the reach of Alexandra Park and Palace to the rest of London. The CEO said that this would be discussed at board level at the next meeting in July. The charity was committed to reaching a wider audience, while acknowledging the financial parameters in which it operated. Generally, the task of promoting engagement with a broad demographic was about engendering community links, as well as providing and facilitating a space for discussion.

A committee member felt that it was vital for the Joint Advisory Committee and Consultative Committee to discuss and feedback back on how the forum would be conducted. The chair of Alexandra Park and Palace Board illustrated that the future governance and consultative arrangements of charity should be well planned to ensure clarity, in order to create wider engagement. An important part of this process was to make these types of meetings accessible to all those who wished to attend, either online, or in-person. A committee member added that it was important to balance extending engagement beyond the borough with the specific needs of residents.

14. NON-VOTING BOARD MEMBERS FEEDBACK

None.

15. NEW ITEMS OF URGENT BUSINESS

None.

16. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

Thursday, 17 November 2022

Tuesday, 6 December 2022

Thursday, 9 March 2023

All meetings to commence at 7.30pm, unless otherwise stated.