

# MINUTES OF THE ALEXANDRA PALACE AND PARK BOARD HELD ON MONDAY, 15 JULY 2024, 7:00PM – 8:24PM

**PRESENT:** Councillors Emine Ibrahim (Chair), Nick da Costa, Anne Stennett, Sean O'Donovan, Ahmed Mahbub

**Co-Optees:** Jason Beazley, Nigel Willmott, John Chiltern, Duncan Neill

**Present from Alexandra Park & Palace:**

Emma Dagnes OBE (CEO), Richard Paterson (Director Finance & Resources), Catherine Solomon (Director, HR & Organisational Development), Natalie Layton (Charity Secretary)

## 1. **FILMING AT MEETINGS**

The Chair referred to the notice of filming at meetings and this information was noted.

## 2. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies had been received from Councillor Sarah Elliot

## 3. **URGENT BUSINESS**

There was no urgent business.

## 4. **DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS**

There were none.

## 5. **QUESTIONS, DEPUTATIONS OR PETITIONS**

There were none.

## 6. **NEW ITEMS OF URGENT BUSINESS**

There were none.

## 7. **MINUTES**

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on 26 February 2024 be agreed and signed as a correct record.

## 8. **VERBAL FEEDBACK FROM THE ADVISORY & CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEES**

Mr Nigel Willmott had been re-elected as Chair of the Consultative Committee at the last meeting. The Committee noted the 151 tonnes of rubbish collected in the Park last year. A

request had been made to have a report submitted on the latest developments including planning applications in the surrounding area

Mr John Chilton highlighted that the Friends of The Park had raised concern that the Trust did not have the powers to close the park for more than 14 days for events

**Post meeting note:** The Trust's legal advisors had confirmed that there were sufficient powers under the governing Acts of Parliament for all of the events held in the Park fuller information will be provided to the Consultative Committee.

RESOLVED:

That the feedback be noted.

## 9. APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES

The meeting heard it would be useful to have the word "Chair" stated somewhere next to the names of the individuals who had been appointed Chair. This would be useful for members of the public and the action had already been agreed in previous meetings.

The reduction of the number of Consultative Committee members would not take place before the nominations. The next nominations were November 2024 and those occupying the current positions would continue for the full year.

RESOLVED:

- i. To note membership of the Alexandra Park and Palace Statutory Advisory Committee, as listed in Appendix 1.
- ii. To note the membership of the Alexandra Park and Palace Consultative Committee, as listed in Appendix 1.
- iii. To approve the proposed reduction in the number of Consultative Committee co-opted board members (from three to two) and make the subsequent amendment to the Consultative Committee Constitution.
- iv. To approve the proposed amendment to Part Three, Section B, section 4, paragraph 2 of the Council's Constitution to reduce the Consultative Committee members from 7 to 6 and; that the Council's Constitution Working Group and the Council's Standards Committee be requested to take the recommendation forward (for Full Council approval).
- v. The Lead Trustee for Whistleblowing would be Councillor Nick da Costa. The Lead Trustee for Sustainability would be Councillor Sean O' Donovan. The Lead Trustee for Safeguarding would be Councillor Anne Stennett. The Lead Trustee for Safeguarding would be Equality, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) Councillor Ahmed Mahbub.

## 10. GENERAL UPDATE

The meeting noted their congratulations to the CEO, Ms Emma Dagnes on her OBE.

RESOLVED:

To note the content of the report.

**11. WETLANDS PROJECT**

RESOLVED:

To note the contents of the report.

**12. SPORTS CLUB SOLAR PANEL & SOUTH TERRACE LEDS PROJECTS**

RESOLVED:

To note the contents of the report.

**13. FRRAC CHAIR'S REPORT**

The economic impact that had been assessed was circa £90 million. The details of this in terms of jobs created could be shared. The social benefits were being investigated. Discussions had been held with one of the funders who would put forward a put forward a presentation to contribute to a case study as part of work being done as part of social benefit as Alexandra Palace had been selected as part of the case study.

A report would be submitted back to the board and the Committee as and when details of the progress became more available.

The meeting heard that as part of the report it would be useful to have a section regarding world disasters, such as the coronavirus crisis as the social benefit of this was worth noting.

RESOLVED:

To note the contents of the report.

**14. FINANCE REPORT**

In relation to a query regarding CCTV updates, strategic upgrades to the infrastructure were being made.

It would be possible to disaggregate parking charges and donations.

RESOLVED:

To note the report.

**15. HEALTH & SAFETY REPORT**

There were concerns regarding the small trees that were used by children for climbing and swinging from. The team could be asked to consider a resolution for this, which could include a 'no climbing' sign.

RESOLVED:

To note the report.

**16. HUMAN RESOURCES REPORT**

The demographic figure of 66% referred to White British.

The Staff turnover of 19.9% seemed low for the leisure industry and queries could be made regarding the figure.

RESOLVED:

To note the report

**17. DECISION TRACKER**

RESOLVED:

The decision tracker was noted

**18. NEW ITEMS OF URGENT BUSINESS**

There were none.

**19. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS**

Items 20 - 26 were subject to a motion to exclude the press and public from the meeting 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.

**20. EXEMPT MINUTES**

RESOLVED: That the exempt minutes of the meeting held on 26 February 2024 be agreed and signed as a correct record.

**21. EXEMPT INFORMATION**

The Board considered the exempt information.

**22. EXEMPT PROPERTY UPDATE**

The Board considered the exempt information.

**23. EXEMPT RISK REGISTER**

The Board considered the exempt information.

**24. EXEMPT RISK DEEP DIVE: FUNDRAISING APPROACH**

The Board considered the exempt information.

**25. EXEMPT WEST YARD TENANCY**

The Board considered the exempt information.

**26. EXEMPT APTL CHAIR'S REPORT**

The Board considered the exempt information.

**27. ANY OTHER EXEMPT BUSINESS THE CHAIR CONSIDERS TO BE URGENT**

There was no other exempt business.

CHAIR: Councillor Emine Ibrahim

Signed by Chair .....

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