

**MINUTES OF THE ALEXANDRA PARK & PALACE  
CHARITABLE TRUST BOARD MEETING**

**MONDAY 15 JULY 2024**

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

**Co-Optees:** Jason Beazley (Chair of the Statutory Advisory Committee), Nigel Willmott (Chair of the Consultative Committee (CC)), John Chilton (CC Member), Duncan Neill (CC Member)

Also 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. APLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies had been received from Councillor Sarah Elliot.

**3. URGENT BUSINESS**

There was no urgent business.

**4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were none.

**5. DEPUTATIONS / PETITIONS / PRESENTATIONS / QUESTIONS**

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 at the last meeting of the Consultative Committee. The Committee had noted the 151 tonnes of rubbish collected in the Park last year and requested a future report 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. APOINTMENTS 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 would take place at the next meeting in October 2024 and those occupying the current positions would continue until then.

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 Board congratulated the CEO, Emma Dagnes on receiving an OBE in the King's birthday honours, in recognition for her services to heritage .

RESOLVED:

To note the content of the report.

## **11. WETLANDS PROJECT**

RECEIVED the report of the Head of Park and Environmental Sustainability on the award of £50,000 from the Greater London Authority (GLA) (Rewild London fund) towards a phase 1 of a wetlands project in the southeast corner of the Park. The grant followed a feasibility study (also funded by the GLA) to determine how to manage surface water and create a new reed bed habitat.

**RESOLVED:**

To note the contents of the report.

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

RECEIVED the report of the Head of Park and Environmental Sustainability on the Haringey Council awarded Community Carbon Fund grants for two carbon reduction projects at Alexandra Park and Palace:

- Installation of Solar Panels on the sports pavilion
- Installation of LED lights on the South Terrace

**RESOLVED:**

To note the contents of the report.

## **13. FRRAC CHAIR'S REPORT**

RECEIVED the report of the Chair of the Finance, Resource, Risk and Audit Committee (FRRAC) setting out considerations at the June FRRAC meeting, including:

- Alexandra Park and Palace's economic impact had been assessed at circa £90 million. The details of this in terms of jobs created were available to members. Assessment of social benefits were being investigated as part of discussions with a funder to use Alexandra Park and Palace as a case study.
- A report would be submitted back to the board and the Committee as and when details of the progress became more available.

**RESOLVED:**

To note the contents of the report.

#### **14. FINANCE REPORT**

RECEIVED the report of the Director of Finance and Resources setting out the Trust's financial position for the year ending March 2024, in which the Trust was reporting unrestricted revenue of £5,164,000 (Budget: £5,150,000) with operating expenditure of £5,680,000 (Budget: £5,689,000) and an operating deficit of £516,000 (Budget: £539,000); £20,000 better than budget.

In relation to a query regarding CCTV updates, the Board was informed that strategic upgrades to the infrastructure were being made and, that it was possible to disaggregate parking charges and donations.

RESOLVED: To note the report.

#### **15. HEALTH & SAFETY REPORT**

RECEIVED the annual summary report of the Head of Health & Safety. Trustees highlighted concerns raised about 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**

RECEIVED the annual summary report of the Head of Human Resources and Organisational Development.

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 PRESS AND PUBLIC**

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**

RESOLVED:

That the exempt information be noted.

**22. EXEMPT PROPERTY UPDATE**

The recommendations were approved.

**23. EXEMPT RISK REGISTER**

RESOLVED:

That the exempt risk register be noted.

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

The presentation was noted.

**25. EXEMPT WEST YARD TENANCY**

The recommendations were approved.

**26. EXEMPT APTL CHAIR'S REPORT RESOLVED:** That the update be noted.

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

There was no other exempt business.