

**UNRESTRICTED MINUTES OF THE ALEXANDRA PALACE AND PARK BOARD
TUESDAY, 24 NOVEMBER 2009**

PRESENT : * denotes attendance

Councillors *Egan (Chair), C Harris, *Hare, *Peacock, *Scott, *Thompson (Vice-Chair) and *Williams

Non-Voting
Representatives: *Mr N. Willmott, Mr M Tarpey, Mr V Paley

Observer: Mr D. Liebeck (Councillor Whyte (on behalf of Mr Liebeck for part of the meeting))

Also present:

Mr A. Gill – Interim General Manager – Alexandra Palace
Mr I. Harris – Trust Solicitor
Mr M. Evison – Park Manager – Alexandra Palace
Ms H. Downie – Head of Finance – Alexandra Palace
Ms R. Kane – Managing Director – Alexandra Palace Trading Limited
Ms J Parker – Director of Corporate Resources – LB Haringey
Mr C Hart – Committee Manager (Clerk to the Board) LB Haringey

**MINUTE
NO.**

SUBJECT/DECISION

APBO58.	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Councillor C Harris, Mr Liebeck, Ms Paley, and Mr Tarpey. NOTED
APBO59.	URGENT BUSINESS The Chair advised the Board that in respect of Agenda Item 10 – Governance Update which was marked ‘TO FOLLOW’ this item would not be considered at this evening’s Board meeting. The Clerk to the Board – Mr Hart advised that whilst there were no items of urgent business there had been 1 agenda item marked ‘TO FOLLOW’ - for which reasons for lateness would be given – Item 12 – Fireworks 2009 – Update on the event., together with an appendix (3) to accompany Item 9 – Finance Update. Mr Hart also advised that the deliberations of the Alexandra Palace and park Consultative Committee of 17 November 2009 in relation to Agenda Items 6, 7 and 8 had been tabled. NOTED

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APBO60.	DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS The Chair reminded those Members of the Board who were Members of the LB Haringey's Planning Committee to consider their position in relation to those items on the agenda which will require consideration by that body. Councillors Hare and Peacock both advised that as Members of the LB Haringey's Planning Committee they would indicate at each individual item whether they would be speaking on that matter, which would then determine their participation in the item when considered by the LB Haringey's Planning Committee. NOTED
APBO61.	QUESTIONS, DEPUTATIONS OR PETITIONS : TO CONSIDER ANY QUESTIONS, DEPUTATIONS OR PETITIONS RECEIVED IN ACCORDANCE WITH PART 4, SECTION B29 OF THE COUNCIL'S CONSTITUTION Nil
APBO62.	TO CONSIDER A REQUEST FROM THE FOLLOWING ORGANISATION FOR REPRESENTATION ON THE ALEXANDRA PALACE AND PARK CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE: The Chair advised that in respect of the application received on behalf of the Conservation Area Advisory Committee for Alexandra Park and Palace for membership to the Alexandra Palace and Park Consultative Committee, it was for the Board to consider such applications and agree them. There being no comments from members in respect of the detail of the application the Chair then summarised and it was: RESOLVED That approval be given to the application received from Conservation Area Advisory Committee for Alexandra Park and Palace for appointment to the Alexandra Palace and Park Consultative Committee.
APBO63.	ADIZONE - PLANNING APPLICATION The Chair advised that in respect of the proposed application he reminded both Councillors Hare and Peacock that should they speak on the item during consideration now then this would preclude them from taking part in discussions of the matter at the LB Haringey's Planning Committee. The Chair also advised the Board of the consideration of the proposals by the

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Alexandra Park and Palace Statutory Advisory Committee of 3 November 2009, and also the Alexandra Palace and Park Consultative Committee of 17 November 2009, and the views expressed at each meeting which had been circulated.

By way of background Mr Ely – Policy and Development Manager – Recreation Service, London Borough of Haringey (LBH) advised the meeting that the LB Haringey had been awarded funding to provide an Adizone outdoor gym in the park. The facility would be installed and maintained by LBH Recreation Services, and the Board would be required to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with LBH for the facility.

The Chair advised that he did not propose to have a considerable discussion as there had been a lengthy debate at the aforesaid meetings – however he was happy to take questions in the form of clarification. Councillor Hare confirmed that his questions were of a technical nature.

In respect of his earlier reference, the Chair referred to views of the Statutory Advisory Committee (SAC) and Consultative Committee. Both considered the application, and their comments were in essence that they were broadly supportive to the proposal in principle but were concerned about: security issues; that the structure would have a negative aesthetic impact on the historic park; wider consultation was required and that there would be on-going costs to Haringey and potential financial implications for the Palace, in the longer term.

(Mr Willmott arrived at 20.40hrs)

The Board then discussed the proposals at length – the main points being:

- The distance from the road to the proposed location and whether 45 metres was a sufficient amount, or should the location be closest or further away
- Where the 45 metre distance actually commenced from i.e. the boundary of the Park, the edge of pavement or block of flats opposite the park
- Concerns about security
- The need for effective screening the facility and type of screening e.g. trees or landscaped earth mounds
- The positive/detrimental effects to the local community

Following the discussion and advice from the Interim General Manager Alexandra Palace, and clarification from the Trust Solicitor – Mr Harris, the Chair summarised and it was:

RESOLVED

1. that authority be delegated to the General Manager, and Park Manager – Alexandra Palace to negotiate and conclude a Memorandum of Understanding with LB Haringey (LBH) Recreation Services to permit use of the land for the construction of a new exercise and sports facility on part of the Newlands Playing Field subject to the receipt and circulation to Board members of a formal Section 36 Charities Act report, and subject further to the following:-

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- i. a formal site visit taking place on Friday 27 November 2009 commencing at 10.00hrs at the proposed site to consider the proposed location and in particular the 45 metre distance from Newlands Road and whether this distance is appropriate having regard to the neighbourhood and
 - ii. that should there be any disagreement as to the proposed location as a result of the site visit that cannot be resolved at the site visit then the matter be referred back to a meeting of the Board or its Panel as one of urgency;
2. that the comments and concerns of the Alexandra Park and Palace Advisory Committee, and the Alexandra Palace and Pak Consultative Committee be noted.

APBO64. PROPOSALS TO MAKE IMPROVEMENTS TO THE PITCH AND PUTT COURSE

The Chair reminded both Councillors Hare and Peacock of the likelihood of the item being considered at the LB Haringey Planning Committee in the near future and that as members of that body should they take part in discussions this evening then this would preclude them considering the matter at the Planning Committee. The Chair then asked for a brief introduction of the report.

Councillor Peacock having expressed her earlier declaration took no part in the discussion or decision taking.

The Park Manager – Alexandra Palace – Mr Evison informed the Board that Golfwise Ltd operated the pitch and putt course since it reopened in 2008, and held a 12 year lease which commenced in March 2008. The pitch and putt site suffered from poor drainage and the topography reduced playability during the winter months. The Trust does not have funding to carry out large scale improvements to the course. As a long-term partner, Golfwise Ltd had submitted plans to improve the facilities on the course. The proposed plans before the Board were part of a consultation exercise before ideas were finalised and a planning application was submitted. A planning permission from the Local Authority would be required and further consultation would be carried out by the LB Haringey Planning Service when an application was submitted. The lease for the site prohibited the tenant from making “any addition to” and “cut alter maim or injure” the premises so permission for this project would need documented agreement.

Mr Evison further advised that the landscaping works would involve importing material to achieve the terrace-effect required to improve the course. These works would be allied with suitable planting schemes to minimise the visual impact from the palace. It was viewed that enhancing the facility would improve footfall and should raise the profile of the palace and park site, and the

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enhancement project would represent a significant investment in the site. Mr Evison also commented that the current tenants were likely to approach the Trust in future to request an extension of the lease term. In terms of the lease agreement it required an annual rental figure to be paid. This was supplemented with a turnover rent payable once a threshold was reached. The additional facility would increase turnover and therefore income to the palace.

Mr Evison further advised that proposals have been presented to the Advisory Committee and Consultative Committee and their comments were appended to this report. The Advisory Committee had supported the proposals as long as the view of the Park was not affected by installation. The Advisory Committee had also expressed concerns that lorries entering the Park to bring in materials would have an adverse effect on local residents. The Consultative Committee had commented that:

- i. That, if the proposal went ahead, the use of the kiosk did not change with the additional facility;
- ii. That the exact specification of the hard surfaced areas of the mini-golf should be in keeping with the character of the Park;
- iii. That the landscaping should not adversely affect the outlook of the park;
- iv. The nature of any new signs should be in keeping with the character of the Park.

Mr Evison advised the Board that the representatives of Golfwise Ltd were in attendance and would be happy to answer any concerns.

The Chair thanked Mr Evison for his succinct introduction. In welcoming the representatives from Golfwise Ltd to the meeting and asking them to address the meeting the Chair MOVED that Standing Orders be suspended for this purpose – which was agreed nemine contradicente.

The Representatives gave a brief presentation of their proposals as detailed in the circulated appendix and answered a number of points of clarification in terms of the work required at the site, the scale of the landscaping operation, the overall effect of the work on the local environment, and the excavation works and likely soil and earth displacement work required, together with the detrimental effects to the local community.

The representatives further clarified the nature of the Golfwise operation in terms of it being an effective 'pitch and putt' operation and was in no way similar to a 'crazy golf' operation often seen at sea side resorts/locations around the UK.

The Chair thanked the representatives from Golfwise Ltd for their attendance. The Chair then advised that Standing Orders were reinstated.

Councillor Hare expressed his concerns at the likely detrimental effect of the development on the Park and the local community and the likely levels of earth displacement.

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The Chair then summarised and it was:

RESOLVED

- i. That the contents of the report be noted;
- ii. That approval be given to proposals for the improvements to the pitch and putt course at Alexandra Palace, and that the General Manager, and Park Manager Alexandra Palace, in conjunction with legal advisors be authorised to conclude negotiations and finalise the necessary legal documents;
- iii. That it be noted that the proposals for the improvements to the pitch and putt course at Alexandra Palace would be subject to planning permission by the LB Haringey; and
- iv. that the comments and concerns of the Alexandra Park and Palace Advisory Committee, and the Alexandra Palace and Pak Consultative Committee be noted.

Councillor Hare asked that his abstention to the proposals be recorded.

APBO65. DEER ENCLOSURE - ALEXANDRA PALACE - EXTENSION - PLANNING APPLICATION

The Chair reminded both Councillors Hare and Peacock of the likelihood of the item being considered at the LB Haringey Planning Committee in the near future and that as members of that body should they take part in discussions this evening then this would preclude them considering the matter at the Planning Committee. The Chair then asked for a brief introduction of the report.

Councillor Peacock having expressed her earlier declaration took no part in the discussion or decision taking.

In a brief introduction the Park Manager – Alexandra Palace advised that the proposals were for the erection of chain link fencing to extend the existing secondary deer enclosure. The matter would be the subject of a planning application to the LB Haringey as the park was a conservation area, and planning permission was required for fencing of the proposed height. The planning authority would consider if the fencing was appropriate and if it conflicted with the status of the site as metropolitan open land.

Mr Evison also commented that the Deer Manager had recommended that the area available to deer was made larger to reduce their reliance on supplementary feed. Mr Evison briefly outlined that the new fencing would be set back from the footpath and match the existing fencing, and some small branches may be pruned to allow the fencing to be installed.

Mr Evison further advised that proposals have been presented to the Advisory Committee and Consultative Committee and their comments were appended to the report, and tabled. The Advisory Committee had in the majority supported

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the proposals with the exception of one representative, and that some Members of the Consultative Committee had commented that they felt the deer enclosure already occupied a large area of the northern part of the Park and the extension would make a further area inaccessible to the public and would bring the boundary of the Park inwards, and that the extension presented a risk to three of the mature oak trees. Comments had also been expressed that that there had not been adequate consultation for park users.

Councillor Hare asked whether the Park manager could look into the possibility of introducing of other wildlife into the enclosure and take account of the comments expressed at the Consultative Committee.

The Chair then summarised and it was:

RESOLVED

- i. that approval be given to the proposals for the fencing and proposed extension of the existing deer enclosure as landowner of the site; and
- ii. that the comments and concerns of the Alexandra Park and Palace Advisory Committee, and the Alexandra Palace and Park Consultative Committee be noted.

APBO66. FINANCE UPDATE

The Chair asked for a brief introduction of the report.

The Interim General Manager – Mr Gill advised that the appendix 3 to the report was late due to the matter of the capital and revenue bids not being suitable for publication until after 17 November 2009 which was when the Council's Cabinet had released the papers for consultation. The figures had not therefore been in the public domain until then.

The Head of Finance – Alexandra Palace Ms Downie reported to the Board that overall, year to date income was £7k above budget and expenditure was £18.5k above budget, giving a net adverse variance against budget of £11k. Income was £7k above budget due to the receipt of £16k of restricted income which was not budgeted for, offset by a £11.5k shortfall in concessions/lease income. £13k of the restricted income related to a grant from the Environment Agency for the improvement of habitats around the boating lake and £3k was for restoration of the organ. Lease income was £7.5k below budget due to the delay in signing the Workshop lease and Concession income was £4k below budget due to the timing of invoices to concession holders.

Ms Downie further reported that Prime costs were £42k or 5% over budget for the year to date with Salaries £51k above budget due to higher management costs and increased staff costs during the secondment period. Contracted services were £9k below budget, mainly in the area of park security, although this was a timing issue and it was not expected that this category would be underspent by year end.

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Ms Downie further advised that fixed overheads were forecast to be on budget overall.

Ms Downie also advised the Board that the forecast gift aid payment from Alexandra Palace Trading Limited remained unchanged at £600k. Ms Downie commented that Trustees should be aware that this was a very challenging target in the current business environment and therefore represented a significant risk within the Trust budget. The Trading company's performance was monitored by the APTL Board and Senior Management Team on a monthly basis and the Managing Director continued to liaise closely with the Interim General Manager of the Trust to highlight any areas of concern.

In respect of the Appendix 3 to the report Mr Gill advised the Board that as reported to the Board on 6 October, the Trust had submitted two capital bids to the Council for 2010/11 in line with the Council's Pre Business Planning Review. The first was a bid to address general buildings dilapidations, amounting to £1m p.a. for three years. The second a £2m bid to repair and upgrade the ice rink facility. The Council had classified the latter bid as being one that prudential borrowing may be suitable for.

In terms of Revenue growth bids Mr Gill advised that the Board was asked to note that the following revenue bids had been submitted to the Council in respect of the Trust's revenue budget for 2010/11:

(i) Core budget uplift - £243k

Mr Gill commented that this represented the uplift required in the Trust revenue budget to bring it up to current operating levels and to fund facilities management support to deliver essential repairs and maintenance works. The Council allocated £1.728m revenue funding to the Trust in 2009/10. The Trust's internal budget, approved by the Board of Trustees, stood at £1.967m. The increased funding requirement was largely due to a reduction in the anticipated gift aid payment from Alexandra Palace Trading Limited due to the difficult economic climate and the increasingly dilapidated state of the building. It was not been possible to reduce Trust expenditure to cover the shortfall in gift aid income due to the requirement to maintain the building to legally required standards.

(ii) Repairs and maintenance - £250k

Mr Gill further reported that if the bid to secure £3m capital (£1m p.a.) to address critical dilapidations were not approved, an anticipated additional £250k revenue expenditure would be required in 2010/11 to ensure the building remained compliant with relevant legislation and continue to function as a venue. This expenditure would be targeted towards the fire main, fire alarm system and key areas of buildings dilapidation. However, this did not allow for uplift in general maintenance and decoration within the building, which would continue to impact on APTL's ability to sell the space.

(iii) Impact on APTL profit of the ice rink closure during capital works - £211k

Mr Gill reported that this represented the anticipated reduction in APTL's profit for

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2010/11 due to the need to close the ice rink for a period of six months to carry out the refurbishment work, on the assumption that the ice rink capital bid was approved. However, it was estimated that by 2012/13, the refurbished facility would generate a net increase in income of £188k.

(iv) Master Plan for Alexandra Palace - £150k

Mr Gill commented further that this investment would enable the Trustees (with delegated authority from the Council) to articulate a master-plan for the site which could then be tested and a fundraising strategy agreed for executing the required development. The funds would provide for a Project Manager to lead this work and commission the necessary reports to test such proposals.

Mr Gill added that all bids were being considered as part of the budget consultation process, the results of which would be considered by the LB Haringey's Cabinet and a formal decision taken in February 2010.

In response to a number of comments with regard to the bids, and a seeming need for increases in income and likely sources of income, Mr Gill advised the Board that there were various options being explored. The road that ran through the park was a private road and that in this respect the palace could seek a power, through primary legislation, to levy a toll for its use.. The only exemption would be LRT who had prior permission to access the road as a supplier of public transport. However, the toll charging would cause considerable problems in terms of securing authority and subsequent administration. An alternative method of raising funds would be to obtain an approval via the Charity Commission for the charging of use of car parks at the palace. The Trust Solicitor – Mr Harris advised that he had already previously, in 2004, sought the views of the Charity Commission and they had advised that they would consider supporting such a proposal. In response to comments from Members in relation to timescales, Mr Harris advised that primary legislation could take in the region of 18 months. Authority to charge for parking could be a shorter time scale.

Mr Gill felt that should the Board be in mind to develop this proposal then he would, in conjunction with Mr Harris, a draft scoping paper outlining the proposals and projected incomes, and also the legal process for seeking a change to primary legislation.

In response to clarification from Mr Willmott in relation to the activity of APTL and how well the Trading Company were doing given the recession during the last 12 months the Managing Director APTL – Ms Kane advised that the exhibition booking commitments were currently at the same level as for the same period in 2008. Ms Kane also advised that there was a continuing high level of marketing to attract additional bookings but that it was not possible at this stage to predict how well levels of bookings would be by mid 2010.

The Chair welcomed the proposals and also asked that the scoping report include the pros and cons of toll charging and costs of road maintenance of the private road.

In respect of the £211K budget deficit, Councillor Hare sought clarification as to

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	<p>whether this amount could be met from prudential borrowing. In response the Director of Corporate Resources – LB Haringey Ms Parker advised that it was not appropriate.</p> <p>The Chair, in drawing the discussions to a close summarised and it was:</p> <p>RESOLVED</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. that the results for the six month period to 30 September 2009, and the forecast outturn for the 2009/10 financial year be noted; ii. that the reported position as detailed by the General Manager in respect of the capital and revenue growth bids submitted to the LB Haringey for 2010/11 onwards be noted; and iii. that the General Manager Alexandra Palace prepare a scoping report for consideration by the Board in January 2010 in respect of charging for use of car parks at the palace together with details projected incomes, and also the legal process for seeking a change to primary legislation, and also to include the pros and cons of toll charging and costs of road maintenance of the private road.
<p>APBO67.</p>	<p>GOVERNANCE UPDATE</p> <p>Item not considered.</p>
<p>APBO68.</p>	<p>APPOINTMENT OF EXTERNAL AUDITORS</p> <p>The Chair asked for a brief introduction of the report.</p> <p>The Head of Finance – Alexandra Palace – Ms Downie, in a brief introduction, reminded the Board of its decision of 22nd July 2008 to re-tender the provision of external audit services to the Trust and Trading Company in line with best practice. Ms Downie referred to the tender exercise which had been carried out in line with the Council’s Contract Standing Orders and the Trading Company’s draft procurement policy. In addition, advice was sought from the LB Haringey’s Head of Procurement to confirm that the process followed met the Council’s requirements. Ms Downie advised the Board that for practical reasons, a joint tender process was followed on behalf of the Trust and Trading Company. In total nine firms had been invited to tender, and six submitted full written tenders, which were evaluated by a panel against pre-determined criteria. The panel consisted of the Interim General Manager of the Trust, the Managing Director of the Trading Company, and herself. As a result, two firms were shortlisted to attend presentations, which were also evaluated against pre-determined criteria. Ms Downie confirmed that based on the selected criteria, the panel was unanimous in identifying Deloitte as the most suitable firm to conduct the external audit of the Trust and Trading Company.</p> <p>Ms Downie further advised that given the long standing relationship between Deloitte and the Trust, Deloitte had been asked to confirm their internal processes for reviewing independence and objectivity, as detailed in 7.1</p>

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	<p>paragraph 7.1 of the report. Ms Downie added that 2009/10 would be the third year that Sue Barratt from Deloitte had been the audit partner for the Trust and Trading Company.</p> <p>Following points of clarification on a MOTION by the Chair it was:</p> <p>RESOLVED</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">i. that the tender and selection process followed to identify the most suitable firm to carry out the external audit of Alexandra Park and Palace Charitable Trust be noted;ii. that approval be given to the re-appointment of Deloitte as external auditors to the Trust with effect from the 2009/10 financial year.
<p>APBO69.</p>	<p>FIREWORKS 2009 - UPDATE ON THE EVENT</p> <p>The Chair asked for a brief introduction of the report before the Board.</p> <p>The Interim General Manager – Mr Gill advised the Board that the reasons for lateness in receiving the report was due to the need to evaluate the success of the Fireworks event, as well the calculation of the cash donations.</p> <p>In an introduction Mr Gill informed the Board that the 2009 Fireworks event was a great success, generating very positive media coverage for the Palace, with approximately 50,000 people attending the event, compared with an estimated 42,000 in 2008. In terms of cash donations collected – this totalled £26,995 compared with £21,529 in 2008, a 25% uplift. The monies collected would be used to off set the running costs of this event which were in excess of £100k. The decision to move the German Beer Festival from the West Hall to the Great Hall had a very positive impact on both the success of the event and APTL’s catering income, which was £20k higher than the previous year. This would make an important contribution to the Trading Company’s £600k profit target for 2009/10.</p> <p>Mr Gill further commented that there had been positive media coverage for the event with articles in the local press – The Ham & High, and Hornsey Journal, as well as national coverage including Time Out, the Independent, the Sunday Times and radio coverage on LBC, Radio 2 and local radio. Mr Gill reported that the Metropolitan Police hailed the event a great success from a public order perspective, with only three arrests and two reported crimes, one public order offence and one theft of a mobile phone. The profit and loss statement for the event was still being finalised, as final invoices were outstanding from suppliers. The cost savings previously outlined to the Board were largely implemented, but indications were that there would be an over spend against the £100k budget due to the need to ensure the event ran smoothly and the public were not placed at risk. It was the case that approximately 70% of the budget was directed towards essential expenditure to ensure public safety, such as stewarding, barriers, lighting, and CCTV and medical services.</p> <p>The Chair thanked Mr Gill for his succinct introduction and asked if there were any specific comments or questions.</p>

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	<p>The Board briefly discussed the event and congratulated the Management at Alexandra Palace for the organisation of the event. Mr Willmott expressed some concerns about the security and crowd control when entering and leaving parts of the event. Also whilst the buffet service provided had been excellent he had noted that he had not seen many Members in the internal rooms, and whether this had been due to the withdrawal VIP invites on this occasion.</p> <p>The Chair, in noting the comments expressed, stated his disappointment that there had been little voluntary participation on the part of the members of the Advisory, and Consultative Committees to assist in the event specifically in cash collection and felt that this was a missed opportunity for people to be involved.</p> <p>Mr Gill in advising that certain aspects of the event had had to be scaled down due to cost implications, also advised that in terms of the Police operation, as previously there had been no charge for the policing of the event and therefore this had curtailed costs. However there had been an indication from the Police that there would be a charge for the following year – 2010, and as this cost would affect the overall viability of hosting the event and a report would be given to a Board meeting in late Spring 2010.</p> <p>The Chair then summarised and it was:</p> <p>RESOLVED</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. That the report be noted; and ii. That it be noted that a report of the General Manager would be submitted to a meeting of the Alexandra Palace and Park Board in the spring of 2010 detailing the cost implications and viability of staging the Firework event in November 2010.
<p>APBO70.</p>	<p>MINUTES</p> <p>RESOLVED</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. That the unrestricted minutes of the meetings of the Alexandra Palace and Park Board held on 6 October, and 15 October 2009 be confirmed and signed as an accurate record of the proceedings; ii. That the minutes of the Alexandra Palace and Park Consultative Committee held on 17 November 2009 be agreed; iii. That the minutes of the Alexandra Park and Palace Advisory Committee held on 3 November 2009 be noted.
<p>APBO71.</p>	<p>ANY OTHER UNRESTRICTED URGENT BUSINESS THE CHAIR CONSIDERS TO BE URGENT</p> <p>NIL</p>
<p>APBO72.</p>	<p>EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS</p>

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	<p>RESOLVED</p> <p>That the Public and Press be excluded from the proceedings as Items 13-15 are exempt as defined in Section 100a of the Local Government Act 1972; namely information in respect of which a claim to legal professional privilege could be maintained in legal proceedings, information relating to any individual, information likely to reveal the identity of an individual, and information relating to the business or financial affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).</p> <p>SUMMARY OF EXEMPT/CONFIDENTIAL PROCEEDINGS</p>
APBO73.	<p>EXEMPT MINUTES</p> <p>Agreed the exempt minutes of the meetings of the Alexandra Palace and Park Board held on 6 October, and 15 October 2009.</p>
APBO74.	<p>APPOINTMENT OF EXTERNAL AUDITORS</p> <p>Agreed the recommendations contained within the report.</p>
APBO75.	<p>ANY OTHER EXEMPT URGENT BUSINESS THE CHAIR CONSIDERS TO BE URGENT</p> <p>NIL</p>

The meeting ended at 21.38hrs.

COUNCILLOR PAT EGAN

Chair