

UNRESTRICTED MINUTES OF THE ALEXANDRA PALACE AND PARK CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE - TUESDAY, 22 JUNE 2010

Nominated Members:

Alexandra Palace Amateur Ice Skating Club		Mr M. Tarpey
Alexandra Palace Allotments Association		Mr C. Mahony
Alexandra Palace Angling Association	*	Mr K. Pestell
Alexandra Palace Organ Appeal	*	Mr J. Apperley
Alexandra Palace Television Society		Mr J. Thompson
Alexandra Residents' Association		Ms. C. Hayter
Bounds Green and District Residents' Association		Mr K. Ranson
Alexandra Park and Palace Conservation Area Advisory Committee	*	Mr A. Walker
Friends of Alexandra Park	*	Mr G. Hutchinson
Friends of the Alexandra Palace Theatre	*	Mr. C. Richell
Hornsey Historical Society	*	Mr.J.O'Callaghan
Muswell Hill and Fortis Green Association	*	Ms D. Feeney
Muswell Hill Metro Group	*	Mr J. Boshier
New River Action Group		Miss R. MacDonald
Palace View Residents' Association	*	Ms V. Paley
Warner Estate Residents' Association	*	Prof. R. Hudson

Appointed Members:

*Councillor P. Egan (Chair)
 Councillor B. Hare
 Councillor S. Peacock
 *Councillor N. Scott
 *Councillor J. Stewart
 *Councillor A. Strickland
 Councillor N. Williams

*Members present.

Apologies Councillor Hare and Peacock

Also In Attendance:

Interim General Manager, Alexandra Palace
 Committee Clerk

MINUTE NO.	SUBJECT/DECISION	ACTION BY
APCC01.	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE	
	Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Hare and Peacock, Rachael MacDonald (New River Action Group), Nigel Willmott (Friends of the Alexandra Palace Theatre), Mike Tarpey (Alexandra Palace Ice Skating Club), Colin Marr (Alexandra Park & Palace Conservation Area Advisory Committee), Caroline Hayter (Alexandra Residents' Association), Mark Evison (Park Manager), Rebecca Kane (Managing Director – Alexandra Palace Trading Limited).	

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<p>APCC02.</p>	<p>WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS</p> <p>The Chair invited members to introduce themselves as this was a new municipal year and the membership of the Committee had changed.</p>																																
<p>APCC03.</p>	<p>MEMBERSHIP</p> <p>i. <u>Membership for 2010/11 Municipal Year</u></p> <p>RESOLVED</p> <p>That the following applications from interested groups for membership of the Committee for the 2010/11 municipal year be agreed:</p> <table data-bbox="357 757 1436 1377"> <tr> <td>Alexandra Palace Amateur Ice Skating Club</td> <td>Mr M. Tarpey</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Alexandra Palace Allotments Association</td> <td>Mr C. Mahoney</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Alexandra Palace Angling Association</td> <td>Mr K. Pestell</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Alexandra Palace Organ Appeal</td> <td>Mr R. Tucker</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Alexandra Palace Television Group</td> <td>Mr J. Thompson</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Alexandra Residents' Association</td> <td>Ms C. Hayter</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Bounds Green and District Residents' Association</td> <td>Mr K. Ranson</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Alexandra Park and Palace Conservation Area Advisory Committee</td> <td>Mr C. Marr</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Friends of Alexandra Park</td> <td>Mr G. Hutchinson</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Friends of the Alexandra Palace Theatre</td> <td>Mr N. Willmott</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Hornsey Historical Society</td> <td>Mr J. O'Callaghan</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Muswell Hill and Fortis Green Association</td> <td>Ms D. Feeney</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Muswell Hill Metro Group</td> <td>Mr J. Boshier</td> </tr> <tr> <td>New River Action Group</td> <td>Miss R. Macdonald</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Palace View Residents' Association</td> <td>Ms V. Paley</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Warner Estate Residents' Association</td> <td>Prof. R. Hudson</td> </tr> </table> <p>ii. <u>Ceased Membership</u></p> <p>The Committee noted that the Union of Construction, Allied Trades and Technicians had ceased membership on the Committee. This was due to the retirement of the representative, who would recommend that his future successor joined the Committee.</p> <p>iii. <u>Representatives of the Committee to serve as non-voting Members of the Alexandra Palace and Park Board</u></p> <p>RESOLVED</p> <p>That the following representatives of the Consultative Committee would serve as non-voting members of the Alexandra Palace and Park Board:</p> <p>Ms V. Paley (Palace View Residents' Association) Mr N Willmott (Friends of the Alexandra Palace Theatre) Mr M Tarpey (Alexandra Palace Amateur Ice Skating Club)</p>	Alexandra Palace Amateur Ice Skating Club	Mr M. Tarpey	Alexandra Palace Allotments Association	Mr C. Mahoney	Alexandra Palace Angling Association	Mr K. Pestell	Alexandra Palace Organ Appeal	Mr R. Tucker	Alexandra Palace Television Group	Mr J. Thompson	Alexandra Residents' Association	Ms C. Hayter	Bounds Green and District Residents' Association	Mr K. Ranson	Alexandra Park and Palace Conservation Area Advisory Committee	Mr C. Marr	Friends of Alexandra Park	Mr G. Hutchinson	Friends of the Alexandra Palace Theatre	Mr N. Willmott	Hornsey Historical Society	Mr J. O'Callaghan	Muswell Hill and Fortis Green Association	Ms D. Feeney	Muswell Hill Metro Group	Mr J. Boshier	New River Action Group	Miss R. Macdonald	Palace View Residents' Association	Ms V. Paley	Warner Estate Residents' Association	Prof. R. Hudson
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	<p>iv. <u>Consultative Committee Constitution</u></p> <p>The Committee noted that the Constitution, last amended in 2002, could be amended as part of the review of governance of the Alexandra Palace and Park and that members' views were welcomed.</p> <p>In response to their questions Committee members were informed that the Board was expected to decide which governance options to proceed with in October 2010. The plan was to have general governance principles in place by the end of the calendar year. Members were reminded that much of the relevant information relating to the review of governance was on the Alexandra Palace website (www.alexandrapalace.com) and all interested groups views and comments were welcomed.</p> <p>RESOLVED</p> <p>That the Committee's Constitution be noted.</p>
<p>APCC04.</p>	<p>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</p> <p>Professor Richard Hudson declared a personal interest in item 7, where discussion about the Little Dinosaurs facility took place, as he was a regular user of the facility.</p>
<p>APCC05.</p>	<p>MINUTES</p> <p>i. <u>Consultative Committee</u></p> <p>RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Consultative Committee held on 16th February 2010 be confirmed as a correct record.</p> <p>The Chair highlighted minute number APCC42.5 which invited interested groups to provide comments and suggestions for the future governance of Alexandra Palace and Park. The Interim General Manager – Alexandra Palace informed the Chair that no comments had been submitted by interested groups since the last meeting.</p> <p>ii. <u>Advisory Committee</u></p> <p>RESOLVED that the minutes of the Advisory Committee meetings held on 9th February 2010 and 17th March 2010 (Special) be noted.</p> <p>iii. <u>Alexandra Palace and Park Board</u></p> <p>RESOLVED that the draft minutes of the meeting of the Alexandra Palace and Park Board held on 12th January 2010, 2nd March 2010 and 4th May 2010 be noted.</p> <p>In response to the Committee's questions on APBO24 of the minutes of the meeting held on 2nd March 2010 the General Manager – Alexandra Palace explained that funding for repairs to the ice rink had come from prudential borrowing, a loan from the Council.</p>

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	<p>The installation of the temporary ice rink was no longer going ahead.</p> <p>The Committee congratulated the Palace and Park staff for obtaining the funding.</p>
APCC06.	<p>PRESENTATIONS BY INTERESTED GROUPS</p> <p>i. The presentation by the New River Action Group was deferred due to the apologies for absence from Miss Rachael MacDonald.</p> <p>ii. The Committee noted the presentation by Mr Gordon Hutchinson on the work of the Friends of Alexandra Park which existed to encourage the use of the Park and protect it from overdevelopment.</p> <p>The Friends of Alexandra Park group had a membership of 170 and its website www.friendsofalexandrapark.org.uk provided details of guided walks, bird and bat watching, talks on the history of the Park and a mixture of other activities.</p> <p>The Interim General Manager, Alexandra Palace agreed to the Chair's suggestion that the Alexandra Palace website include a link to the Friends of Alexandra Palace website.</p> <p>The Chair and the Interim General Manager, Alexandra Palace both expressed their thanks to Mr Hutchinson and the Friends of Alexandra Park for their excellent work.</p>
APCC07.	<p>PARK ACTIVITIES UPDATE</p> <p>The Committee received the report of the Park Manager, Alexandra Park, Mark Evison, introduced by the Interim General Manager, Alexandra Palace.</p> <p>Committee members were specifically interested in the paragraphs (6.10 -6.15.3) dealing with tree maintenance work and noted that in future the Park Manager would inform a wider group of interested parties.</p> <p>The Committee discussed the current planning enforcement action being taken against the Little Dinosaurs facility in the Grove area of the Park. The Interim General Manager explained that if enforcement action was successful the Trust would enforce the terms of the Little Dinosaurs lease. Some members expressed the need for flexibility and sensitivity to users of the Park and the Little Dinosaurs facility.</p> <p>RESOLVED</p> <p>i. That the report be noted;</p> <p>ii. That the Park Manager, Alexandra Palace, be asked to devise a list of relevant people that would be informed of future tree works in advance of the works commencing.</p>

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APCC08.	FORTHCOMING EVENTS <p>The Committee received the Forthcoming Events report of the Managing Director, Alexandra Palace Trading Limited, Rebecca Kane, introduced by the Interim General Manager, Alexandra Palace.</p> <p>Further to the Committee's questions, the Interim General Manager would investigate the possibility of Alexandra Palace taking part in the Open House event in September this year.</p> <p>Post Meeting note:</p> <p><i>23.06.2010 - The Consultative Committee was informed that Alexandra Palace will be participating in 'Open House London' on Saturday 18th September 2010 from 10.00 – 17.00. This will follow a similar format to previous years with entry to the TV Studios, Theatre Foyer and a glimpse of the Theatre.</i></p> <p>Committee Members expressed concerns about the lack of visitors at the May 2010 Alexandra Palace open day, particularly those visiting the Governance Exhibition. The Chair highlighted that during the Governance Exhibition roadshow residents in all other parts of the borough had been given the opportunity to contribute to the governance review.</p>
APCC09.	MATTERS RAISED BY INTERESTED GROUPS <p>Jacob O'Callaghan of the Hornsey Historical Society suggested that the Committee received detailed reports on regular surveys of the whole Palace building fabric and what repairs were necessary and being done.</p> <p>The Interim General Manager, Alexandra Palace, informed the Committee that a detailed structured survey of the Palace had not been conducted since 2005 and estimated £25 million was required to put the Palace in a good state of repairs. The 2005 survey had been updated and the cost of repairs was now £30 million plus £50 million to improve facilities to enable the Palace to be better utilised. Any further surveys would need to be funded and agreed by the Trustees.</p> <p>The Committee discussed potential avenues of funding including lottery grants and noted the large amount of officer time required to apply for such grants and that match funding was also often required.</p> <p>The Committee was reminded that individual groups could arrange to meet with facilities management consultants, John Barnett, for more detail on the Palace building which the Interim General Manager stated would be more beneficial than surveys presented to the Committee.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the Committee receive a general report on the state of the building and works required once a year.</p>
APCC10.	ANY OTHER BUSINESS <p>i. <u>Minutes of Interest Groups meetings</u></p>

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	<p>All interested groups who were members of the Consultative Committee were asked to ensure that the minutes of their meetings were sent regularly to the Committee Clerk.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">ACTION: INTERESTED GROUPS</p> <p>ii. <u>Fires in Alexandra Park</u></p> <p>Committee members highlighted that several unauthorised fires or bar-b-q's had been lit in the Park and suggested that a bar-b-q area be made available for park users.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the Park Manager, Alexandra Palace, be asked to respond to the request that a bar-b-q area be made available for park users.</p> <p>lii. <u>Pitch and Putt</u></p> <p>In response to the Committee's asking for an update on the planning application for improvements to the pitch and putt facility, the Interim General Manager advised concerned groups to contact the Park Manager, Alexandra Palace, directly.</p>
APCC11.	<p>DATE OF FUTURE MEETINGS</p> <p>The following dates of future meetings were noted:</p> <p>Tuesday 9th November 2010 Tuesday 8th February 2011 Tuesday 12th April 2011</p>

The meeting ended at 21:00 hrs

COUNCILLOR PAT EGAN

Chair