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AGENDA ITEM

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ALEXANDRA PARK AND PALACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (STATUTORY)

14 JUNE 2005

Members present (indicated thus*)

NOMINATED BY LOCAL RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATIONS

*Ms. J. Hutchinson	:	Alexandra Residents' Association
*Mr P. Wastell	:	Alexandra Residents' Association
*Ms. M. Myers	:	Muswell Hill and Fortis Green Association
*Ms E. Tulloch	:	Palace Gates Residents' Association
*Mr. D. Frith	:	The Rookfield Association
*Mr. F. Hilton	:	The Rookfield Association
*Mr. D. Liebeck (Chair)	:	Warner Estate Residents' Association
*Mr H. Aspden	:	Warner Estate Residents' Association

Appointed Members:

*Councillor W. Hoban	:	Alexandra Ward
Councillor B. Millar	:	Bounds Green Ward
Councillor S.Gilbert	:	Fortis Green Ward
*Councillor Q. Prescott	:	Hornsey Ward
Councillor J. Bloch	:	Muswell Hill Ward
Vacancy	:	Noel Park Ward
Councillor V. Manheim	:	
*Councillor E. Prescott	:	

*Members present.

Also in attendance

Councillor Hare

Mr K. Holder - General Manager - Alexandra Palace

Mr M. Baker - Development Manager Parks - Alexandra Palace

018 ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR 2005/06 (Agenda Item 1)

The Clerk to the Committee – Mr Hart, advised the Committee that as this meeting was the first of the Municipal Year 2005/06 the first item of business on the agenda was to elect a Chair and Vice-Chair of the Committee.

Mr Hart informed the meeting that in line with previous years the Chair was nominated from amongst the nominated Association representatives, and the Vice-Chair from the appointed Councillors of the Advisory Committee. Mr Hart then sought nominations for the position of Chair of the Advisory Committee for the Municipal Year 2005/06.

Ms Myers nominated Mr Liebeck as Chair of the Advisory Committee for the Municipal Year 2005/2006. Mr Frith seconded the nomination.

There being no further nominations it was:

RESOLVED

That Mr D. Liebeck – Warner Estate Residents' Association be duly elected as Chair of the Alexandra Park and Palace Advisory Committee for the Municipal Year 2005/2006.

In the absence of the Chair, the Clerk – Mr Hart sought nominations for the position of Vice Chair of the Advisory Committee for the Municipal Year 2005/06

Councillor Q. Prescott nominated Councillor E. Prescott as Vice-Chair of the Advisory Committee for the Municipal Year 2005/2006. Councillor Hoban seconded the nomination.

There being no further nominations it was:

RESOLVED

That Councillor E. Prescott be duly elected as Vice-Chair of the Alexandra Park and Palace Advisory Committee for the Municipal Year 2005/2006.

In the absence of the Chair the Vice-Chair took the Chair.

Councillor E. Prescott in the Chair

019 ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP 2005/06 (Agenda Item 2)

The Clerk to the Committee – Mr Hart advised that at a pre-meeting earlier that evening of the qualifying Associations to the Committee, the appointed Association representatives considered the appointment from amongst their number to the 8 allocated places that the qualifying associations were able to appoint to on the Advisory Committee. Mr Hart advised that following due deliberation the allocation of places was as stated in the NOTED resolution below.

Mr Hart also advised that he had received notification from Ms Tulloch – Palace Residents Association of her intention to resign as that Association’s representative on the Advisory Committee. Ms Tulloch confirmed this intention.

RESOLVED

That the allocation of the 8 places from the qualifying Associations to the Alexandra Palace and Park Advisory Committee for the Municipal Year 2005/06 as detailed below be noted:

Association	Allocated places/named representative
Alexandra Residents’ Association	2 places - Ms Hutchinson /Mr Wastell
Muswell Hill and Fortis Green Association	1 place - Ms Myers
Palace Gates Residents’ Association	1 place - Ms Tulloch
The Rookfield Association	2 places - Mr Frith/Mr Hilton
Warner Estate Residents Association	2 places - Mr Liebeck/Mr Aspden

020 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE (Agenda Item 3)

The Chair asked if there had been any apologies given.

The Clerk advised that apologies for lateness had been received on behalf of Mr Liebeck.

021 APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE URGENCY SUB-COMMITTEE FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR 2005/06 (Agenda Item 4)

The Clerk to the Committee – Mr Hart informed the meeting that it was necessary to appoint Members of the Advisory Committee to its established Urgency Sub-Committee for the Municipal Year 2005/06. Mr Hart advised that the composition of the Urgency Sub-Committee was 2 resident association representatives, and 2 Councillor representatives of the Advisory Committee.

Mr Hart sought nominations for the positions.

Ms Hutchinson nominated Mr Liebeck as one association representative, and Mr Wastell nominated Ms Hutchinson as the other association representative.

The Chair nominated both Councillors Hoban and Q. Prescott as Councillor representatives.

There being no further nominations it was:

RESOLVED

That the following Members be appointed to the Urgency Sub-Committee of the Advisory Committee for the Municipal Year 2005/06 as detailed below:

Ms J Hutchinson
Mr D Liebeck
Councillor W. Hoban
Councillor Q. Prescott

022 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Agenda Item 5)

There were no declarations of interest.

023 MINUTES (Agenda Item 6)

(i) Advisory Committee – 1 March 2005

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the Advisory Committee held on 1 March 2005 be agreed as an accurate record of the proceedings, subject to the following spelling correction on page 5 – last paragraph – 2nd line – the word 'though' be changed to 'through'.

Matters Arising

(a) Minute entry 013 – Resolution 4 of the Advisory Committee

Councillor Hoban referred to the request of the Committee to the Board to supply a breakdown of individual costs (as previously requested) particularly in relation to the Deer enclosure, and asked if the Board had had agreed to supply this information.

In response the General Manager advised that the request had been put to the Board but this had been declined. Councillor Hoban asked that the reasons for the refusal be given in writing.

(b) Minute Entry 014/15 – Resolution 14/15 of the Advisory Committee

In response to questions from Mr Wastell as to whether the Board had considered the expressed comments of the Advisory Committee in respect of DVD presentation entitled 'The People's Palace' the General Manager responded that the comments of the Advisory Committee had been noted by the Board during its

discussion of the future of the Asset in the exempt part of the Board meeting on 15 March 2005.

The Board recognised the importance of the content of the DVD and would give its implications due consideration during the process it was about to consider embarking upon.

NOTED

(c) Minute Entry 016 – Resolution of the Advisory Committee

Mr Wastell responded to the issue of the gates being locked at Redston Road and North View Road, and the pros and cons of locking gates both at this and various other locations throughout the Park.

The Committee then undertook a wide ranging discussion as to the merits of locking gates at a number of locations, general views as to the ramifications of gates being locked and the security problems arising from a road that gave continued access to the Park areas at all times. There was also some discussion as to the difficulties in consulting local residents as to their views as to preferences for locking gates at a number of locations throughout the Park, and it was commented on by a number of those present that the represented Associations on the Advisory Committee may not entirely be representing local views, and there were some suggestion as to whether leafleting all local residents was appropriate. There was also some suggestion of using the area assemblies for the area as a vehicle for consultation.

In response to a number of the questions raised the General Manager advised that whilst it was not a matter that had any implications for affecting the Charitable Trust and its operation, it was appropriate that the matter should be considered by the representative associations and those views be reported back to the meeting of the Advisory Committee in November 2005.

In conclusion the Chair summarised and it was:

RESOLVED

That the issue of gate locking in various locations in the Park be discussed at forthcoming meetings of each of the representative associations and that those views be reported to the Advisory Committee for consideration in November 2005.

(ii) Minutes of the Board - 15 March 2005

In response to Minute 053 – Planning Application – The Workshop Building and the matter being reported to the Advisory Committee for consideration and when this would reported to the Advisory

Committee, the General Manager advised that the status/ progress of the application would be clarified.

RESOLVED:

that the circulated minutes of the Alexandra Palace and Park Board meeting of 15 March 2005 be noted.

024 Future use of the Asset – Update (Verbal report of the General Manager Alexandra Palace) (Agenda Item 7)

In a brief update the General Manager advised that the established Project Team were in the process of working up financial models to establish the level of investment for the future use of the asset. The previous figures of in the region of £25 -£30 million to carry bring the building to an acceptable level of required use was now revised upwards and was now closer to £39 million following the recent report of the commissioned Quantity Surveyor.

In response to questions from Members the General Manager advised that it was the intention to hold a special meeting of the Board after its meeting on 28 June 2005, likely to be held on 12 July 2005 which would centre not so much on the future uses for the building but the classes of rental income/rental value. The OJEU process was now likely to commence in September 2005, following the outcome of the special Board meeting.

The Committee then undertook a brief discussion in respect of the need to have a further meeting either prior to or post the special Board meeting on 12 July 2005. Some Members expressed their concerns that they should be consulted as to the future uses of the asset prior to the Board meeting in order for them to give a view, rather than considering the matter after the Board had deliberated and made its decision. In response the General Manager again stressed that no decision was being taken by the Board as regards to potential users, but regarding potential costs and the Board was to consider the evaluation criteria, and agreeing to the placing of the OJEU notice in September 2005. At the point when, as a result of the OJEU notice be placed, and interest expressed by potential users, it would then be appropriate for the Advisory Committee to express its views. In terms of the BBC Media campus concept this would be considered at that point together with other potential uses. The OJEU notice would state the objectives of the Charity – and the categories/classes of usage under planning terms.

The Chair then summarised and it was:

RESOLVED

That a special meeting of the Advisory Committee (if required) be convened approx 10/15 days after the special meeting of the Board on 12 July 2005, with the need for this meeting either being or not being required to be conveyed by confirmation by the Chair of the Advisory Committee.

**025 CAPITAL AND MAINTENANCE WORKS IN THE PALACE AND PARK
(Verbal report of the Facilities Manager Alexandra Palace) (Agenda Item
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A brief introduction of the report and an outline of the works as detailed therein was given by the General Manager. In response to clarification as to the scaffolding at the eastern corner of the building the General Manager responded that it was for render repair to parts of the façade which had come away.

RESOLVED

That the contents of the report be noted

**026 HERITAGE LOTTERY FUNDED LANDSCAPE DEVELOPMENT PROJECT
UPDATE**

The Development Manager Parks provided a comprehensive update of progress on the work to be carried out as part of the Heritage Lottery Fund refurbishment of the park, as outlined in the circulated report.

In response to concerns expressed that the Playground facilities for younger children were not as good as those in Priory Park, the Development Manager advised that the Company providing the equipment were specialists and that equipment provided was of the best that there was. Whilst he noted the concerns expressed there were also options for future expansion.

In response to comments in relation to path refurbishment the Development Manager outlined the type of materials to be used and the reasons for this, by the use of tarmac on the slope areas and coxwell gravel on the lower path and level ground.

In respect of clarification in respect of the Skateboard Park the Development Manager advised that the new equipment was due for delivery shortly with the date to be confirmed. Whilst there was no known pre-testing available for the surfaces an inspection of the site had been carried out by ROSPA.

With regard to the new children's facilities and comments that there should be an opening ceremony event the General Manager advised that there would be an opening event in the near future around the time of the commencement of the Children School Summer holidays.

RESOLVED

That the contents of the report be noted

027 CAMDEN JOBTRAIN HORTICULTURAL TRAINING SCHEME UPDATE

The Development Manager advised the meeting that Camden Jobtrain had advised that due to the low intake of Horticultural Students on the Training Scheme it had been decided that the scheme was no longer viable and

therefore Camden Jobtrain would not be proceeding with the scheme and use of the facilities.

NOTED

At this point in the proceedings (21:15HRS) Councillor Hoban left the meeting. As a result the meeting was declared inquorate. The Members present then had an informal discussion of the remaining items and the following is a summary of that informal discussion.

PLAYGROUND TOILET FACILITIES

The Advisory Committee informally discussed the report and in stating its pros/cons asked that the Board identify and allocate monies to cover the costs of the proposed toilet facility at the Playground to be considered by the Board at its forthcoming meeting on 28 June 2005.

HERITAGE LOTTERY FUNDED LANDSCAPE DEVELOPMENT PROJECT UPDATE – SOUTH SLOPE TREE BELT

The Advisory Committee informally discussed the report and its implications and informally agreed that respective Associations would be advised of the proposals and be asked to respond to the Development Manager Parks direct.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

The Advisory Committee informally discussed the report and the implications of a number of events and the noise levels emanating therefrom especially with regard to the recent events over the Easter period. The Committee informally noted the satisfaction of an Advisory Member to the efforts of the Palace staff in dealing with the issue of noise nuisance in their home.

Time informal meeting concluded: 22.17hrs

**D. LIEBECK
CHAIR**