## MINUTES OF THE JOINT INFORMAL MEETING OF THE ALEXANDRA PARK & PALACE STATUTORY ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND THE ALEXANDRA PALACE AND PARK CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE TUESDAY. 22 MAY 2012

PRESENT: \* denotes absence

#### NOMINATED BY LOCAL RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATIONS

#### **Advisory Committee Nominated Members of:**

Alexandra Residents' Association : \*Ms J. Hutchinson Bounds Green and District Residents Association : Mr K. Ranson

Muswell Hill and Fortis Green Association : Mr D. Heathcote Palace Gates Residents' Association : \*Ms J. Baker

Palace View Residents Association : \*Ms E. Richardson

The Rookfield Association : Mr D. Frith Warner Estate Residents' Association : Mr D. Liebeck

1 Vacancy

#### **Advisory Committee Appointed Members:**

Alexandra Ward : Councillor Beacham
Bounds Green Ward : Councillor Christophides

Fortis Green Ward : Councillor Erskine
Hornsey Ward : \*Councillor Gorrie
Muswell Hill Ward : Councillor Jenks
Noel Park Ward : Councillor Gibson
Council-wide Member : Councillor Griffith
Council-wide Member : \*Councillor Dogus

#### **Consultative Committee Nominated Members:**

Alexandra Palace Amateur Ice Skating Club

\*Mr M. Tarpey

\*Mr C. Mahony

Alexandra Palace Angling Association

Alexandra Palace Organ Appeal

Alexandra Palace Television Group

Alexandra Residents' Association

\*Mr M. Tarpey

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\*Mr M. Tucker

Mr K. Pestell

Mr R. Tucker

Mr J. Thompson

Ms C. Hayter

Alexandra Palace Garden Centre \*Mr C. Campbell-Preston

Alexandra Park and Palace Conservation Area

Advisory Committee Mr C. Marr Bounds Green and District Residents' Association Mr K. Ranson

CUFOS \*Mr J. Smith

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
Vitrine Ltd - The Lakeside Café \*Mr A. Yener
Warner Estate Residents' Association \*Prof. R. Hudson

#### **Consultative Committee Appointed Members:**

Councillor Cooke Councillor Demirci Councillor Hare \*Councillor Peacock

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Councillor Scott Councillor Stewart \*Councillor Williams

#### Also attending

Duncan Wilson - Chief Executive - Alexandra Palace Mark Evison - Park Manager, Alexandra Palace Felicity Parker – Clerk to the Committee (LB Haringey) Sam Davidson – Building Schools for the Future (LB Haringey)

### MINUTE

NO.	SUBJECT/DECISION
APSC64.	ELECTION OF CHAIR
	The Clerk sought nominations for a chair of the meeting. Dennis Heathcote proposed Colin Marr, this was seconded by Colin Richell and it was:
	RESOLVED that Colin Marr act as Chair of the meeting.
	COLIN MARR IN THE CHAIR
APSC65.	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
	Apologies for absence were received from Gordon Hutchinson (Friends of Alexandra Park) and Councillors Demirci, Dogus, Gorrie, Peacock and Williams.
APSC66.	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
	Councillor Beacham declared a non-prejudicial interest in respect of any planning issues discussed during item 8, as he was a member of the Planning Committee.
	Councillor Christophides declared a prejudicial interest respect of any planning issues discussed during item 8, as he was a member of the Planning Committee.
	Councillor Jenks declared a personal interest as he was a member of the Warner Estate Residents Association (WERA).
APSC67.	MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING
	i) The minutes of the Joint Informal meeting of the Statutory Advisory Committee and Consultative Committee (SAC/CC) held on 6 March 2012

The minutes of the Statutory Advisory Committee meeting held on 6 March

were approved as a correct record.

2012 were noted.

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#### APSC68. PARK ACTIVITIES UPDATE

RECEIVED the Park Activities Update as set out in the agenda papers, introduced by Mark Evison – Park Manager, Alexandra Park.

NOTED

#### Red Bull

- The Red Bull event had taken place over the weekend the event was considered to be a success, with around 14,000 visitors to the park. Some local residents had raised issues raised over noise from the PA systems, but it was pointed out that the PA system was only used from noon until 5pm. A noise assessment had been carried out and results would be reported back to the Chief Executive in due course.
- Overall, the event was seen as positive for the Palace and Park and the wide publicity for it has helped raised the profile of Alexandra Palace.
- Members of the Committee raised concerns that the popularity of this event should not mean that the same space would be used regularly for events, which would then restrict the use of the park for other users. Whilst it was accepted that parts of the park could be used for income generating events, it was important that any disruption to the park and park users from such events should be proportionate to the income to the Trust. In the case of Red Bull there were concerns that the disruption may have been disproportionately large.
- Councillor Cooke explained that the Trustees would not allow the park to be completely taken over by any event. The Park cost £0.5m per year to maintain, and whilst the Trust did not exist purely to make money out of the Palace and Park, any profits made from events were put back into the company. Councillor Cooke also made the point that the Pitch and Putt area took up the same space at the Red Bull event, but for the whole year, and was 25 times less profitable than the Red Bull event.
- The Chairman requested that in future if there is a choice between hosting an
  event like this in the park and an event in the Great Hall, which would yield a
  comparable return to the Trust, then the decision should be in favour of a Great
  Hall event.
- In response to whether the organisers would be allowed to hold an event in the future, Duncan Wilson explained that based on what had happened so far, they would be but until the whole process had been completed (i.e. removal of all equipment from the Park), he would not make any decisions.

#### Road resurfacing

 Haringey Council were resurfacing the road through the grounds, and should be completed by mid June. There were some disruptions to the W3 bus route during this time.

#### Cricket ground improvements

 Sam Davidson attended to provide an update on the proposals since the last meeting. Other options to conceal the tank had been explored, and it was considered that the option of burying the tank was too expensive, would be difficult to maintain and could make the project financially unviable. It was

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estimated that this could cost an additional £20-30k, plus ongoing maintenance. The preferred option was to install the tank above ground, with planting to camouflage.

• Councillor Hare asked about the option of moving the tank to the car park, as discussed at the last meeting. Sam Davidson explained that there were two issues with this – the entrance to the clubhouse would be impeded and it would be difficult to run the mains pipe to the tank.

**NOTED** the Committee's request that a detailed proposal is provided before any recommendation was put to the Alexandra Palace and Park Board. It was suggested that a site visit be carried out with members to provide further detail.

**RESOLVED** that the report be noted, but no recommendation be made to the Alexandra Palace and Park Board with regards to the cricket ground improvements until further information was provided.

#### APSC69. RECENT AND FORTHCOMING EVENTS

RECEIVED the papers as set out in the agenda pack, introduced by Duncan Wilson – Chief Executive, Alexandra Palace and Park.

#### **NOTED**

- The schedule of events preparations for Holland Heineken House was running to plan, the Olympic Torch relay celebration would take place at the Palace on 25 May and a Diamond Jubilee community event would take place over the Bank Holiday.
- The report included the recommendations of the Lock and Load security review. It was reassuring to note that the independent consultants had concluded that the two deaths were not in any way attributable to the actions or omissions of APTL, the promoter's or the contractor's staff. Councillor Cooke added that the report had been considered in detail by the Board, who were confident that the best systems were now in place.

**RESOLVED** to note the report.

#### APSC70. REGENERATION

RECEIVED the report as set out in the agenda pack, introduced by Duncan Wilson – Chief Executive, Alexandra Palace and Park.

#### NOTED

- Duncan Wilson drew attention to the appendices consultation plan and key messages. This consultation had a different approach to previous consultations in that it was more open-minded and started from a design plan. If further consultation was required, then this would happen.
- The chairman commented that although he was entirely supportive of the

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	<ul> <li>consultation plan it was regrettable that neither the Joint Consultative nor the Advisory Committee had the opportunity to contribute to or review the consultation document and key messages.</li> <li>Members of the Committee commented favourably that this public consultation provided the opportunity for wide discussion and debate. The general feeling was that the proposed uses and the way forward for the Palace and Park was positive.</li> <li>A mailshot would be sent to 10,000 residents within the next week, and Duncan Wilson would be setting up meetings with all local residents associations to discuss the consultation. At the Red Bull event, staff used iPads to carry out consultation surveys with attendees during the event.</li> <li>The consultation website went live on the evening of 17 May and would run for 6 weeks.</li> <li>People could complete the survey online, at consultation events at the Palace, or using the paper forums.</li> <li>The SAC / CC members supported the consultation.</li> <li>RESOLVED to note the report.</li> </ul>
APSC71.	NON-VOTING BOARD MEMBERS FEEDBACK
	None.
APSC72.	ITEMS RAISED BY INTERESTED GROUPS
	None.
APSC73.	ANY OTHER BUSINESS OR URGENT BUSINESS
	There was no such business.
APSC74.	DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS
	The dates of future meetings were noted.

The meeting ended at 21.30 hrs

Colin Marr
Chair
Signed by the Chair
Date