

**MINUTES OF THE ALEXANDRA PALACE AND PARK BOARD  
THURSDAY, 7 JUNE 2012**

Councillors Cooke (Chair), Demirci, Hare, Peacock, Scott and Williams

Non-Voting Representatives: V.Paley and N.Willmott

Also present:  
Duncan Wilson – Chief Executive, Alexandra Palace  
Mark Evison – Park Manager, Alexandra Palace  
Nigel Watts – Director of Finance and Resources, Alexandra Palace  
Felicity Parker – Clerk, LB Haringey

<b>MINUTE NO.</b>	<b>SUBJECT/DECISION</b>
<b>APBO204.</b>	<p><b>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</b></p> <p>Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Stewart, Colin Marr and Denis Heathcote.</p> <p>Apologies for lateness were received from Nigel Willmott.</p>
<b>APBO205.</b>	<p><b>URGENT BUSINESS</b></p> <p>There was no urgent business to discuss.</p>
<b>APBO206.</b>	<p><b>DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS</b></p> <p>There were no declarations of interest.</p>
<b>APBO207.</b>	<p><b>QUESTIONS, DEPUTATIONS OR PETITIONS</b></p> <p>There were no such items.</p>
<b>APBO208.</b>	<p><b>TO NOTE THE APPOINTMENT OF THREE MEMBERS OF THE ALEXANDRA PALACE AND PARK CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE TO THE BOARD AND THE ALEXANDRA PALACE AND PARK STATUTORY ADVISORY COMMITTEE OBSERVER FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR 2012/13</b></p> <p><b>NOTED</b> the appointment of the three Consultative Committee representatives to the Board in a non-voting capacity and observer of the Statutory Advisory Committee for the Municipal Year 2012/13 as follows:</p> <p><u>Non-voting representatives</u> Mr Colin Marr Ms Val Paley Mr Nigel Willmott</p> <p><u>Observer</u> Mr Denis Heathcote (Chair, Alexandra Palace and Park Statutory Advisory Committee)</p>

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<b>APBO209.</b>	<b>MINUTES</b>  <b>RESOLVED</b>  That the unrestricted minutes of the Alexandra Palace and Park Board meeting held on 3 April 2012 be confirmed as an accurate record of proceedings.
<b>APBO210.</b>	<b>REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE</b>  Duncan Wilson – Chief Executive – introduced the report as set out in the agenda pack.  <b>NOTED</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Bates Wells and Braithwaite had been appointed as Trust Lawyers. The appointment had been confirmed on 21 May 2012 and BWB would be asked to attend the next Board meeting on 24 July 2012.</li><li>• The ticketed torch relay event at Alexandra Palace had sold out within 40 minutes.</li><li>• The Red Bull event was an overall success. There were some noise issues, but if a similar event were to take place again then these issues could be dealt with. It was important to remember that the event took place between midday and 17.00 – so any noise disturbance would have occurred during this time. Another event had also taken place on the same day in Priory Park nearby, so some complaints received regarding noise could have been due to the other event and not Red Bull.</li><li>• Due to the bad weather, it had not yet been possible to reseed the grass – this would happen in due course, and would be reseeded with the same acid-tolerant species already present in the park turf.</li><li>• Councillor Cooke informed the Board that the event had been a success on social media sites.</li><li>• The Diamond Jubilee picnic had taken place inside the Palace due to the bad weather. Despite the weather, it was still a success.</li><li>• The Romanian Cultural Olympiad event was no longer going ahead.</li><li>• Duncan Wilson drew the Board’s attention to the Building Exploratory report which addressed the feasibility of the possibilities for a formal learning programme at Alexandra Palace.</li><li>• A discussion followed on the Building Exploratory report, where the following points were raised:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- the report presented a simple programme which could work well</li><li>- there were some worries that not all areas of the Palace were incorporated, for example, there could be a stronger element of learning about television and transmission</li><li>- the programme was aimed at Primary Schools, as it was easier to fit in with the National Curriculum. As the programme developed it might be possible to include secondary schools where the information would be at a more technical level</li></ul></li></ul> <b>RESOLVED</b>  i) <b>That the appointment of new lawyers Bates Wells and Braithwaite</b>

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	<p>had been appointed as Trust Lawyers be noted;</p> <p>ii) that the events programme for the next three months, in particular major concerts, the Olympic Torch relay and Holland Heineken House be noted;</p> <p>iii) that the publication of the findings of the independent security review of the November 2011 Lock and Load event be noted; and</p> <p>iv) that the appointment of a Learning Officer to organise a programme of mainly schools-based learning covering the Palace and Park on a one year contract, extendable by a further two years subject to successful grant applications be approved.</p>
<p><b>APBO211.</b></p>	<p><b>GOVERNANCE</b></p> <p>Duncan Wilson – Chief Executive – introduced the report as set out in the agenda papers.</p> <p>NOTED</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The report picked up from work carried out in 2011 and ratified by the Board on taking forward some practical governance improvements, which could be implemented without major and time consuming statutory changes.</li> <li>• Councillor Cooke commented that he was pleased to see this report presented to the Board.</li> <li>• It was proposed that for the present up to three advisory members could be appointed to the Board, but that could change in the future, as required. The advisors would not be required to attend every Board meeting, but be available to provide advice and expertise on request. The advisors would not be paid a stipend for these duties. Duncan Wilson agreed to report back to the Board specific suggestions.</li> </ul> <p><b>RESOLVED that</b></p> <p>i) that approval be given to progressing /furthering the appointments in an advisory non-voting capacity to the Alexandra Palace and Park Board in certain specialist areas of expertise, in line with earlier decisions of the Board;</p> <p>ii) the decision of May 2011 in relation to the setting up of an informal Finance, Resource and Audit informal Working Group to follow the APTL Finance and Resources and Audit Committee be enacted, and that a representative be appointed to succeed Councillor Waters;</p> <p>iii) that approval be given in principal to the Chief Executive of the Alexandra Palace and Park Trust becoming the Chief Executive of the Alexandra Palace Trading Company, to integrate more closely the operations of the two bodies.</p>
<p><b>APBO212.</b></p>	<p><b>PARK UPDATE</b></p> <p>Mark Evison – Park Manager – introduced the report as set out in the agenda papers.</p> <p>NOTED</p>

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Dog Control Orders

- Haringey Council was in the process of consulting on Dog Control Orders. The report details the proposals for Alexandra Park and requests authorisation for Officers to make a formal response to the consultation.
- The following had been omitted from the original report at paragraph 10.1:  
“The Council’s Head of Legal Services has no comments on this report, save to confirm that the Council, as a “primary authority” – within the meaning of the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005 – has a discretion to make dog control orders, and that such orders can be made in relation to Alexandra Palace and Park, being “land which is open to the air and to which the public are entitled or permitted to have access (with or without payment)”.
- Enforcement of the order would be by Local Authority Enforcement Officers, but it was hoped that this responsibility could be passed to the park security patrol.
- Signage would be provided by the Local Authority.
- Following a discussion about dog owners allowing dogs to damage trees in the Park, Councillor Hare suggested that a trail camera could be installed at problem sites. Mark Evison agreed to look into the practicalities of this.

Road resurfacing

- The resurfacing had been completed on 1 June. Funding for the resurfacing had been provided by the Local Authority, with a contribution of £35k from Alexandra Palace.

**RESOLVED**

- that following consideration of the proposals for Dog Control Orders, Officers be authorised to respond formally to the Council;**
- that the Advisory and Consultative Committees be requested to consider the proposals for Dog Control Orders and respond to the Council accordingly;**
- that the progress of the work to resurface Alexandra Park Way be noted; and**
- that the plans for a trail of sporting tree sculptures to be carved during the Olympic Games be noted.**

**APBO213. REGENERATION UPDATE**

Duncan Wilson – Chief Executive – introduced the report as set out in the agenda papers.

**NOTED:**

- The tabled document – ‘Regeneration Round Up’ – which outlined the progress on the consultation so far.
- The consultation had been extended by a couple of weeks. The final date would be at the end of June.
- Focus groups would be set up and would cover the whole borough. There was information about the consultation available in all libraries in an attempt to reach residents across the whole borough.
- Councillor Demirci asked whether the 10,000 copies of the resident letter and survey to the ‘local area’ included Tottenham. Duncan Wilson explained that

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	<p>the local area in the instance was the surrounding wards to Alexandra Palace. Councillor Demirci reiterated the need to include the whole borough in the consultation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A theatre specialist had been appointed to help undertake an assessment of and evaluate the possibilities for the use of the theatre and to develop a business case. Councillor Hare asked whether the Friends of the Theatre had been consulted / involved in the process. Duncan Wilson informed Councillor Hare that he had been in correspondence with Nigel Wilmott, and would set up a meeting with the Friends of the Theatre.</li> <li>• Specialists had been appointed to pull together the Heritage Lottery Fund bid – this would need to be submitted by November.</li> <li>• Forthcoming milestones – Gateway Review and the procurement of a professional services team.</li> <li>• Results of the consultation exercise will be reported back to the next Board meeting on 24 July 2012.</li> </ul> <p><b>RESOLVED</b></p> <p>i) <b>that the on-going regeneration related work particularly in relation to public consultation be noted;</b>  ii) <b>that the theatre and HLF consultancy appointments be noted; and</b>  iii) <b>that the forthcoming regeneration activity be noted.</b></p>
<p><b>APBO214.</b></p>	<p><b>FINANCE UPDATE</b></p> <p>Nigel Watts – Director of Finance and Resources, Alexandra Palace – introduced the report as set out in the agenda papers.</p> <p><b>NOTED:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The first paragraph on page 78 of the report referred to the predicted achievement of the £500k reduction in deficit target. This was based on the assumption that £90k back rent would have been recouped from Campsbourne, which was no longer the case, meaning that the target may not be achieved.</li> </ul> <p><b>RESOLVED</b></p> <p><b>that the draft, unaudited results for the financial year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2012 be noted.</b></p>
<p><b>APBO215.</b></p>	<p><b>ANY OTHER UNRESTRICTED BUSINESS THE CHAIR CONSIDERS TO BE URGENT</b></p> <p>There was no such business.</p>
<p><b>APBO216.</b></p>	<p><b>FUTURE MEETINGS</b></p> <p>NOTED the dates of future meetings as follows:</p> <p>Tuesday 24 July 2012  Tuesday 6 November 2012  Thursday 7 February 2013</p>

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<b>APBO217.</b>	<b>EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS</b>  <b>RESOLVED</b> that the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the consideration of agenda items 14 and 15 (minute items 218 and 219) as they contain exempt information as defined in Section 100a of the Local Government Act 1972; Para 1 – information relating to any individual; Para 2 – information that 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 the information) and Para 7 – any action taken or to be taken in connection with the prevention, investigation or prosecution of crime.
<b>APBO218.</b>	<b>SUMMARY OF EXEMPT / CONFIDENTIAL PROCEEDINGS</b>  <b>APBO219 EXEMPT MINUTES</b>  The exempt minutes of the meeting held on 3 April 2012 were confirmed as a correct record of proceedings.  <b>APBO220 EXEMPT REPORT – SPECIALIST CONSERVATION ARCHITECT – CONTRACT EXTENSION</b>  The recommendations were agreed  <b>APBO221 ANY OTHER EXEMPT BUSINESS THE CHAIR CONSIDERS TO BE URGENT</b>  There was no such business.

The meeting finished at 21:15 hours

COUNCILLOR MATT COOKE

Chair