

**UNRESTRICTED MINUTES OF THE ALEXANDRA PALACE AND PARK BOARD  
TUESDAY, 6 FEBRUARY 2007**

Councillors           \*Adje (Chair), \*Egan (Vice-Chair), \*Beacham, \*Hare, \*Peacock,  
                              \*Rainger, &\*Thompson,

Non-Voting            \*Ms Paley, \*Mr Tarpey, \*Mr Willmott  
Representatives:

Observer:             \*Mr Liebeck

\*indicates Members in attendance

Also present: Keith Holder – General Manager Alexandra Palace  
                  David Loudfoot – Facilities Manager Alexandra Palace  
                  Iain Harris – Trust Solicitor  
                  Clifford Hart – Clerk to the Board – LB Haringey

**MINUTE  
NO.**

**SUBJECT/DECISION**

<b>APBO01.</b>	<b>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</b>  There were no apologies for absence.  <b>NOTED</b>
<b>APBO02.</b>	<b>URGENT BUSINESS</b>  The Clerk to the Board – Mr Hart advised the meeting that there was an Item marked 'TO FOLLOW' – Item 18 – Scope of Works and fees for the proposed monitoring surveyor post transfer of the asset, for which reasons for lateness would be given during the introduction of the item. The minutes of the Consultative Committee of 30 January 2007 had also been sent with Item 18 and were for the Board to note.  The Clerk also advised that the comments of the LB Haringey's Acting Director of Finance were TABLED and should be read in conjunction with the reports before the Board. The minutes of the Statutory Advisory Committee meeting of 23 January 2007 were also TABLED for noting and two resolutions arising from discussions at that meeting were also TABLED for the Board to consider when considering HLF report.  <b>NOTED</b>
<b>APBO03.</b>	<b>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</b>
<b>APBO04.</b>	<b>MINUTES</b>  (i) Minutes of the Alexandra Palace and Park Board held on 14 November 2006

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	<p><b>RESOLVED</b></p> <p>That the Minutes of the meeting of the Alexandra Palace and Park Board held on 14 November 2006, be agreed and signed by the Chair as an accurate record.</p> <p>(ii) Minutes of the Alexandra Palace and Park Consultative Committee held on 30 January 2007</p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b></p> <p>That the Minutes of the meeting of the Alexandra Palace and Park Consultative Committee held on 30 January 2007, be agreed and signed by the Chair as an accurate record.</p> <p>(iii) Minutes of the Alexandra Park and Palace Statutory Advisory Committee held on 23 January 2007</p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b></p> <p>That the Minutes of the meeting of the Alexandra Park and Palace Statutory Advisory Committee held on 23 January 2007 be noted.</p>
<b>APBO05.</b>	<p><b>QUESTIONS</b></p> <p>There were no questions.</p>
<b>APBO06.</b>	<p><b>DEPUTATIONS AND PETITIONS</b></p> <p>There were no deputations or petitions.</p>
<b>APBO07.</b>	<p><b>OPERATING BUDGET</b></p> <p>The charity's Head of Finance introduced this item and reported the improved position and savings compared to last year (as set out in Appendix 3).</p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b></p> <p>That the Board note the income and expenditure for 9 months to the end of December 2006 contained in the report and summarised at Appendix 1.</p>
<b>APBO08.</b>	<p><b>FUTURE OF THE ASSET - PROGRESS/UPDATE RE CHARITY COMMISSION DETERMINATION</b></p> <p>The General Manager, Mr Holder, advised the Committee that he had received notification from the Charity Commission of the receipt of 328 representations by the public in response to the advertisement of the Section 16 Notice. The Commission had now advised that a Commissioner would make the final decision on the granting of the order. There were no timescales given as to when this would take place and as previously advised the only part of the process with a set</p>

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	<p>time period imposed was the actual period of advertisement.</p> <p>Mr Holder advised that the 328 submissions consisted of a considerable number both for and against the proposals. In clarifying queries from Councillor Hare, Mr Holder advised that the Commission did not hold meetings in public for the purpose of making these decisions and that the decision would be taken by a single Commissioner. There was no indicated timetable for the determination.</p> <p>Mr Holder also advised that following a brief discussion with the Charity Commission earlier that afternoon it would be necessary to hold a special meeting of the Board in the latter part of February 2007 to consider some key items relating to submissions in respect of to proposals and respond to the Charity Commission following consideration.</p> <p>In response to further questions the Trust Solicitor, Mr Harris, advised that the communication from the Charity Commission had flagged points for further consideration that ranged from general to specific comments and that at this point it was not clear what these were. However the details would be circulated in advance of the meeting. In response to further clarification Mr Holder advised that it was unclear at this stage whether the charity trustees should consider these matters in the public or exempt part of the proceedings.</p> <p>Following clarification by the Clerk in respect of the most suitable day and time it was agreed that the special meeting of the Board would take place on Tuesday 20 February 2007 commencing at 18:30hrs at Alexandra Palace.</p> <p>There being no further issues to discuss it was:</p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. that the update in respect of the current position of the future of the asset be noted; and</li> <li>ii. that a special meeting of the Board be scheduled to take place on Tuesday 20 February 2007 commencing at 18:30hrs at Alexandra Palace.</li> </ol>
<p><b>APBO09.</b></p>	<p><b>HERITAGE LOTTERY FUNDED LANDSCAPE DEVELOPMENT PROJECT UPDATE:</b></p> <p>In a succinct introduction to the circulated report the Facilities Manager, Mr Loudfoot, gave a brief update of each of the areas of HLF work and answered points of clarification.</p> <p>In particular Members raised issues in relation to:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The current vacancy of parks Development Manager to be filled shortly and the need to ensure that the calibre of the candidate was of the same standard as the previous incumbent. The needs and requirements of the postholder were fully recognised and those requirements would be met. An appointment was expected to be made the following Friday, 9 February 2007;</li> </ul>

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- Any remaining monies unspent within the grant may, subject to HLF agreement, be spent on other areas in the park requiring improvement. If Members or any local organisations had any views on areas of improvement then these could be considered noting that there may not be that much available once the estimates for the proposed entrance works had been quantified;
- clarification in respect of either possible overspends or moving finances across the programme and the response that no overspends were allowed and there were very clear restrictions on movement of grant monies;
- the tendering for the Park outlets was awaiting return tenders and interests had been shown for all outlets

The Chair of the Board turned to the concerns and referral from the Alexandra Park and Palace Advisory Committee and sought clarification from Mr Liebeck.

Mr. Liebeck asked that the Board consider the advice of the Committee when considering the HLF update/progress and that in respect of the issue of the parking on the left hand side of the hill towards the Wood Green entrance to the park and there being no pavement to walk on, the hazards of crossing the road and the possible inclusion of raised places to assist and also slow the speed of vehicles. Mr Liebeck advised that the Advisory Committee had asked the Board to consider addressing the health and safety provision and action to remedy the problems.

In response Mr Loudfoot advised that the health and safety issues would be examined to see what could be done to address the problems outlined and report to the Board accordingly.

A brief discussion ensued with regard to the proposed Haringey Heartlands Secondary School, following a brief update by Mr Loudfoot. Councillor Egan commented that in terms of possible usage with the Cricket Club ground or park usage he felt that the Board should encourage the use of the Park and that particular areas of the Park would be suitable for football pitches. Councillor Egan quoted the Government Policy for interaction between Parks and schools and that it was desired that school children should have every opportunity to use the Park area.

In sharing the comments expressed the Chair asked that the Board establish dialogue with the LEA.

Mr Holder advised that there had been some concerns expressed with regard to the requirements of the LEA. There were also restrictions placed on the Palace under the 1985 Act in terms of the numbers of acres that could be used for recreational use. The Trust Solicitor, Mr Harris, clarified the area to be used for games was 40 acres and that drew parameters around the land able to be leased. However this area would not be affected by sharing of pitches.

Mr Loudfoot then referred to the further resolution of the Advisory Committee of 23 January in respect of its request that the Board be asked to look into the issue raised by residents in respect of difficulties with traffic congestion and parking

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around the Palace during the late evening of New Years Eve. This had been caused by people viewing the Firework Displays across London, and ensure that on future New Year Eves there be adequate car parking to prevent such difficulties. Mr Liebeck advised that people had apparently been driving to the Palace front and parking quite dangerously and in an ad-hoc fashion and that there was a health and safety issue as a result.

Following a brief discussion the Chair commented that if the car parks were to be opened then there would be a cost implication and resource issue, but the issue could be investigated. Both Mr Holder and Mr Loudfoot confirmed that it was the case that there had been no reported incidents or disturbances arising from the evening and no events had taken place at the Palace on New Year's Eve.

The Chair then summarised and it was:-

**RESOLVED**

- i. that the HLF project update as detailed be noted;
- ii. that in respect of the proposed Haringey Heartlands Secondary School and the possible usage with the Cricket Club ground or park usage, every encouragement, within the boundaries drawn by the 1985 Act , should be given to the use of the Park, in particular those areas of the Park suitable for football pitches, and a positive dialogue commence with the LEA;
- iii. that in view of the comments of the Advisory Committee in respect of the issue of parking on the left hand side of the through road travelling east; the fact that there are no pavements to walk on at one side of the road; the road crossings and the possibility of raised tables to assist and also to slow the speed of vehicles, and the Committee's request to the Board to consider action to remedy the problems, the Board advises the Advisory Committee that the matters would be examined to see what could be done to address the problems outlined and a further report to the Board accordingly; and
- iv. that in view of the comments of the Advisory Committee expressed at its meeting on 23 January 2007 with respect to the issue raised by residents in respect of traffic congestion and around the Palace during the late evening of New Years Eve caused by people viewing the Firework Displays across London, and request the Board ensures that on future New Year Eves there be adequate arrangements for car parking to prevent such difficulties. Officers to look into the issue and report further noting the likely cost implication should car parks be opened and marshalled on these occasions.

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<b>APBO10.</b>	<p><b>ACTION TAKEN OVER LISTING REVIEW REQUEST</b></p> <p>The General Manager advised Board of an approach by English Heritage for the views of the charity on a request for them to review the current listing grading of Alexandra Palace. The original request had been made by Mark Thompson, Director General of the BBC, and aimed in particular at the television studios. The General Manager referred to the letter tabled, commented on the content and confirmed that it had been sent to English Heritage.</p> <p>The Board noted the <b>TABLED</b> letter from the General Manager to English Heritage in respect of the recent request for a listing review of the asset.</p> <p><b>NOTED</b></p>
<b>APBO11.</b>	<p><b>ALEXANDRA PALACE TRADING LIMITED - PROCESS FOR LIQUIDATION OF TRADING COMPANY FOLLOWING TRANSFER OF THE ASSET</b></p> <p>In a brief introduction Mr. Holder stated that the same report had been considered by the directors of APTL earlier that evening. The directors had sought further information and had asked for clarification and fee estimates for the appointment of a liquidator. If the route of a members voluntary liquidation were to be followed then this Board would require the same information to enable it to consider the most appropriate route.</p> <p>Following a brief discussion by Members in respect of the various options open to Members to consider the Chair <b>MOVED</b> and it was:</p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b></p> <p>That in respect of the proposed voluntary liquidation as stated, the General Manager be requested to explore further options for the proposed liquidation of APTL and report to the Board on those options in April 2007.</p>
<b>APBO12.</b>	<p><b>SECURITY CONTRACT EXTENSION - ALEXANDRA PALACE</b></p> <p>During a brief introduction of the report the Facilities Manager, Mr Loudfoot advised of the need for the extension of the existing security service provider contract given the prolonged negotiations for the future leasing of the asset.</p> <p>Following a brief discussion of the item the Chair asked that in future the provision of the security function be discussed in the exempt part of the proceedings as Members may have concerns or comments in relation to the financial standing and performance of the existing contractor.</p> <p>The Chair then summarised and it was:</p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. that approval be given to the waiving of Standing Order 6.04;</li> <li>ii. that Mitie Security (formerly Trident) be appointed as an interim security provider; and</li> </ul>

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	<p>iii. that the interim period for the appointment be for a maximum of six months and if the lease and transfer was concluded by the end of the period that the Board reviews the arrangements.</p>
<b>APBO13.</b>	<p><b>TO CONSIDER RESCHEDULING THE MEETING OF THE ALEXANDRA PALACE AND PARK BOARD ON 10 APRIL 2007</b></p> <p>Following a brief discussion in respect of the rescheduling of the meeting of the Board set for 10 April 2007 the Chair summarised and it was:</p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b></p> <p>That the meeting of the Board scheduled for 10 April 2007 be rescheduled to take place on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2007 commencing at 19:00Hrs, at Alexandra Palace.</p>
<b>APBO14.</b>	<p><b>NEW ITEMS OF UNRESTRICTED URGENT BUSINESS</b></p> <p>Nil Items.</p>
<b>APBO15.</b>	<p><b>EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS</b></p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b></p> <p>that the Public and press be excluded from the proceedings as the following items contain exempt information as defined in section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972 namely; Para 1 – Information relating to an individual, and Para 3 – Information relating to the business or financial affairs of any particular person (including the Authority holding that information).</p> <p><b>SUMMARY OF EXEMPT PROCEEDINGS</b></p>
<b>APBO16.</b>	<p><b>EXEMPT MINUTES</b></p> <p>Exempt Minutes of the Alexandra Palace and Park Board held on 14 November 2006</p> <p><b>AGREED</b></p>
<b>APBO17.</b>	<p><b>BUDGET ESTIMATES 2007/08 - REPORT OF THE GENERAL MANAGER</b></p> <p><b>AGREED RECOMMENDATIONS</b></p>
<b>APBO18.</b>	<p><b>SCOPE OF WORKS AND FEE FOR THE PROPOSED MONITORING SURVEYOR POST TRANSFER OF THE ASSET - TO FOLLOW</b></p> <p><b>AGREED TO DEFER CONSIDERATION OF ITEM TO SPECIAL BOARD</b></p>

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	<b>MEETING – 20 FEBRUARY 2007</b>
<b>APBO19.</b>	<b>NEW ITEMS OF EXEMPT URGENT BUSINESS</b>

The meeting ended at 20:55hrs

COUNCILLOR CHARLES ADJE

Chair