

**MINUTES OF THE JOINT MEETING OF THE ALEXANDRA PARK & PALACE  
STATUTORY ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND THE ALEXANDRA PALACE AND PARK  
CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE  
TUESDAY, 20 JANUARY 2015**

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. Neill
Palace Gates Residents' Association	: Mr K. Stanfield
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 Patterson
Bounds Green Ward	:	Councillor C. Bull
Fortis Green Ward	:	Councillor Ross
Hornsey Ward	:	Councillor Jogee
Muswell Hill Ward	:	Councillor M. Blake
Noel Park Ward	:	Councillor Marshall
Council-wide Member	:	Councillor Griffith
Council-wide Member	:	Councillor Wright

**Consultative Committee Nominated Members:**

Alexandra Palace Allotments Association	*Ms J. Bourne-Taylor
Alexandra Palace Organ Appeal	*Mr H. Macpherson
Alexandra Palace Television Group	Mr J. Thompson
Alexandra Residents' Association	Ms C. Hayter
Alexandra Park and Palace Conservation Area Advisory Committee	Mr C. Marr
Bounds Green and District Residents' Association	Mr K. Ranson
Friends of Alexandra Park	Mr G. Hutchinson
Friends of the Alexandra Palace Theatre	Mr N. Willmott
Heartlands High School	Mr D. Cole
Hornsey Historical Society	Ms R. Macdonald
Muswell Hill and Fortis Green Association	*Ms D Feeney
Muswell Hill Metro Group	Mr J. Boshier
Palace View Residents' Association	Ms V. Paley
St Mary's CE Primary School	Mrs F. Hargrove
Vitrine Ltd - The Lakeside Café	*Mr A. Yener
Warner Estate Residents' Association	*Prof. R. Hudson

**Consultative Committee Appointed Members:**

Councillor Berryman  
Councillor B. Blake  
Councillor Christophides  
Councillor Gallagher  
Councillor Hare  
Councillor Mann

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**Also attending**

Duncan Wilson – Chief Executive, Alexandra Palace  
 Kerri Farnsworth – Director of Property and Regeneration, Alexandra Palace  
 Isobel Aptaker – Education Officer, Alexandra Palace  
 Natalie Layton - Clerk  
 And 2 members of the public

**MINUTE  
NO.**

**SUBJECT/DECISION**

<p><b>APSC31.</b></p>	<p><b>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</b></p> <p>Apologies for absence were received from Denise Feeney, Liz Richardson, Jenny Bourne-Taylor, Caroline Hayter, Richard Hudson and Councillor Denise Marshall. An apology for lateness was received from David Liebeck.</p>
<p><b>APSC32.</b></p>	<p><b>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</b></p> <p>None received.</p>
<p><b>APSC33.</b></p>	<p><b>MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING</b></p> <p>a. <u>Informal Joint Statutory Advisory and Consultative Committee (SAC-CC) – 27 October 2014</u></p> <p>Noted that</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. A significant contribution from a member of the public, Mr Stephen Games, had been omitted from the minutes.</li> <li>ii. The Committee felt that Page 3, bullet no 2 “a big concern was the depth of interpretation” did not accurately reflect the depth of conversation.</li> <li>iii. The minutes would be amended and approved at the next meeting.</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Action: Clerk</b></p> <p>b. <u>Advisory Committee (SAC) - 27 October 2014</u></p> <p>The minutes of the Statutory Advisory Committee, held on 27 October 2014 were noted.</p> <p>c. <u>Alexandra Park and Palace and Park Board</u></p> <p>The minutes of the Alexandra Park and Palace Board meetings held on 28 October 2014 and 9 December 2014 were noted subject to the amendments below.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. The list of attendees be amended to remove Nigel Willmott and David</li> </ul>

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	<p>Liebeck from the Councillors list.</p> <p>ii. APBO387 be amended to include "...but their advice [the SAC and Joint SAC-CC] was reported to the Board".</p>
<b>APSC34.</b>	<p><b>REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE</b></p> <p><b>Received</b> the report of the Chief Executive, Duncan Wilson updating the Committees on the overall position in relation to the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) project, the latest position on events at the Palace and in the Park, the learning and community programme report, and progress with sponsorship and fundraising. Areas of the report were introduced by Duncan Wilson and Isobel Aptaker, Education Officer, Alexandra Palace.</p> <p><b>Noted that</b></p> <p>a. <u>Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) Project (paragraph 6)</u></p> <p>The London Borough of Haringey would be holding a Development Forum on 28 January 2015, 7-9pm, at the Quaker Meeting House on Church Crescent, N10 3NE to discuss the Heritage Lottery Fund project planning application, prior to it being considered by the Planning Committee on 16 February.</p> <p>In response to a question about the timing of the letters of support listed in Appendix 1, it was explained that the letters were of support for the HLF project as a whole, rather than in response to the planning application. The letters had been submitted at the request of the Palace prior to the HLF bid being submitted and prior to the submission of the planning application.</p> <p>b. <u>Exhibition and Learning Programme (paragraph 10)</u></p> <p>i. 1000 visitors had seen the War on the Homefront Exhibition since its launch in September 2014.</p> <p>ii. 64 people had attended the talk on 17 December about the Belgium Refugees' Christmas at Alexandra Palace.</p> <p>iii. Ms Aptaker expressed thanks to David Cole (Heartland High) and Fran Hargrove Head of St Mary's N8) for their work in promoting the Learning Programme and recognised the good work of the volunteers in delivering the programme.</p> <p>iv. Meetings with more schools were taking place and new bookings were being made. In response to a Committee Member questioning how schools were informed of the learning programme, it was explained that the issue had been taken to headteacher forums; emails and leaflets were sent to schools and meetings with headteachers were attempted where schools were not engaging.</p>

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	<p>iv. Committee Members congratulated the Palace on the exceptional growth and professional delivery of the learning programme. The Headteacher of St Mary’s Church of England Primary School, Mrs Hargrove added that programmes were well organised and easy for schools to arrange and children got a lot out of the visits. In response to a question Ms Aptaker explained that, whilst Haringey Schools were primarily targeted, schools in neighbouring boroughs were also being approached.</p> <p>c. <u>Volunteering Update</u> (paragraph 14)</p> <p>Further to questioning it was explained that a meeting with a new group of potential Learning Volunteers would take place the following week.</p> <p>d. <u>Sponsorship/ Fundraising Update</u></p> <p>It was reported that the Palace had been successful in a bid for funding towards the HLF project and had been awarded £50,000 from the JP Getty Trust. In response to a question: the Fundraising Manager, Lucy Ward, was working towards submitting further applications for funding.</p> <p><b>Resolved that the Committee notes the report.</b></p>
<p><b>APSC35.</b></p>	<p><b>REPORT OF THE REGENERATION AND PROPERTY DIRECTOR</b></p> <p><b>Received</b> the report of the Regeneration and Property Director, Kerri Farnsworth, updating on areas relating to property and regeneration at Alexandra Palace and Park.</p> <p><b>Noted</b> that</p> <p>a. <u>Heritage Lottery Funding (HLF) Project</u></p> <p>i. The Planning and Listed Building consent application for the HLF project would be considered by the Planning Committee on 16 February 2015. This was a new date further to the originally proposed date of 9 February (paragraph 6.3).</p> <p>ii. In response to questions from the Committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Comments on the application were still being submitted on the Haringey Planning Website.</li> <li>• Responses to the application were recorded as supporting or objecting to the application or as being neutral (page 27 of the agenda pack). The Planning Committee’s options would be to agree or reject the application.</li> </ul> <p>iii. Colin Marr, Alexandra Park and Palace Conservation Area Advisory Committee, highlighted that some aspects of the application were not</p>

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universally supported, particularly in relation to the opening of the arches. Mr Marr suggested that the application be amended to keep two of the arches blocked in order to retain some external evidence of the 1936 BBC alterations. In response, the Chief Executive, Duncan Wilson, recognised that there were differences in opinions on the project and explained that the proposals had been considered by the SAC/CC previously and there was a good case for unblocking all 15 arches. Furthermore, the planning application could not be amended; it would have to be withdrawn and the process restarted with a new application. Another Member of the Committee emphasised that there had been overwhelming support for the application from both the Advisory and Consultative Committees during the previous meetings.

- iv. The HLF Committee would consider the funding application on 24 March 2015 and a decision would be made subject to the Planning and Listed Building application being granted. A Committee Member questioned how the bid was related to the planning application and it was explained that HLF would not commit to funding a project unless all the required consents had been obtained. Alexandra Palace would then receive a 'permission to start' letter up to two months later.
- v. In response to questioning about fluctuating fuel costs during the project it was explained that the project included the cost of construction inflation, which was regularly updated and taken into account.

b. New Park Vision (paragraphs 7.7 & 7.8)

Colin Marr agreed to make available the relevant section of the APP Conservation Area Character Appraisal, although this may not be in digital form.

**Action: Colin Marr**

In response to questioning it was noted that the use of an outdoor gym could be considered as part of the vision. Some groups used the Park for commercial fitness sessions and were encouraged to sign-up to a licence.

c. Go Ape

- i. The Committee was informed that construction of the Go Ape course in Battersea Park had started further to Planning Consent being granted.
- ii. The Chair invited questions from Committee Members in relation to the information in section 8 of the report on the Go Ape proposals. In response to a question about timings for construction of Go Ape in Alexandra Park it was stated that, depending on the necessary

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planning permission, the course construction would begin in late spring and would open late in the summer or, if delayed, in Spring 2016.

- iii. A number of Committee Members expressed the view that they did not have a clear idea of the visual impact of the course. The Committee was reminded that illustrations had been provided at the last meeting and the Chair had been delegated to take forward discussions about the visual aspect of the proposal. The CC Chair and some Committee Members had visited the Trent Park Go Ape site.
- iv. In response to concern raised about how the deer enclosure would be affected it was explained that the course would not hang over the deer enclosure, the perimeter of which would be moved slightly to accommodate the proposals. The Deer Herd Manager had been consulted on the plans.

**Resolved that the Committee notes the report and the Alexandra Palace and Park Charitable Trust Board's approval of the Go Ape proposal, and endorses the recommendation that Version 2 of the course layout is accepted as the final design and that the existing underused cabin in the deer enclosure is adapted for use as Go Ape's reception cabin.**

d. Other Matters

i. Thames Water Fencing

Concerns were raised about a short section of high barbed wire fence that had been erected on the Park border by Thames Water. The Trust's solicitor had written to Thames Water expressing that the Trust should have been given advance warning of the plan to install the fence and appropriate approvals obtained. After some time, a response from solicitors acting on behalf of Thames Water had been received explaining that the fence had been erected to stop trespassers accessing the reservoir from a bird viewing platform in the park. Haringey's Planning Department had been informed as there had been planning breaches as the Park is a Conservation Area. The fence had been moved from the Palace's property onto Thames Water land but the unsightly fence remained and further response from Thames Water was awaited.

ii. Honey Bees

A Member asked whether consideration had been given to installing honey bee hives on the Palace roofs. In response it was noted that the Palace roofs were not safely accessible and that conversations had taken place about the possibility of hives in the Park yard but there were concerns about potential vandalism. The Chair of the

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	<p>Alexandra Park Allotments Association (APAA) advised the Committee that there were sufficient hives in the Alexandra Palace Allotments.</p> <p>iii. <u>Orchard</u></p> <p>In response to an enquiry it was explained that the second orchard was sited on the old railway line in the small field of The Grove.</p> <p>iv. <u>All Weather Football Pitch</u></p> <p>A Member asked whether an all-weather football pitch was a possibility for the Park. The Committee was informed that the Cricket Club had examined the possibility of installing an all-weather pitch which had highlighted a number of challenges including the impact of flood-lights in a conservation area. The Club had been unsuccessful in its bid for funding. There were already three, non-all-weather, football pitches in the Park.</p> <p>v. <u>Planning Applications</u></p> <p>A planning application at 4 Anderton Court near the Alexandra Park Road entrance to the Park was raised and it was confirmed that the Park Manager had submitted a number of concerns. The Trust had not been informed of this application and of other applications affecting the Park. The Trust had raised this with Haringey's Planning Department who had undertaken to notify the Palace of any relevant live applications in future.</p> <p>Colin Marr agreed to send details of a local sub-station planning application to Kerri Farnsworth.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Action: Colin Marr</b></p> <p>vi. <u>Solar Panels</u></p> <p>Further to a Committee Member raising the subject it was reported that consideration had been given to the possibility of solar panels on the Palace but it had not been considered to be the right investment in terms of value for money. Challenges to the installation of solar panels included roof size and strength, the visual intrusion the panels might have on the aspect of the Park, capital investment costs, reduced feed-in tariffs which meant lower revenue gains and fewer companies investing.</p>
<p><b>APSC36.</b></p>	<p><b>ANY OTHER BUSINESS OR URGENT BUSINESS</b></p> <p><u>Constitution of the Joint Advisory and Consultative Committee</u></p> <p>A Committee Member asked that previous confusion over chairing the Joint committee be avoided, and suggested that the Joint Committee's status be</p>

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	<p>recognised by formalising its constitution to include the statutory elements within the Statutory Advisory Committee terms of reference. Duncan Wilson reminded the Committee that an Act of Parliament would be required to change the Statutory Advisory Committee's Constitution.</p> <p><b>Resolved that arrangements be made to include election of a Vice Chair in the terms of reference for the Joint Consultative Committee.</b></p>
<b>APSC37.</b>	<p><b>DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS</b></p> <p>Noted that the next meeting would be held on 14 April 2015.</p>

The meeting ended at 20:45 hrs

Gordon Hutchinson  
Chair

Signed by the Chair .....

Date .....