

**MINUTES OF THE JOINT MEETING OF THE ALEXANDRA PARK & PALACE  
STATUTORY ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND THE ALEXANDRA PALACE AND PARK  
CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE**

**TUESDAY, 14 APRIL 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 (sent substitute)
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
St Mary's Church of England School	*Ms F. Hargrove
Hornsey Historical Society	Ms R. Macdonald
Muswell Hill and Fortis Green Association	Mr C. Roche
Muswell Hill Metro Group	Mr J. Boshier
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 Berryman  
Councillor B. Blake  
Councillor Christophides  
Councillor Gallagher  
Councillor Hare  
\*Councillor Mann

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**Also attending**

Duncan Wilson – Chief Executive, Alexandra Palace  
Emma Dagnes – Interim Chief Executive, Alexandra Palace  
Isobel Aptaker – Learning Officer, Alexandra Palace  
Natalie Layton - Clerk  
And 1 member of the public

<b>MINUTE NO.</b>	<b>SUBJECT/DECISION</b>
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<b>APSC01.</b>	<p><b>FILMING AT MEETINGS</b></p> <p>NOTED.</p>
<b>APSC02.</b>	<p><b>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</b></p> <p>NOTED apologies for absence from Councillor Claire Bull, Frances Hargrove, Caroline Hayter, Councillor Adam Jogee, Councillor Denise Marshall, Councillor James Patterson, Kevin Stanfield and Nigel Willmott.</p>
<b>APSC03.</b>	<p><b>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</b></p> <p>NONE.</p>
<b>APSC04.</b>	<p><b>MEMBERSHIP</b></p> <p>NOTED the resignation of Denise Feeney (with effect from 31 March 2015) and the appointment of Chris Roche to the Consultative Committee as representative of the Muswell Hill and Fortis Green Association.</p> <p>The Joint Committee welcomed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chris Roche to his first Joint SAC and CC meeting;</li> <li>• David Cole, representative of Heartlands High School who attended the previous meeting for the first time; and</li> <li>• Sarah Holding, as substitute for Caroline Hayter, Alexandra Residents' Association.</li> </ul>
<b>APSC05.</b>	<p><b>MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING</b></p> <p>a. <u>Joint Statutory Advisory and Consultative Committees</u></p> <p>The minutes of the informal Joint Statutory Advisory and Consultative Committees held on 27 October 2014 and 20 January 2015 were approved subject to the following amendments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Page 7 – 20 January 2015 – removal of asterisk by Gordon Hutchinson's name;</li> <li>• Page 13 – 20 January 2015 – sentence at APSC35(d.(ii.)) to read "The Chair <b>of the Alexandra Park Allotments</b> advised...";</li> <li>• Page 13 – 20 January 2015 – removal of duplicated wording.</li> </ul>

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	<p>b. <u>Advisory Committee</u></p> <p>NOTED the minutes of the Advisory Committee held on 20 January 2015 and that Councillor Ross was in attendance; the asterisk would be removed from beside his name on the attendance list (page 15).</p> <p>c. <u>Alexandra Palace and Park Board</u></p> <p>NOTED the minutes of the Alexandra Palace and Park Board held on 10 February 2015.</p>
<p><b>APSC06.</b></p>	<p><b>GOVERNANCE</b></p> <p>RECEIVED the report on the Governance of the Joint Statutory Advisory and Consultative Committees, introduced by Duncan Wilson (Chief Executive, Alexandra Palace) and Colin Marr (Alexandra Palace Conservation Advisory Committee) (pages 27-30 of the agenda pack).</p> <p>NOTED, further to discussion, that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the general consensus was that the long term aim was to have an arrangement whereby there was a single formal committee incorporating the statutory powers of the Statutory Advisory Committee (SAC) and the membership of both the SAC and the Consultative Committee (CC);</li> <li>• it was acknowledged that achieving a single formal committee to include the statutory elements of the SAC would require a change to the Alexandra Park and Palace Act 1985 at expense to the Palace. While it was recognised that the costs of pursuing a change of the Act was difficult to justify solely to change the Committee make-up and Terms of Reference, it was suggested that it might be possible to progress if the Trust required an amendment to the Act for other reasons;</li> <li>• it was recognised that the Consultative Committee membership had a wider remit than the SAC, which was focused on the impact of developments and events on the Parks' neighbours;</li> <li>• the Committees were reminded that the terms of reference of the Consultative Committee were set out in the London Borough of Haringey's Constitution. The Committee requested that a separate proposal for formal constitution of the Joint SAC&amp;CC (without the need for SAC legislation changes) be presented in the future. This should include suggested amendments to the membership of the Consultative Committee to reduce duplication of organisations appointed to both the SAC and CC;</li> <li>• with reference to paragraph 3.2 of the report – it was agreed that it was not necessary to have a practice of appointing Chairs for both the SAC and CC at the start of the joint meeting on each occasion. The Chairs and Vice Chairs of both the SAC and CC should be formally appointed by the Joint SAC&amp;CC at the beginning of each municipal year. The Chair of the Joint Committee would in each case be the Chair of the Consultative Committee or in his/her absence the Chair of the SAC. Otherwise the task would fall to the appointed Vice Chair of the Consultative Committee, or in his/her absence, the Vice Chair of the SAC;</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the Chairs and Vice Chairs would be encouraged to arrange substitutes if they anticipated being absent from a meeting.</li> </ul> <p>AGREED that</p> <p>a. proposals for a formal constitution for the Joint Statutory Advisory Committee &amp; Consultative Committee be presented at a future meeting; <b>Action: Clerk</b></p> <p>b. a procedure for the appointment of chairs and vice-chairs of the Joint Advisory and Consultative Committee for the municipal year be implemented at the next meeting. <b>Action: Clerk</b></p>
<p><b>APSC07.</b></p>	<p><b>REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE</b></p> <p>RECEIVED the report on developments in the last quarter and forthcoming business and events in the next three months, introduced by Duncan Wilson (Chief Executive, Alexandra Palace) (pages 31-36 of the agenda pack).</p> <p><u>Heritage Lottery Fund</u></p> <p>NOTED that</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• in relation to paragraph 6.2 – Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) update: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ the next stages would be to procure the main works package in two parts. The Enabling Works would include: asbestos removal from the Television Studios, assessment of repairs required to the Theatre ceiling and paintwork conservation trials;</li> <li>○ The Main Works package (beginning at the start of 2016) would be conducted in all areas at the same time with the challenge of the ice-rink remaining open and possible closure of the east court entrance for some time;</li> <li>○ The main contract was expected to be completed between the end of 2017 and Easter 2018;</li> </ul> </li> <li>• in response to questioning: the HLF funding would be released in tranches and would be tightly controlled against invoices for purchases approved in the project plan;</li> <li>• the Committee congratulated Duncan Wilson on the success of the HLF bid and acknowledged the good work of the team at Alexandra Palace.</li> </ul> <p><u>Events List</u></p> <p>NOTED further to discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• concerns raised about the outdoor cinema event scheduled for Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> and Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2015 as the south slope was a popular area and would be fenced-off to other park users. In response Mr Wilson explained that the event would use part of the south slope and had to be fenced-off due to it being a ticketed event. Assurances were given that disruption to Park users</li> </ul>

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would be minimised as far as practicable.

Emma Dagnes agreed that the Friends of Alexandra Park would be consulted about the arrangements;

**Action: Emma Dagnes**

- the Palace did not have the resources to hold a large number of in-house events such as the April Bier Festival but numbers of events were improving each year. An event would be held on 25 July 2015 to celebrate 25 years of the ice-rink being open.

Learning and Community

Isobel Aptaker, Learning Officer, Alexandra Palace gave an update on the Learning and Community Report including:

- the War on the Home Front exhibition had reached 2,500 visitors and the new target was to achieve a total of 3,000 visitors by the end of the exhibition in September 2015;
- Alexandra Palace had been successful in an application to the Mayors Music Fund to host a concert on 19<sup>th</sup> September 2015 by the Haringey Youth Orchestra with support from members of the BBC Concert Orchestra. Capacity for the event would be 499 including the orchestra's 90 musicians and a project brief would be established including sound tests for whether the stage could be used;
- Park learning material was being developed and further work was being done with Heartlands High School to pilot for Year's 8 & 9 (12 – 14 year olds).

Sponsorship and Fundraising

REPORTED that a number of different fundraising approaches would be used to reach the £1m fundraising target, including a public campaign. Further information would be reported to the Joint Committee in due course.

**Action: Interim Chief Executive**

Interim Chief Executive of Alexandra Palace

REPORTED that Duncan Wilson's final day will be 1<sup>st</sup> May 2015 and Emma Dagnes (previously Commercial and Development Director, Alexandra Palace) had been appointed as Interim Chief Executive, Alexandra Palace, while a recruitment campaign for a permanent candidate took place.

In response to questions it was explained that the recruitment of a new Chief Executive would be a collective decision between the Board and the Council, although the contract of employment would be between Haringey Council and the candidate.

Board Membership for the new municipal year

Further to enquiries it was explained that the Members of the Alexandra Palace and Park Charitable Trust Board would be appointed by the Labour Group at its Annual General Meeting (AGM). The Chair and Vice Chair would be elected and

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	<p>the remaining membership would be decided based on expressions of interest by the new members.</p> <p>Councillor Mann was currently Haringey's Deputy Mayor and was likely to be elected as 2015/2016 Mayor, and would therefore be unable to sit on the Board.</p> <p>NOTED that members of the Joint Committee expressed concern about the loss of continuity with Duncan Wilson leaving and new members joining the Board.</p> <p>AGREED to note</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. the success of the Trust's Heritage Lottery Fund grant application;</li> <li>b. the summer events programme;</li> <li>c. a very full programme of learning and community activities;</li> <li>d. the recruitment of Tot Brill as Interim Director of Regeneration; and</li> <li>e. the appointment of Emma Dagnes as Interim Chief Executive, Alexandra Palace.</li> </ol>
<p><b>APSC08.</b></p>	<p><b>PARK UPDATE</b></p> <p>RECEIVED the Park Update report introduced by Duncan Wilson (Chief Executive, Alexandra Palace) (pages 37-39 of the agenda pack).</p> <p>Various aspects relating to the Park were discussed.</p> <p>NOTED that</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• an ecological survey had been conducted as part of the anticipated Go Ape planning application and would be available for viewing as part of the next planning application. In response to concerns highlighted about the scale of the Go Ape course, the Joint Committee was reminded that concerns could be registered as part of the planning process, but that the details would be those previously endorsed by the Committees;</li> <li>• the graffiti wall was discussed at length particularly concerns about the chemicals (from the aerosols used by the graffiti artists) carried in the air to the nearby children's playground and skate park. Duncan Wilson stated that he had not previously been notified of this but the issue would be investigated and appropriate action would be taken. Mr Wilson emphasised the difficulties in putting restrictions on the use of the graffiti wall but suggested future consideration be given to the possible future relocation of the playground; <b>Action: Interim Chief Executive</b></li> <li>• Committee members acknowledged the spectacular art produced on the wall and supported the concept of the graffiti wall, recognising that many of the graffiti artists were responsible and wore protective masks themselves and were likely to consider others;</li> <li>• Mark Evison, Park Manager, would be consulting with individuals and groups</li> </ul>

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	<p>on the development of the Park Vision before a draft was presented to the Joint Committee. The Joint Committee would also be given the opportunity to consider the final version.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Action: Mark Evison</b></p> <p>AGREED to note the Park Update.</p>
<b>APSC09.</b>	<p><b>ANY OTHER BUSINESS OR URGENT BUSINESS</b></p> <p><u>Thanks to Duncan Wilson</u></p> <p>The Joint Committee expressed gratitude to Duncan Wilson for his role in securing the future of Alexandra Palace and Park. Mr Wilson recognised that the progress was made as a result of a team effort by the Trust and Trading Company's staff and the particular support from some members of the Joint Committee. He expressed confidence that the good work would continue in his absence.</p>
<b>APSC10.</b>	<p><b>DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS</b></p> <p>NOTED the following dates:</p> <p>Tuesday 9 June 2015          Tuesday 20 October 2015          Tuesday 2 February 2016</p>

The meeting ended at 20:50hrs

Gordon Hutchinson  
 Chair

Signed by the Chair .....

Date .....