

**MINUTES OF THE ALEXANDRA PALACE AND PARK BOARD
TUESDAY, 28 APRIL 2015**

Councillors Christophides (Chair), Berryman, B.Blake, Gallagher, Hare, Mann (Vice-Chair)

Non-Voting Representatives: Gordon Hutchinson, Colin Marr and Nigel Willmott

Advisory Non-Voting Representatives: Richard Hooper

Also present:

Duncan Wilson – Chief Executive, Alexandra Palace
 Emma Dagnes – Interim Chief Executive, Alexandra Palace
 Tot Brill – Interim Director of Regeneration, Alexandra Palace
 Dorota Dominiczak – Director of Finance, Alexandra Palace
 Lucy Fenner – Acting Commercial Director, Alexandra Palace
 Melissa Tettey – Head of Learning and Community Programmes, Alexandra Palace
 Kevin Bartle –Assistant Director of Finance, LB Haringey
 Natalie Layton – Clerk, LB Haringey

And 1 member of the public

MINUTE NO.	SUBJECT/DECISION
APBO01.	FILMING AT MEETINGS Noted.
APBO02.	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE An apology for absence was received from Robert Kidby and an apology for lateness was received from Councillor Berryman. Nigel Willmott gave apologies for leaving the meeting early.
APBO03.	URGENT BUSINESS None
APBO04.	DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS None.
APBO05.	QUESTIONS, DEPUTATIONS OR PETITIONS None.
APBO06.	MINUTES a. <u>Alexandra Palace and Park Board</u>

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	<p>The unrestricted minutes of the Alexandra Palace and Park Board held on 10 February 2015 were confirmed as an accurate record of the proceedings and signed by the Chair.</p> <p>b. <u>Alexandra Park and Palace Statutory Advisory Committee</u></p> <p>The minutes of the Alexandra Park and Palace Advisory Committee held on 20 January 2015 and 14 April 2015 (draft tabled) were noted.</p> <p>c. <u>Joint Alexandra Palace and Park Consultative and Advisory Committee</u></p> <p>The minutes of the informal Joint Alexandra Palace and Park Consultative Committee, and Alexandra Park and Palace Advisory Committee held on 20 January 2015 and 14 April 2015 (draft tabled) were noted.</p>
<p>APB007.</p>	<p>COMMERCIAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT</p> <p>Received the report of the Acting Commercial Director, Lucy Fenner, as set out in pages 21 – 27 of the agenda pack.</p> <p>NOTED that</p> <p>a. further to positive feedback from the promoter a case study had been written about the Ben Howard live music event held on 16-18 April;</p> <p>b. the Secret Cinema, not mentioned in the report, would host a live music event on the May Day Bank Holiday Monday. Ticket holders will make their way to the Park (the secret location) using a set of published geographical coordinates;</p> <p>c. The Prodigy live music concert will finish at 3am on Friday 15 May and at 11pm on Saturday 16 May. In response to questions about how the 3am closure would be managed Ms Fenner explained that there would be large numbers of security staff in place for the event and people attending had been sent messages reminding them to plan their journeys home. APTL (Alexandra Palace Trading Ltd) had arranged additional shuttle buses to transport concert leavers to Finsbury Park and Wood Green tube stations and was working with a local taxi firm to ensure taxis would be available;</p> <p>d. in addition to the information in paragraph 7.5, the Ally Pally Summer Festival would include: an ice hockey match; gala dance; water slide on the south slope. A future water slide fundraising activity would also be organised by the charity Cancer Research;</p> <p>e. the Drive-in Cinema dates, throughout April–July, had not been published initially;</p> <p>f. in response to questioning it was reported that a comparison exercise had been conducted and had concluded that the Hog Roast was the most popular during exhibition events although sales varied at the different catering outlets depending on the event;</p> <p>g. fewer external live events could be expected during summer months due to outdoor festivals taking priority around the country.</p> <p>RESOLVED to note the contents of the report.</p>

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APBO08.	<p>FUNDRAISING REPORT</p> <p>RECEIVED the Fundraising Report, introduced by Duncan Wilson, Chief Executive, Alexandra Palace as laid out on pages 29-30.</p> <p>NOTED</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">a. the fundraising target of £1,094,000 to support the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) project and that Trusts and Foundations were expected to be the main source of funding. The Board would receive regular updates on pipeline applications for funding, including a decision at the end of May on an application currently in progress;b. the 'buy a brick' scheme in paragraph 7.3 had, since publication of the report, been further considered as impractical for various reasons and alternative opportunities for donations would be investigated (including possibilities for donors to name rooms in the Television Tower) and reported to the Board including crowdfunding proposals for later in the campaign;c. in response to concerns raised about potential sponsors being deterred by the idea that they could be funding a local government scheme: Mr Wilson emphasised that the fundraising campaign was aligned to APPCT (Alexandra Palace and Park Charitable Trust) and was not a local government project. <p>RESOLVED to note the report.</p>
APBO09.	<p>PARK UPDATE</p> <p>RECEIVED the Park Update report (pages 31-34) introduced by Mr Wilson.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">a. <u>Park Vision</u> <p>NOTED that the vision would provide a basis for future funding applications. Mr Hutchinson, Friends of Alexandra Park, expressed that the Friends had been involved in initial discussions and welcomed a longer term vision for the Park. The proposed vision would be presented to stakeholders and subsequently presented to the Board in the autumn.</p> <p>The Board discussed how the Park's unique landscape was negatively affected by surrounding development and recognised that it was difficult to protect the views. It was reported that the Alexandra Palace Conservation Area Character Appraisal was a useful document utilised by the Trust in considering applications for local development and that Mr Wilson and the Assistant Director of LB Haringey's Planning Service had discussed working together in relation to the Wood Green Area Assessment (emerging planning document as part of Haringey's Local Plan) which took the views from the Park into account. Mr Hutchinson reported that, in responding to planning applications, the Friends of Alexandra Park, asked that proposals be reduced in height to avoid destroying the views, which would reduce the value of the Park to visitors.</p> <p>Board Members discussed the Farmers Market becoming a permanent</p>

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event and it was reported that consideration was being given to improving the long term offer. The Board noted that there were barriers to relocating the Farmers Market for example, nearer to the Palace building.

Clerk's note: Cllr Berryman arrived at the meeting during consideration of the above item (20:05 hrs).

b. Grounds Maintenance Contract

REPORTED that the terms of the grounds maintenance contract would expire at the end of April 2016 and, due to the Council's Contract Procedure Rules, could not be extended beyond this period. It was confirmed that any costs associated with tendering for and establishing a new contract would be covered, possibly by reducing the level of service in the contract.

c. Go Ape Course

REPORTED that the Go Ape operator would submit a planning application for the course and once approved would sign the lease. It was likely that the two-day information exercise in the Park would be held mid-May, rather than April as indicated in the report (page 33, paragraph 6.3).

RESOLVED that

- a. **the requirement to tender the Grounds Maintenance Contract be noted; and**
- b. **the progress on the Go Ape scheme and the satisfactory Charities Act report on the rental figures be noted.**

APBO10. LEARNING AND COMMUNITY REPORT

RECEIVED the report of the Head of Learning and Community Programmes, Melissa Tettey.

NOTED that

- a. there had been 2,700 visitors to the War on the Home Front Exhibition exceeding the figures predicted to the HLF (Heritage Lottery Fund) of 2500 visitors for the year. The team had set themselves a target of attracting of over 3000 visitors by September 2015;
- b. a Board Member highlighted that crockery produced in the 1980's bearing the old Alexandra Palace logo had been on sale to visitors of the War on the Home Front Exhibition. It was explained that the Palace would keep a representative sample of the crockery, which was stored in surplus amounts in the Palace basement and funds from sales went towards the costs of the tours;
- b. Alexandra Palace Learning and Community social media networks had been launched;
- c. a tea party bringing together families affected by migration would take place in September;

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	<p>d. creative ways of delivering community and learning programmes would be considered during regeneration enabling works, when use of the Transmitter Hall would be limited, including providing the programmes in schools or in the Park.</p> <p>RESOLVED to note the recent progress with the Trust’s learning and community programmes.</p>
<p>APBO11.</p>	<p>HERITAGE LOTTERY FUND UPDATE</p> <p>RECEIVED the report of the Interim Regeneration Director, Alexandra Park and Palace, Tot Brill, entitled Reclaiming the People’s Palace – Significant Dates, Aims, Procurement and Governance.</p> <p>a. <u>Procurement</u> (Paragraph 9)</p> <p>REPORTED that the Council had entered into a North London-wide Framework Contract for construction work procurement. Board Members were asked to consider using this Framework for the regeneration works contract procurement. The Framework, advertised through the OJEU (Official Journal of the European Union) pathway - the same procurement process which would have been used for the HLF project, would present enough contractors with relevant heritage experience and would speed up the process of procurement.</p> <p>NOTED that</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. the North London Framework was effective from May 2015-2019. Structured into three categories of contractors, it was a cost and time effective way of procuring from a good selection of contractors. It was likely that the same as contractors in the Framework would tender through any independent HLF procurement process; ii. concerns were raised about the abilities of the contractors on the Council’s Framework to deliver the regeneration project. In response, the Board was assured that the Trust would consider the group of contractors with experience of working on projects with a value of more than £5m and with a record of delivering heritage projects; iii. the Board raised further concerns about risks through the use of sub contractors. It was highlighted that all contractors would be required to employ sub contractors (whether through the Council’s Framework or an independent framework) due to the specialist work required within the project. Once appointed the successful contractor would be responsible for their sub contractors, health and safety aspects and any risks; iv. the project contract would remain the same; in two phases and the Trust would maintain control of the budget, with the two stage contract providing greater cost certainty in the second and more significant stage; v. Board Members were assured that the project would be closely monitored to ensure targets and project design were followed, and, that the HLF Chief Executive had agreed the use of the Framework in principle (formal approval was expected to be given at a meeting with HLF the following day); vi. The Board would have an opportunity to scrutinise the award of contract at its meeting in November.

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b. Project Aims (Paragraph 10)

NOTED the concerns expressed by a Board Member that “delivering in budget and on time” (paragraph 10.4) was not included in the six main aims describing the primary objectives for the project. Ms Brill agreed that delivery of the project on time and within budget were priorities of the project but the purpose of the six primary objectives was to provide the reasons for undertaking the project (and to be used as final goals at the end of the project) and would not be used as a benchmark for monitoring the progress of the project. The Project Execution Plan set out in detail how progress would be measured and was a technical document to support project management.

AGREED that wording in Primary Aims bullet 1 should be amended as officers saw fit to sound more positive.

Action: Tot Brill

In relation to Primary Aims bullet 6 it was explained that the contract would include commitment to employ some local people and include some apprenticeships.

c. Governance

REPORTED that the Board was the decision maker for the regeneration project and it was proposed that two Board Members (in addition to the Chair) join the Programme Board to act as a link between the project operators and the Board.

The Board welcomed the opportunity to be involved in this way but concerns were expressed about the availability of the two Programme Board members for monthly meetings. It was AGREED that two Board Members would sit on the Programme Board and that 2 members would act as alternate members should the 2 main members not be available to attend the monthly meetings. An alternate member would also be available if the Chair was unable to attend a meeting. The Council’s Calendar of Meetings would be consulted when scheduling Programme Board meetings to avoid clashes.

NOTED that the word ‘red’ in paragraph 8.2 should read ‘green’.

Clerk’s note: Nigel Willmott left the meeting during consideration of the above (20:50 hrs)

RESOLVED that

- a. **Alexandra Park and Palace Charitable Trust utilise the North London Procurement Framework and contract form as set out in paragraph 9.5 of the report;**
- b. **the project goals, as set out in paragraph 10.1 of the report, be confirmed, subject to the wording being amended in Primary Aim 1 as discussed above;**

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	<p>c. the project governance arrangements, as set out in paragraphs 11.3 – 11.7 of the report, be confirmed, and;</p> <p>d. that Board Members contact the Chair by email expressing their interest in being one of two Programme Board Members or one of two Alternate Programme Board Members to stand in should a Member not be available to attend the monthly Programme Board meetings. The Chair would also arrange an alternate Member for when she was not able to attend meetings.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">ACTION: BOARD MEMBERS</p>												
<p>APBO12.</p>	<p>TRUST FINANCIAL RESULTS</p> <p>RECEIVED the Alexandra Palace and Park Trust Financial Results report (pages1-3 of the supplementary agenda pack), introduced by the Director of Finance and Resources, Alexandra Palace, Dorota Dominiczac.</p> <p>The Board congratulated Alexandra Palace and Park staff in closing the year with £27,000 less deficit than forecast and acknowledged the good performance by the events team in increasing sales, which had been better than forecast.</p> <p>RESOLVED to note the performance of the Trust for the period ended 28/02/2015.</p>												
<p>APBO13.</p>	<p>FINAL BUDGET 2015-16</p> <p>RECEIVED the Alexandra Palace and Park Trust Final Budget report (pages3-8 of the supplementary agenda pack), introduced by the Director of Finance and Resources, Alexandra Palace, Dorota Dominiczac.</p> <p>NOTED that a Board Member questioned why the budget separated ‘Regeneration staff used in-house costs with project’ (Table 1, page 6) from the ‘Total before Regeneration’. It was explained that this related to some of the Regeneration Team’s time spent on the HLF project which could not be included in the hours recharged to the HLF fund.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the final budgets for the Trust be approved.</p>												
<p>APBO14.</p>	<p>ANNUAL ACCOUNTS TIMETABLE</p> <p>NOTED the following dates:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="320 1749 1265 2083"> <tr> <td>20-29 May 2015</td> <td>Trust Audit</td> </tr> <tr> <td>18th June 2015</td> <td>Audit close meeting with Deloitte and AP Executive Team (internal)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>19th June 2015</td> <td>Draft accounts to APPCT Board</td> </tr> <tr> <td>23rd June 2015</td> <td>APPCT Board meeting</td> </tr> <tr> <td>30th June 2015</td> <td>Final deadline for consolidation of Trust accounts to LBH figures</td> </tr> <tr> <td>15th July</td> <td>APPCT Board to sign off consolidated accounts</td> </tr> </table>	20-29 May 2015	Trust Audit	18 th June 2015	Audit close meeting with Deloitte and AP Executive Team (internal)	19 th June 2015	Draft accounts to APPCT Board	23 rd June 2015	APPCT Board meeting	30 th June 2015	Final deadline for consolidation of Trust accounts to LBH figures	15 th July	APPCT Board to sign off consolidated accounts
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<p>APBO15.</p>	<p>RECRUITMENT AND SUCCESSION PLANS FOR SENIOR STAFF</p> <p>RECEIVED the Recruitment of Senior Posts report (pages 45-49 of the agenda pack), introduced by Duncan Wilson, Chief Executive, Alexandra Palace, as laid out.</p> <p>NOTED that</p> <p>a. clarification was sought on various aspects of the post HLF structure on page 47 and it was explained that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the Head of Events position was under the Director of Operations rather than within the Commercial Directorship because the Head of Events would be responsible for the delivery of events, rather than the marketing of events; • the Head of Catering was a commercial role, rather than a day to day retail role; • the reference to the Chief Executive's role lasting for 3 Years had been removed from the updated version of the structure, however, this role along with the Managing Director's role, was likely to change as the organisation evolved; <p>b. the recruitment of a new Chief Executive of Alexandra Palace was the Council's role but it was recognised that the Board should be heavily involved and it was proposed that the Chair of the Board and 1 Labour and 1 Liberal Democrat Board Member sit on the recruitment panel;</p> <p>c. stakeholders would be invited to meet candidates during a presentation event as part of the recruitment process.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the report be noted and that the Chief Executive Recruitment Panel include the Chair of the Board and one additional Labour Board Member and 1 Liberal Democrat Board Member.</p>
<p>APBO16.</p>	<p>ANY OTHER UNRESTRICTED BUSINESS THE CHAIR CONSIDERS TO BE URGENT</p> <p><u>Thanks to Duncan Wilson</u></p> <p>On behalf of the staff at Alexandra Palace and Park Emma Dagnes, Interim Chief Executive, Alexandra Palace, expressed thanks to Duncan Wilson, for his leadership over the past three years. The Board also expressed their thanks to Mr Wilson.</p>
<p>APBO17.</p>	<p>FUTURE MEETINGS</p> <p>NOTED the following dates for future meetings:</p> <p>Tuesday 23 June 2015 Wednesday 15 July 2015 Tuesday 17 November 2015 Tuesday 16 February 2016</p>

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APBO18.	EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC RESOLVED to exclude the press and public for the meeting for items 18-24 , as they were likely to contain exempt information as defined in Section 100a of the Local Government Act 1972; Paragraph 2 – information which is likely to reveal the identity of any individual and Paragraph 3 – information relating to the business or financial affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).
APBO19.	CAMPSBOURNE CENTRE LEASE RESOLVED to approve the recommendations in the report.
APBO20.	REGENERATION DIRECTOR'S REPORT RESOLVED to approve the recommendations in the report.
APBO21.	TRADING COMPANY FINANCIAL RESULTS RESOLVED to note the results for Alexandra Palace Trading Limited for the 11 month period ended 28 February 2015.
APBO22.	TRADING COMPANY FINAL BUDGET 2015-16 RESOLVED that the final budget for the Trading Company be approved.
APBO23.	EXEMPT MINUTES The exempt minutes of the meeting held on 10 February 2015 were confirmed as a correct record.
APBO24.	ANY OTHER EXEMPT BUSINESS THE CHAIR CONSIDERS TO BE URGENT None.

The meeting ended at 22:10 hrs

COUNCILLOR JOANNA CHRISTOPHIDES

Chair