

# MINUTES OF THE JOINT MEETING OF THE ALEXANDRA PARK & PALACE STATUTORY ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND THE ALEXANDRA PALACE & PARK CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE, HELD ON THURSDAY 30 JUNE 2016

## Present:

*\*italics denotes absence*

## Statutory Advisory Committee Members:

Councillors *James Patterson, Clare Bull*, Viv Ross, Adam Jogee, Mark Blake, Stephen Mann, Stuart McNamara and Charles Wright

*Jane Hutchinson* (Alexandra Residents Association), *Ken Ranson* (Bounds Green & District Residents Association), Duncan Neill (Muswell Hill & Fortis Green Association), *Kevin Stanfield* (Palace Gates Residents Association), *Elizabeth Richardson* (Palace View Residents Association), David Frith (The Rookfield Association), *Jason Beazley* (Three Avenues Residents Association), and *Jim Jenks* (Warner Estate Residents Association)

## Consultative Committee Members:

Councillors *Patrick Berryman*, Joanna Christophides, Tim Gallagher, Liz McShane, *Anne Stennett* and Bob Hare

*Gordon Hutchinson* (Chair) (Friends of Finsbury Park), *Jenny Bourne-Taylor* (Alexandra Palace Allotments Association), *Hugh Macpherson* (Alexandra Palace Organ Appeal), John Thompson (Alexandra Palace Television Group), *Dermot Barnes* (Alexandra Residents Association), Colin Marr (Alexandra Park & Palace Conservation Area Advisory Committee), *Jonathan Smith* (Campsbourne School), Nigel Willmott (Friends of the Alexandra Palace Theatre), David Cole (Heartlands Primary School), Rachael Macdonald (Hornsey Historical Society), Vacancy (Muswell Hill & Fortis Green Association), John Boshier (Muswell Hill Metro Group), Val Paley (Palace View Residents Association), *Frances Hargrove* (St Mary's CE Primary School) and *Richard Hudson* (Warner Estate Residents Association)

## Also present:

Jeff Probst – substitute for Jim Jenks (Warner Estate Residents Association)

Jack Noutch – substitute for Richard Hudson (Warner Estate Residents Association)

Louise Stewart - Chief Executive, Alexandra Park and Palace

Emma Dagnes – Deputy Chief Executive, Alexandra Park and Palace

Simon Fell - Director of Event Operations, Alexandra Park and Palace

Mark Evison – Park Manager, Alexandra Park and Palace

Felicity Foley – Clerk, LB Haringey

## 1. **FILMING AT MEETINGS**

Noted.

## 2. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

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Apologies for absence were received from Jenny Bourne-Taylor, Jane Hutchinson, Gordon Hutchinson, Richard Hudson, Jim Jenks, Liz Richardson and Councillors Jogie, McNamara and C Bull.

**3. URGENT BUSINESS**

As an agenda item to nominate a Chair for the Municipal Year 2016-17 had been omitted from the agenda, it would be taken under Urgent Business.

Colin Marr, as Vice-Chair of the Consultative Committee, and in place of Gordon Hutchinson as outgoing Chair, took the Chair and invited nominations. It was unanimously agreed that Gordon Hutchinson would continue as Chair of SAC-CC for the Municipal Year 2016-17.

In the Chair's absence, Colin Marr continued as Chair for the remainder of the meeting.

**4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

**5. MINUTES**

Joint Statutory Advisory and Consultative Committee

**RESOLVED that the minutes of the Joint Statutory Advisory and Consultative Committee held on 2 February 2016 and 5 April 2016 be approved as a correct record of the meetings.**

Statutory Advisory Committee

**RESOLVED that the minutes of the Statutory Advisory Committee held on 2 February 2016 and 5 April 2016 be approved as a correct record of the meetings.**

Alexandra Palace and Park Board

**RESOLVED that the approved minutes of the Alexandra Palace and Park Board meetings held on 17 November 2015, 26 November 2015 and 16 February 2016 be noted.**

The Chair added that there had been an amendment made to the wording of the minutes of the 16 February 2016 in respect of the Palace's submission to Crossrail 2, as follows: "Colin Marr objected to the submission having been made on behalf of the Trust as he felt that there hadn't been adequate consideration by the Board, and asked for his dissent to the submission be minuted."

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*Post meeting note – the minutes of the 16 February 2016 have since been amended and uploaded to the Haringey Council website.*

**6. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS REPORT**

RECEIVED the report of Louise Stewart, Chief Executive, Alexandra Park and Palace.

The following matters arose from discussion of the report:

- Governance / Strategic Vision – the initial scoping had taken place for the Governance Review, although it would be 3-4 months until initial findings would be documented. The Palace was currently procuring advisors for the development of the Strategic Vision.
- Planning application for the West Yard storage – the planning application was due to be discussed at the Council's Planning Committee on 11 July. However, the Alexandra Palace and Park Board had yet to make a final decision as to whether to proceed with the project, and this would be discussed at the meeting on 19 July. Following a request from the Board, a feasibility study had been carried out to look at additional potential options, and this would be presented to the Board on 19 July. In response to comments made online in respect of the application, the Trust is aware of them and where appropriate is taking them into account. Commemorative benches – members liked the idea of keeping old plaques in a central display. One member questioned whether a ten year display period was too short, and it was explained that this could be renewed if plaque owners stayed in contact.
- Cycle network / quietways proposal – a comment from the Friends of Alexandra Park had been submitted by email (due to Gordon Hutchinson being unable to attend the meeting), which read as follows:

*The Friends of Alexandra Park discussed this at a recent committee meeting and there was support for the Quietway proposal, provided that surfaces were improved, no additional lighting would be introduced into the Park, and steps would be taken to reinforce the importance of cyclists being considerate of pedestrians on shared use paths. The downhill sections of the route can lead to cyclists riding at high speed and measures may be needed to safeguard other park users.*

*Regarding the option to bring part of the route into the Park instead of along North View Road, the Friends also supported this, with the same provisos, and on the basis that it is part of a hard-surfaced pedestrian path along the southern side of the Park, as floated in the Park Vision discussions. The Friends of the Park would welcome consultations on the detail of any new paths.*

**RESOLVED that the contents of the report be noted.**

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**7. 2016 FIREWORKS PROPOSAL**

RECEIVED the report of Simon Fell, Director of Event Operations, Alexandra Park and Palace.

The following matters arose from discussion of the report:

- The fireworks display had grown from a capacity of 30,000 to 50,000 since 2013. It was now felt that 50,000 people was the upper limit of capacity for the event, however, negative feedback had been received following the last event that people had been unable to buy tickets, due to it being sold out. Therefore, it was proposed that the event be increased to a two day event.
- Alexandra Palace Way would be closed for 48 hours, and the W3 bus would be re-routed during this time. Members asked whether the bus could be routed around Muswell Hill so that this area would not be cut off by the re-routing. Simon advised that he would be meeting with the Safety Advisory Group, and would raise this with the TfL representative. Any re-routing would be advertised to the public, as it was for the Red Bull event.
- With regards to the fences at the South-East corner of the park, this area would continue to be fenced off, as it was not suitable to be used as an entrance especially if there was bad weather, which would cause damage to the grass. It was noted that there had not been any complaints made by people attending the event with regard to not having an entrance at the South-East corner.

**RESOLVED that the report be noted and comments be provided to the Alexandra Palace and Park Board.**

**8. EAST WING RESTORATION PROJECT REPORT**

RECEIVED the report of Emma Dagnes, Deputy Chief Executive, Alexandra Park and Palace.

The following matters arose from discussion of the report:

- The discovery of more asbestos than was originally anticipated had caused a delay of 12 weeks to the programme. To mitigate this, some Phase 2 works had been brought forward into the enabling stage.
- The fundraising campaign for the theatre would begin in July, and the second phase would begin in November, to tie in with the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the BBC.
- In regard to the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary, the Palace were currently producing a programme for a ticketed event in the BBC studios.

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**RESOLVED that the contents of the report be noted.**

**9. NON-VOTING BOARD MEMBERS FEEDBACK**

The Chair and Nigel Willmott updated members on the matters raised at the Alexandra Palace and Park Board meeting held on 12 April 2016, namely the work which was being undertaken on the website; the Business Plan which had been approved and was now available on the Alexandra Palace website; and the Board workshop which took place on 24 May and looked at the Wood Green Regeneration and Alexandra Palace governance review.

**10. ITEMS RAISED BY INTERESTED GROUPS**

None.

**11. NEW ITEMS OF URGENT BUSINESS**

None.

**12. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS**

Noted.

CHAIR: Colin Marr

Signed by Chair .....

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