



Council 08.03.2017
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QUEEN'S PARK COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Council held in the Beethoven Centre, Third Avenue, London W10 4JL on Wednesday 8th March 2017 commencing at 6.00pm.

Present: Councillors Susanna Rustin (Chairman), Ryan Dalton, Joe Fernandes, Gill Fitzhugh, Emma Morgan, Eartha Pond and Angela Singhate.

Also Present: Sam Shippen, Locum Director and five members of the public.

071-16/17 Apologies for absence

RESOLVED that apologies be received from Councillors Philip Andokou, Katie Cowan and Emma Sweeney.

072-16/17 Declarations of Interest

Councillor E Pond declared an interest in item 74 as a trustee of The Avenues Youth Project.

073-16/17 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the Council Meeting held 25th January 2017 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

The Chairman requested item 75 be placed before item 74.

6.10pm Councillor A Singhate entered the meeting.

075-16/17 The Avenues Youth Project

The Chairman of The Avenues Youth Project and Senior Youth Worker were invited to address the Council. They thanked the Council for its support and highlighted that continued support would make a huge difference in improving service delivery with young people and schools in the local area.

There was a proposal to reassess the grant to The Avenues. *This did not find a seconder.*

6.28pm Councillor R Dalton entered the meeting.

RESOLVED to agree in principle to fund The Avenues Youth Project in 2017/18 and 2018/19 at £20,000 per year subject to receiving a financial forecast from Avenues at the next meeting; further that a verbal report would be received by Council in the autumn in each year.

074-16/17 Public Session

A member of the public commented about concern regarding child poverty following cuts to services and looked for support of QPCC to enable local people to have a voice.

The Chairman advised that this may be an issue to raise at the Annual Meeting of Electors in May. Another resident commented that WCC are subject to £300m cuts and lobbying needs to be to government via the local MP.

076-16/17 Beethoven Centre Spring Fair

The Chairman advised of an invitation to attend on 25th March 1-4pm.

RESOLVED to agree attendance and use the event to recruit residents as a lobby group around the impact of cuts, to recruit potential new councillors for 2018 elections and have craft table; a budget of up to £100 was agreed from reserves.

077-16/17 Summer Festival

RESOLVED that the date remain as 5th August 2017 in line with policy.

078-16/17 Internal Audit

RESOLVED to receive the report of the Internal Auditor and in response to issues raised

- Have forms for serving agendas electronically to be signed at next meeting;
- Have minutes and policies on website preferably by end of April as a target for Community Development Officer;

Further **RESOLVED** that the internal audit and internal controls identified in the risk management schedule including those to prevent & detect fraud be considered effective and be reviewed within the 2017/18 financial year; and the Policy & Resources Committee review the Financial Regulations to consider their effectiveness at the meeting on 15th March 2017.

079-16/17 Community Development Officer

The Chairman advised that Lindsey Brown had been appointed as Community Development Officer and would commence on 21/3/17 and would work normally Tuesday – Thursday.

RESOLVED that the information be **NOTED**.

080-16/17 Committee Minutes/Reports

RESOLVED to **ADOPT** the minutes of the following Committees:

- a) **Environment & Open Spaces Committee** – 23rd November 2016;
- b) **Neighbourhood Planning Committee** – 4th January 2016 & 1st February 2017

There being no other business, the meeting concluded at 7:45pm.

Councillor S Rustin
Chairman