

QUEEN'S PARK COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the **COMMUNICATIONS and EVENTS** Committee held on **6th January 2016 at 6.30pm** in Office 1, Beethoven Centre, Third Avenue, London W10 3JL

PRESENT: Cllrs Ryan Dalton, Susanna Rustin (Chairman) and Angela Singhate

Also in attendance: Mike Simpson- Director

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Eartha Pond

DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

To deal with any disclosure by Members of any dis-closable pecuniary interests and interest other than pecuniary interests, as defined under Queen's Park Community Council's Code of Conduct and the Localism Act 2011, in relation to matters on the agenda.

None

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

To receive any questions, or brief representations, from members of the public in accordance with Standing Order No. 3 e, f, g and h.

Simon Walton mentioned that he thought the Winter Social event at Ida's restaurant on 12th December went well but the layout of the venue did not encourage socialising. He also thought there were not enough volunteers present.

Cllr Gill Fitzhugh informed the Committee that she would like to do a 'big draw' event, ideally in October. The event would be for children and involves drawing/painting. The Committee requested a more detailed report for the event at the next meeting.

MINUTES

Minutes of the Communications and Events Committee meeting – 4th November 2015

C&E.315 **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Communications and Events Committee meeting held on 4th November 2015 be taken as read, confirmed as a correct record and signed by the chairman.

FEEDBACK FROM FIREWORKS AND WINTER FAIR

Residents and councillors reported that they did not like the music the DJ played for the fireworks event. He also tuned up very late. Otherwise, everyone agreed it was a good event. The Police were very helpful in closing the surrounding roads to the Gardens and stewarding. There needs to be a more efficient way of applying for licences from Westminster.

The winter fair was very windy and got dark quickly which made selling items more difficult. However, residents enjoyed the event and suggested it should be longer. More volunteers were needed

QUEEN'S PARK VOICE

Update on contents of next issue

The Chairman provided an update on what content is going into the next issue. It was decided that the Gala Award from Paddington (which was awarded to Cllr Ryan Dalton and Director, Mike Simpson, for organising the summer festival) should not go in the Voice but will be publicised in the next e-newsletter. However, Cllr Ryan Dalton wanted to clarify that he did not nominate himself for the award following rumours he had.

Update on delivery

The Council tried hiring two young men to deliver the Voice but it did not work well. Angie Durrance, who coordinates delivery of the Voice for the Council, has two 15 year olds who could do the work. However, the Council decided the post should be advertised to the wider community. The advertisement should be aimed at young people but this might require setting up a youth enterprise scheme, which the Director will investigate.

REPORT ON COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

The Director gave a report on the Council's website, social media activity and newsletter. The website is regularly updated but more content is needed, as well as more activity on social media. However, he stated it was important to only post and mention relevant/important issues rather than posting for the sake of it. Hosting an event for the launch of the Council's business plan was also raised which everyone agreed was a good idea

C&E.316 **RESOLVED** that an event should take place with a budget of £500 to launch the business plan, inviting local organisations and Westminster City Council officials in April.

UPDATE ON NOTICEBOARDS

The Council currently has one noticeboard outside the Beethoven. However, the original decision was to have 4 around the ward and the Committee agreed again that there should be more. However, the committee was unsure where they should go. It was decided to defer the decision until the next meeting. Cllrs will send suggested locations to Director to look into whether it is plausible