

QUEEN'S PARK COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the **QUEEN'S PARK COMMUNITY COUNCIL** held on **8TH July 2015** at **6.00pm** at **548 Harrow Road, London W9 3QJ**

PRESENT: Cllrs, Katie Cowan, Ryan Dalton, Joe Fernandes, Gill Fitzhugh, Emma Morgan, Susanna Rustin, Angela Singhate (Chairman), Emma Sweeney (Vice-Chairman), Philip Andokou

Also in attendance: Jonathan Tuckey, Laura Colades, Kate Thai, Angela Hogben, John McGee and Simon Walton

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Director Mike Simpson – unwell

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

To receive any questions from the public

Three members of Holborn Community Centre were visiting and asked questions about the Community Council and how it was formed.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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.

Cllr Julius Hogben declared that he is joint secretary of the Jubilee Sports Centre.

MINUTES

To resolve that the minutes of the Meeting of Queen's Park Community Council held on 13th May 2015 be taken as read and confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

C. 251 **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Meeting of Queen's Park Community Council held on 13th May 2015 be taken as read and confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

To resolve that the minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of Queen's Park Community Council held on 27th June 2015 be taken as read and confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

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JUBILEE SPORTS CENTRE

Presentation on the Jubilee Sports Centre with Q&A session for Councillors

The Save the Jubilee campaign group gave a presentation to the Council about their alternative plan to demolishing the Jubilee. This included recruiting the help of Dale Austin who is very experienced in transforming and running leisure centres. He has proposed that the Community Council takes ownership of the Jubilee from Westminster Council and make it a not for profit enterprise. It would also include QPCC setting up a special company to run the centre with 2 Councillors and 2 others of the management committee. Dale also presented a variety of ways in which the centre could be made viable.

Jonathan Tuckey then presented his architectural plans who specialises in remodelling buildings and making them successful.

Council to decide on their policy going forward regarding the Jubilee

C. 253

RESOLVED that the Council would take forward the Save the Jubilee's alternative plans to demolition and write to the Chief Executive of Westminster Council, Charlie Parker, requesting a meeting.

COMMITTEE MINUTES

To note the acts and proceedings of the following committee meetings:

Environment and Planning – 27th May 2015
Communications and Events – 3rd June 2015
Policy and Resources – 17th June 2015

The contents of these minutes were noted by the Council

UPDATE FROM CHAIRS OF COMMITTEES

Brief update from Committee Chairs on their work to date. (To be provided by the Vice-Chair if Chair is not present)

Cllr Fitzhugh reported that the Environment and Planning Committee had discussed the High Street Shop at 548 Harrow Road and that the Director and Cllr Cowan had a meeting with WCC Parks department to discuss the future management of Queen's Park Gardens.

Cllr Rustin informed the Council that plans for the Summer Festival were going well and that the festival would be similar to last year's but with a volunteer co-ordinator.

Cllr Singhate reported that the Policy and Resources Committee was developing a policy to work with casual staff and that a social media policy had been agreed. The Community Grants Fund had also been finalised with £30,000 each year allocated for projects. The Council had received £77,000 worth of applications for their first round.

UPDATE FROM COUNCILLORS

Update from any Councillors who have attended meetings on behalf of the Council

Cllr Sweeney updated the Committee about the meeting of the Westminster Safer Neighbourhood Board and Cllr Fernandes reported that he had attended a WECH meeting.

QUEEN'S PARK SUMMER FESTIVAL

Update on the Summer Festival

Cllr Rustin reiterated that plans for the festival were going well.

Cllr Fitzhugh left the meeting at 7.45pm

QUEEN'S PARK SPORTS STEERING GROUP

To nominate Cllrs to represent the Council on a new sports steering group for the area set up by Westminster City Council

Westminster Council would like to work with QPCC on providing more sport to children in the area and increasing participation levels. Cllrs Eartha Pond and Philip Andokou agreed to represent the Council on the steering group.

DIRECTOR'S JOB DESCRIPTION

To discuss the current Director's job description

It was agreed that the business plan would help establish the priorities for the Director. It was also suggested that clarity was needed on what roles the Director, Councillors and volunteers take. Further details of the Director's role should be discussed by the staffing sub committee which can establish what further support is required.

QPCC BUSINESS PLAN

To review the draft business plan for QPCC and decide on whether to formally adopt it

The Council's business plan needs to link with the Neighbourhood Plan, which is currently being developed. Therefore, the Council cannot adopt the business plan at this stage and it was agreed that Cllrs provide the Director with their feedback.

COUNCIL OFFICES

To discuss the Council occupying another office

The future use of 548 Harrow Road was discussed and it was agreed that there was no need to rush into anything. The shop could be used as council premises or slowly changed into something more ambitious. Councillors agreed that they should take their time to decide.

TRAINING

To discuss any potential training opportunities for Cllrs

The Chair announced that a trip to Calne Town Council in Wiltshire was being arranged and that all councillors were invited.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chair provide the Council with the following report

On Saturday 13th June Cllr Andokou and Cllr Singhate attended a NALC networking event for new councillors. It was an informative day and it was a good chance to meet councillors from other parishes. NALC intends to host more of these events.

We met an experienced clerk from who has invited us to visit their parish: Calne Town Council in Wiltsire. Suggested dates are Friday 24th July or Friday 7th August.

Representation: I have been invited via Tell It Parents Action Group to attend a workshop on Monday 13th July at WCC re: Operation Shield. There are a number of community concerns about this 'gang related' initiative and the workshop is being hosted to elicit the views of how the community can work in partnership with the police.

I was contacted by Patsy Cummings from London Citizens (Citizens UK), They are interested in the parish council model and I met with them on Friday 3rd July to talk about how we went about it in Queen's Park. They are interested in coming to one of our full council meetings in the near future.

On Thursday 28th May Cllr E Sweeney via an invitation from NALC attended the Queen's Garden Party. An invitation such as this raises the question of Members Allowances and I contacted Cllr Paul Dimoldenberg to see if he could advise. He suggested contacting NALC which I have done. We continue to await advice on this matter in working towards setting a policy on Cllr allowances.

Reminder - towards the end of last year, it was agreed that we would meet quarterly with the three ward councillors. I have confirmed the following dates for the meetings this year:

Friday 18th Sept

Thursday 19th November