

QUEEN'S PARK COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the **Queen's Park Community Council** held on **Wednesday 9th July 2014 at 6.30pm** in the **Beethoven Centre, Third Avenue, London W10 4JL**

PRESENT Cllrs Musa Ahmed, Philip Andokou, Katie Cowan, Ryan Dalton, Joe Fernandes, Gill Fitzhugh, Julius Hogben, Eartha Pond, Susanna Rustin, Angela Singhate (Chairman) and Emma Sweeney

Also in attendance Klaudia Green, Community Protection Officer
Terry Abbott, Westminster C.C. Children's Services
Neil Johnston, PDT
Linda Butcher – Director, QPCC
3 members of the public

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Emma Morgan – work commitment

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 Emma Sweeney declared a personal interest in the item concerning the Operations Manual and Business Plan in view of PDT's involvement as she is an employee of PDT

Cllr Gill Fitzhugh declared a personal interest in the item concerning the Operations Manual and Business Plan in view of PDT's involvement as she is a Trustee of PDT

MINUTES

To resolve that the minutes of the Additional Meeting of Queen's Park Community Council held on 11th June 2014 be taken as read, confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

C.048 **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Additional Meeting held on 11th June 2014 be taken as read, confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

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.

Leslie Barson from the London Community Neighbourhood Co-operation issued an invitation to all Councillors to the LCNC's day of fun, food and celebration on Sunday 20th July, 1-5pm at Lydford Community Hall, 74 Fernhead Road, W9 3EW. She then handed out written invitations to everyone present at the meeting.

The Chairman thanked her for her kind invitation and hoped Councillors would be able to support this event.

The Chairman then advised Council that in view of the guest speakers present she intended to change the order of the agenda and to invite Klaudia and Terry to speak next.

GUEST SPEAKERS

Klaudia Green, Westminster C.C. Community Protection Officer
Terry Abbott, Westminster C.C. Children's Services

Klaudia gave a brief outline of the services provided in her particular field and spoke about the regular meetings that she chairs, at the same time inviting Councillors to attend these meetings. She then gave examples of what the team has achieved since she came into post.

Terry explained that he was a young people's practitioner based in Stow Centre, Harrow Road covering the North West area and that he works closely with the police and other agencies.

Councillors then asked questions and upon completion, the Chairman thanked them for their attendance and they left the meeting.

OPERATIONS MANUAL and BUSINESS PLAN

Item referred back from the Annual Statutory Meeting held on 05.06.2014 (a report had been sent to all Councillors with the agenda)

The Chairman invited Cllr Joe Fernandez to speak. In referring to his report he felt all references to PDT should be removed from the Council's Operations Manual and Business Plan and he felt the Council had not carried out due diligence, e.g. Early Years. He believed we should have contracts with all organisations so that the Council could carry out continuous reviews. He said he hoped the Policy and Resources committee when reviewing the document would be more open and less specific. He hoped other Councillors would send in comments about the document.

Other Councillors said they had worked with Neil Johnston from PDT for 10-15 years and that the wording in the Operations Manual reflects the past relationship and identifies where we are today.

Cllr Fernandez then directed several accusations about the work of PDT and Neil Johnstone in particular with reference to grant

applications. Other Councillors spoke passionately in support of PDT and truly believed the Council would not exist without the work undertaken by PDT in support the group of local people who had strived for its own parish council.

The Director confirmed that the Operations Manual and Business Plan is a draft document that will be reviewed by the Policy and Resources committee in detail before coming back to Council for approval, and even after Council approval it will be constantly reviewed and updated as the Council moves forward.

In view of the level of debate the Chairman adjourned the meeting and declared a five minute break but not before apologising on behalf of the Council for the behaviour witnessed during the last few minutes.

The Chairman re-opened the meeting at 7.45pm

- C.049** **RESOLVED** to ensure the future of the Business Plan and Operations Manual is reviewed at the Policy and Resources Committee.

RESOLUTIONS MOVED ON NOTICE

Cllr Julius Hogben will propose and Cllr Joe Fernandez will second “Queen’s Park Community Council opposes the planned demolition of our Jubilee sports centre which 5,500 residents have petitioned against, and the plans for housing on this site which are not intended for local people. We call upon Westminster City Council to respect the wishes and needs of the community we have been elected to represent.”

Before taking the vote on this motion, the Director was asked to explain the Resolutions Moved on Notice format.

- C.050** **RESOLVED** to approve the above motion without alteration and the Director was instructed to write to Westminster City Council accordingly.

COMMUNICATIONS

To agree Working Party membership to liaise with Westminster City Ward Councillors.

- C.051** **RESOLVED** that Councillors to meet with WCC Ward Members would be Cllrs Eartha Pond, Musa Ahmed, Joe Fernandez and Angela Singhate plus the Director and that this group would report back to Council following any meetings.

To agree Protocol for working arrangements between Members and Officers (draft policy attached for consideration)

C.052 **RESOLVED** to adopt the draft Policy as presented.

The Communications and Events Committee were tasked with writing a suitable policy for working relationships/communications between Councillors.

The Director has received a request from the Japan Local Government Centre in London for a delegation of 3 researchers to visit Queen's Park sometime between Monday 8th and Wednesday 10th September to speak to one or two people involved with the creation of the Community Council.

C.053 **RESOLVED** that Cllrs Emma Sweeney, Susanna Rustin, Angela Singhate and Julius Hogben would meet with the delegation and that the Monday lunch time would be the best opportunity. The Director would convey this to the Japan Local Government Centre.

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN (report previously sent to all Councillors)

To endorse the actions taken by the Neighbourhood Plan sub-committee of Queen's Park Temporary Community Council and to acknowledge receipt of the £7,000 Locality Grant.

C.054 **RESOLVED** to endorse the work already carried out by the Neighbourhood Planning Group/sub-committee and to authorise this Group/sub-committee to continue with this work.

C.055 **RESOLVED** to delegate use of the Locality funding, and any other funds for the purpose of producing a Neighbourhood Plan, to the Neighbourhood Groups/sub-committee.

QUEEN'S PARK GARDENS PLAYGROUND – UPDATE

Cllr Susanna Rustin reported on the current situation and apologised that the official opening had had to be postponed due to a child injuring themselves when falling off a piece of equipment. The report was noted by Council.

The meeting was closed at 8.20pm