

Minutes of a meeting of the **Queen's Park Community Council** held on **Wednesday 12th November 2014 at 6.45pm** in the **Beethoven Centre, Third Avenue, London W10 4JL**

PRESENT: Cllrs Musa Ahmed, Philip Andokou, Katie Cowan, Ryan Dalton, Joe Fernandes, Gill Fitzhugh, Emma Morgan, Eartha Pond, Susanna Rustin, Angela Singhate (7pm), Emma Sweeney

Also in attendance Karen Buck Labour MP for Westminster North
Terry Simpson
Linda Butcher – Director
2 members of the public

In the absence of the Chairman, the Vice Chairman, Cllr Emma Sweeney welcomed everyone to the meeting and explained that the Chairman, Cllr Angela Singhate would arrive shortly.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Julius Hogben – family 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. **None**

MINUTES

To resolve that the minutes of the Meeting of Queen's Park Community Council held on 3rd September 2014 be taken as read, confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

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GUEST SPEAKERS

Karen Buck, Labour MP for Westminster North

Karen explained that she had three messages that she wished to put to Councillors at this opportunity.

Firstly, that Queen's Park Community Council needs to put itself into the public eye at every opportunity and she encouraged the use of social media. She emphasised the importance of being seen.

Secondly, she encouraged Councillors as individuals to pursue their core issues and interests and bring these to the council.

Thirdly, she explained the importance of replying to people as nobody likes to be ignored. This could be either directly or via the Council's office/director.

During Karen's discussion Cllr Angela Singhate arrived and took over the chair.

Councillors asked several questions particularly about the HS2 route and Premier Corner and Karen spoke about the petition. She also encouraged the Council in its events and Queen's Park Voice which binds people together creating a sense of place. She said that some older people think the pace of life has left them behind and they need to be encouraged; Queen's Park Community Council can become a champion.

The Chairman thanked Karen for attending the Council meeting and then introduced Terry Simpson.

Terry Simpson – will explain how his council encouraged young people to get involved with the council

Terry explained that when he was Town Clerk at Ringwood in Hampshire he had suggested that instead of a Youth Council which takes a large amount of officer time to administer, the Council consider having Student Advisers appointed who would sit alongside Councillors. A total of eight Advisers were appointed and this method was chosen to ensure they are covered by insurance. The Advisers take part in all meetings including the confidential business and have to comply with the same rules as the Councillors. Terry left papers with the Director to explain further detail.

Councillors then asked various questions and it was AGREED to form a Youth Working Group to work further on this project. It was suggested the Working Group approach the Youth club as there is no secondary school within the parish.

The Chairman thanked Terry for attending the meeting.

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.

COMMITTEE MINUTES

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

Neighbourhood Planning – 3rd September 2014

Neighbourhood Planning – 15th October 2014

Policy and Resources – 15th October 2014

Environment and Open Spaces – 22nd October 2014

Communications and Events – 22nd October 2014

Policy and Resources – 29th October 2014

C.124 RESOLVED to note the acts and proceedings of the committees as listed above.

COMMUNICATIONS

Chairman's Report was circulated to all Members and noted.

The meeting closed at 8.45pm