

Minutes of a meeting of the **QUEEN'S PARK COMMUNITY COUNCIL** held on **Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2015** at **6.30pm** in the **Beethoven Centre, Third Avenue, London W10 4JL**

**PRESENT:** Cllrs Musa Ahmed, Katie Cowan, Ryan Dalton, Joe Fernandes, Gill Fitzhugh, Julius Hogben, Emma Morgan, Susanna Rustin, Angela Singhate (Chairman), Emma Sweeney (Vice-Chairman)

Also in attendance Jamie Keightley – Community Shop Project  
Linda Butcher – Director  
Mike Simpson –  
3 members of the public

### **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Cllr Philip Andokou – unwell  
Cllr Eartha Pond - unwell

All Councillors had been informed earlier in the day that the meeting was being videoed and the Chairman brought this to the attention of the public present. Cllr Morgan asked Cllr Fernandes where it would be available and if everyone could have a copy and he responded in the affirmative.

### **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 Morgan declared a Personal Interest in the item concerning the Foodbank as she is a founder member and trustee.

Cllr Morgan declared a Personal Interest in the Advice Project as she has previously worked with the solicitor who had sent in a proposal.

### **MINUTES**

**C.145** **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Meeting of Queen's Park Community Council held on 12<sup>th</sup> November 2014 be taken as read, confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

### **GUEST SPEAKER**

The Chairman welcomed Jamie Keightley to the meeting and spoke about the proposal to extend the Community Shop project to somewhere within the Queen's Park area if possible. He handed out leaflets which explained the background to the scheme and issues an invitation to Members to visit the Lambeth Community Shop (the first in London). He then answered questions from Councillors.

**C.146** **RESOLVED** that Cllr Emma Morgan would work with Jamie Keightley to arrange a visit to the Lambeth Community Shop.

This then led onto the topic of the North Paddington Foodbank and Cllr Morgan informed Councillors about the need in the area and that there is a shortage of people to assist with collections and maintaining the essential paperwork. She wondered if it might be possible for the Council to support an additional person.

Following discussions it was

**C.147** **RESOLVED** to form a Working Group to look at this further.

Working Group volunteers are Cllrs Gill Fitzhugh, Katie Cowan, Ryan Dalton, Musa Ahmed, Angela Singhate, Emma Sweeney and Emma Morgan.

#### **ITEMS SUBMITTED BY CLLR EMMA MORGAN**

Project proposal received from Robinsonwilson solititors for Council's consideration in regard to the extension of an advice project for those currently excluded from day time provision. [see separate document]

Following discussion on these papers it was AGREED to explore other avenues including pro bono work that is often undertaken by solicitors. However, the Council wished to thank Cllr Emma Morgan for bringing this to the attention of Council.

To formalise the Working Groups for the above project [Cllrs Gill Fitzhugh, Philip Andokou, Angela Singhate, Emma Morgan and the Director]

**C.148** **RESOLVED** that the Working Group would be the same people as for the Foodbank Project plus Cllr Joe Fernandes and that the Working Group would be called 'Food and Advice'

To consider the formation of a Socio/Economic committee

**C.149** **RESOLVED** that the Food and Advice Working Group would report to the Policy and Resources committee for the time-being but that this would be reviewed at the Annual Statutory Meeting in May to ascertain if it is necessary to form a Socio/Economic main committee.

#### **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 offered the name of another solicitor who could be approached but also felt the CAB and the Prince of Wales' charities might be able to offer some funding.

#### **COMMITTEE MINUTES**

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

Neighbourhood Planning – 12<sup>th</sup> November 2014  
Communications and Events – 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2014  
Environment and Open Spaces – 10<sup>th</sup> December 2014

Policy and Resources – 17<sup>th</sup> December 2014  
Planning – 7<sup>th</sup> January 2015

Cllr Joe Fernandes challenged the wording of the final paragraph on page 70 stating that he had not said he was unhappy with the way Cllr Gill Fitzhugh was working with Publica. He did confirm that he had asked to see a copy of the agreement with Publica showing what they were going to do and details of the costs and that he had still not received a copy. He said that until he had received this he wanted the decision over-turned.

Cllr Gill Fitzhugh said that the Council did have an absolute agreement that is itemised and it is completely clear how much this will cost. She said she will let everyone have a copy of this agreement.

In answer to the wording of the Neighbourhood Planning minutes the Director advised that it is only the committee that can decide on the accuracy of the minutes, the Council is just 'noting the acts and proceedings' of the committees.

**C.150**        **RESOLVED** to note the acts and proceedings of the committees as listed above.

The Director then referred the Council to minute 141 of the Policy and Resources Committee whereby there was a recommendation to Council about the Precept, which must be determined by Council.

**C.151**        **RESOLVED** to endorse the recommendation of Policy and Resources that the precept for 2015-2016 would be the same as for 2014-2015, i.e. £44.40 per Band D property giving a total precept of £140,143.27 taking into account the increased council tax base [3156.38].

7.45pm Jamie Keightley left the meeting

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

### Chairman's Report

The purpose of this report is to advise the Council of communications and events that have occurred since the last committee/Council meetings.

1. On Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2014 Cllrs Singhate, Fernandes & Pond met with the three local ward councillors Barrie Taylor, Patricia MacAllister and Paul Dimoldenberg. This was an informal meeting aimed at establishing working links with the local councillors. We have begun to identify where we can work together and we plan to set some dates for quarterly meetings. This group is open to all interested cllrs.

2. Before the holidays, I received an email from Gez Kellaghan, Strategic Partnerships Officer (Housing) WCC about a service that the City Council is re-commissioning and to ask if QP Council might wish to be involved through the consultation phase. The current contract covers the management of 5 facilities for WCC in the Church St ward, 3 of which are CityWest halls. WCC are seeking to expand the number of facilities included in the new contract, some of which are likely to be in QP. Residents from Church St and Lisson Green have been actively engaged

in letting the previous contract and in ongoing management through a Steering Group. Gez would like to meet asap.

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3. Guy Battie, Chief Executive of The Social Value Portal would like to meet with me/others to talk about creating 'The Queens Park CC Social Value Charter'. The Public Services (Social Value) Act 2012 requires Public Sector bodies to 'consider' social value in their pre-commissioning and procurement processes. Key benefits for Communities would be: Opportunity for Community needs to be recognised and heard by the Local authority who would be bound to include them in their Social Value Policy, Opportunity for Communities to form Social Partnerships with Business to deliver their needs, Opportunity for Communities to meet, engage and prioritise key issues that need addressing within their locale, Opportunity to influence up to 25% of CIL payments (assuming the Community Charter is integrated into the Neighbourhood Plan).

**C.152** **RESOLVED** that Cllr Angela Singhate will process a meeting involving Cllrs Ryan Dalton, Musa Ahmed, Gill Fitzhugh, Joe Fernandes and the new Director (Mike Simpson).

4. Briefing Note re: Complaints (see separate sheet emailed to all Councillors after the meeting)

There was then an exchange of views about item 4 and it was

**C.153** **RESOLVED** to arrange the Briefing and Awareness evening with Ian Davison and Trevor Leggo on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2015 from 6pm – 9pm in the Beethoven Centre.

To formalise the appointment of Mike Simpson as Director

The Chairman advised the Council that on 19<sup>th</sup> December 2014 the Recruitment Panel had interviewed three candidates for the position of Director and had offered the post to Mike Simpson who had attended tonight in order to meet as many Councillors as possible.

**C.154** **RESOLVED** to confirm the appointment of Mike Simpson as Director of Queen's Park Community Council with effect from 9<sup>th</sup> February 2015.

Visioning Report and Next Steps

The Director advised that she had received a draft report from David Carden following the Visioning evening on 15<sup>th</sup> December 2014. David had asked if Council would like him to undertake a further workshop evening or present his report at a future Council meeting.

**C.155** **RESOLVED** to ask David to come to the next Council meeting in March to present his report and advise on the next steps.

The meeting closed at 8.16pm