

QUEEN'S PARK COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the **QUEEN'S PARK COMMUNITY COUNCIL** held on **23<sup>rd</sup> September 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: Mike Simpson- Director, Dee Woods, Paul Madison, Lesley Barson, Simon Walton and Kristelle McNeir

**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

There were none

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

To receive any questions from the public

Lesley Barson from the London Community Neighbourhood Co-operative (LCNC) briefly spoke about the Co-operative and was invited back to the next Council meeting to provide further information.

Simon Walton thanked the Council for posting the agenda of Facebook

There were also representations regarding the closure of the Jubilee and concerns that Westminster had ignored a petition from 6,000 residents and the Community Council were not doing enough. Cllrs advised that the Council was not in existence at the time the plans were originally proposed and was therefore not able to do much.

**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 Save Our Jubilee Campaign.

**MINUTES**

To resolve that the minutes of the Meeting of Queen's Park Community Council held on 8<sup>th</sup> July 2015 be taken as read and confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**C. 279**

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Meeting of Queen's Park Community Council held on 8<sup>th</sup> July 2015 be taken as read and confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman with the addition that the Chairman stated that it was not her sole responsibility to line manage the Director.

**COMMITTEE MINUTES**

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

Environment and Planning – 15<sup>th</sup> July 2015  
Policy and Resources – 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2015  
Environment and Planning – 9<sup>th</sup> September 2015  
Communications and Events- 16<sup>th</sup> September 2015

The contents of the minutes were noted

### **JUBILEE SPORTS CENTRE**

#### Update on recent developments regarding the Jubilee and to make any decisions going forward

Cllr Hogben reminded the Council that on 3<sup>rd</sup> September the plans for an alternative proposal for the demolition of the Jubilee were rejected by WCC. However, there has been widespread support for the campaign to save the Jubilee with other 5,000 resident signatures.

Cllr Hogben proposed a motion to write to WCC to question why they are ignoring the voices of so many residents

**C.280** **RESOLVED** that the Council writes to the Chief Executive of Westminster City Council stating:

‘Nearly 6,000 residents petitioned against the demolition of the Jubilee and the Community Council passed a motion against it. QPCC supports a visionary and practical plan for a community Jubilee which Westminster has dismissed. In view of its public support of QPCC and local empowerment, the Council wishes to know why WCC is ignoring the voice of the people and the voice of the Community Council in Queen's Park’

(Cllrs Cowan, Fitzhugh and Rustin voted against this motion)

#### To consider any financial assistance to the campaign

At the last Council meeting, financial assistance towards the Save Our Jubilee campaign was discussed but no decisions were made. It was highlighted that the campaign believed that they were going to receive money from the Environment and Planning budget. However, no motion was passed and planning permission was then granted for the new Moberly development. It was decided that the Council should contribute retrospectively to the campaign due to the amount of public support it has received.

**C.281** **RESOLVED** that the Council give £5,000 towards the Save Our Jubilee campaign

(Cllrs Fernandes, Fitzhugh, Hogben and Rustin abstained)

### **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)

#### **Environment and Planning**

Cllr Cowan advised that the working party has been working on the Council's management specification for Queen's Park Gardens, which will go out for tender once WCC has agreed to it. The Director has been in contact a few times with WCC for the park budget. The Director is still working on an anti-

social dog strategy and waiting to hear back from the police and has been in contact with WCC about placing bike hangars in the area.

Cllr Fitzhugh informed the Council that a number of Cllrs met on Monday to consider the Neighbourhood Plan background report and that the next meeting being on November 3<sup>rd</sup>. She explained that the Council is a lot further along with their plan than other areas in London. There are monitors available from WCC for planning applications. The decision whether WCC has secured funds from the GLA for a community shop on the Harrow Road has been delayed until November.

#### **Communications and Events**

Cllr street surgeries are provisionally going ahead on October 24<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>. A working party for the fireworks had been formed but this should be a joint working group with the winter festival as well. The committee also agreed that the Director should send out a fortnightly update of Council activities. The Committee had also decided to host a winter social for cllrs and volunteers in December.

#### **Policy and Resources**

Cllr Singhate explained that the last meeting was mostly taken up with deciding on grant applications. Therefore, there are some policy related issues that need attention such as the hiring of casual staff, contracts and putting services out to tender. However, the grants process has been very popular with local residents and organisations but the process needs to be streamlined. Successful applicants are given an initial amount to begin their project but are required to provide the Council with a report before the second amount is released. The Council is also looking for members of the public to be on the grants panel to review applications.

#### **UPDATE FROM COUNCILLORS**

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

There were none

#### **COMMUNITY SHOP**

To discuss plans to host a community shop at 548 Harrow Road

The Council heard from Kristelle from WCC who explained that WCC had put in a bid for funding from the GLA for a community shop on the Harrow Road. The development would consist of a shop where people receiving benefits would be able to purchase discounted food as well as receive advice. There would also be a café. WCC explained that the cafe would be located at 548 Harrow Road and the shop would be located on Fernhead Road. Kristelle explained that the council resources would not be required to manage the shop and there would be partners providing benefit/welfare advice for members. The Council decided that they needed more information before making any decision and that it would be best to wait and see if WCC is successful in their funding application.

#### **BUSINESS PLAN**

Update on QPCC business plan

The Director advised that the business plan had been reviewed and revised in line with the Neighbourhood Plan. However, these changes need to be discussed with the working group. It was reemphasised that the neighbourhood plan sits within the business plan.

## **FINANCES**

### Update on Council finances from Director

The Director explained that the precept for 2015-2016 had been received which was £140,143. The current balance was £176,296.04. WCC need the precept amount for 2016-2017 by the end of January 2016. The general breakdown of expenditure for 2014-2015 was:

**Income:** £150,000

#### **Expenditure:**

Policy and Resources- £29,000

Communications and Events- £29,000

Neighbourhood and Planning- £5,000

Environment and Open Spaces- £0

**Total-** £63,000

## **STREET SURGERIES**

### To consider hosting Councillor street surgeries on the weekend

It was decided to postpone discussion of this item

**Meeting finished at 8pm**