

Minutes of a meeting of the **ENVIRONMENT and OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE**
held on **Wednesday 10th December 2014 at 6pm** in the **Beethoven Centre, Third Avenue, London W10 4JL**

PRESENT: Cllrs Cllrs. Katie Cowan, Emma Morgan, Emma Sweeney, Susanna Rustin, Ryan Dalton and Joe Fernandez.

Attending: Public after 6.20PM – Simon Walton and Raymond Lancashire.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Eartha Pond

Linda Butcher – Director : unwell

DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

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 Katie Cowan declared a Personal Interest as Chair of Friends of Queen's Park Gardens

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.

As it hadn't been possible to notify the Public attendees of the change in time of the meeting this was postponed to be the last item of the agenda at which point no new items were raised.

MINUTES

Minutes of the Environment and Open Spaces meeting – 22nd October 2014

E&OS.134

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Environment and Open Spaces Meeting held on 22nd October 2014 be taken as read, confirmed as a correct record and would be signed by the Chairman in the presence of the Director at a future meeting.

CLEAN UP QUEEN'S PARK DAY

Report on meeting with Veolia

Brief verbal report on a very positive meeting between Katie Cowan and Billy Brooker of Veolia. Veolia are very much able to support the event as outlined in the Draft Plan document and simply need information back from the QPCC on timing and day details etc. Does seem that given Veolia's relationship with Westminster City

Council that some requests that might otherwise take substantial time and negotiation to arrange will be easily sorted.

Discuss suggested dates and time frame for the day

E&OS.135 **RESOLVED** that either Saturday 28 February or Saturday 7 March would be good days and link to a bit of a Spring Clean. First day is preferable. Some discussion as to whether it should be an entire weekend or single day.

E&OS.136 **RESOLVED** that this would be a single day to guarantee maximum support and impact – possibly separated into two sessions 10am to 1pm and 2pm to 4.30pm. Need to come up with a confirmed name for the activities/event as a priority – currently Clean Up Queen's Park!

Arrange for Working Party meeting early in 2015

Ideas for drumming up local support and volunteers – how to reach local schools, children and young adults. [These two agenda items were taken together]

Following areas identified as priorities:-

- Pre-event – Liaison with Veolia and any other parties involved. Katie happy to lead on Veolia link.

- Volunteer recruitment and coordination on the day.

Critical part of the day, need a Working Party member to lead on this. Emma Morgan to supply contact details for Project Challenge link. Emma Sweeny to talk to Community Champions. Ryan mentioned that some type of incentive (such as an iPad) might help with motivation – need to think through how this might be used.

- Communication and event publicity – Katie and Susanna can liaise regularly to ensure this is fed through to the Communications and Events Committee. Queen's Park Voice front page already allocated for mid-February distribution. Communications link person allocated by Veolia and Katie to follow up on this and type of promotional flier that can be arranged with them – possibly a fold out poster for windows. Try to follow styling of the Queen's Park Voice for any promotional literature rather than allowing anything to look too Westminster City Council produced.

E&OS.137 **RESOLVED** Working Party previously confirmed as Katie Cowan, Emma Sweeny, Eartha Pond and Emma Morgan.

Also mentioned – t-shirts, informing local schools.

- Legacy action – potential collaboration between Veolia and QPCC improved and permanent street signage about rubbish dumping,

dog poo etc. Can schools (primary or secondary) perhaps be involved with this as they are in Kensington & Chelsea. Local schools art competition potentially for signage designs but we must follow through on this – has been mention of similar action in the past that didn't materialise into action. Possible application for Ward Budget to assist with this activity.

- Discussion of feasibility of dog poo bins in the area – research to be done on current thinking on this versus mixed bins currently in action with Westminster.

- Mention of whether this should also be a launch pad for a re-launch of the Front Gardens Competition that has seen dwindling entry levels without the people power that PDT could give it previously. Some FQPG volunteers have already offered to help more in promotion of this event. Approach seed company to seek a donation that we can give out seeds on the day.

E&OS.138 **RESOLVED** to make the competition relevant for all local residents with extension of categories to balconies etc.

Other discussions included the wish to improve prizes (see whether RHS will supply tickets to Chelsea/Veolia might sponsor a prize). Emma M to follow up with Katie C on similar activities in White City that we can learn from including a Community Training initiative for local residents run from Trafford Hall and a Tool Sharing Scheme.

Involving other local bodies and groups [while keeping this a QPCC, Friends and Veolia initiative, locally driven.

Discussion of expression of interest by other bodies involved with these issues in the area, follow up with Klaudia Green, Community Protection Officer, Nuno Reiss and Daniel Corp as well as City Councillors. While welcoming additional involvement and support it is important to maintain this as a local community initiative and not Westminster-driven.

FRIENDS OF QUEEN'S PARK GARDENS

AGM Agenda and minutes to circulate for informational purposes.

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Meeting closed at 7pm.

Additional documentation supporting minutes: Painting Dog Poo in Camden article from Time Out, photo of signage using positive wording and children's illustration in Kensington & Chelsea.