

Minutes of a meeting of the **ENVIRONMENT and OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE**
held on **Wednesday 18th February at 6pm** in the **Beethoven Centre, Third Avenue, London W10 4JL**

PRESENT: Cllrs. Katie Cowan (Chairman), Emma Sweeney, Susanna Rustin, Ryan Dalton and Joe Fernandes.

Also in attendance: Mike Simpson- Director
2 members of the public

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Eartha Pond
Cllr Emma Morgan

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.

Crissie Chambers requested that the Council considered commissioning her services to deal with dog issues in the area, mainly defecation and dogs without leads.

E&OS.162 **RESOLVED** that Crissie would devise a programme to tackle dog issues in the area for the Committee to consider at their next meeting.

MINUTES

Minutes of the Environment and Open Spaces meeting – 10th December 2014

E&OS. 163 **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Environment and Open Spaces Meeting held on 10th December 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 current progress from Chairman

The date for the Clean Up Day was confirmed as Saturday 18th April. It was reported that Westminster Council was not receptive to the current plans for the Clean Up Day but QPCC will continue with them over the forthcoming weeks. Katie Cowan had a positive meeting with Veolia's Communications Manager, Dan Lester, who said that Veolia would be able to provide the majority of the resources for the day.

Request that Cllrs suggest which local groups should be notified about the day and who should be invited to participate more fully

E&OS.164 **RESOLVED** that Cllrs should email the Director detailing which organisations they would like to be involved and that a meeting will be subsequently arranged with those groups.

Request that the relaunch of the Front Gardens Competition is aligned with Chelsea Fringe Festival and to hold judging during that period

Chairman reported that the Chelsea Fringe Festival would be delighted for QPCC to be involved and that it could enter for a £30 fee.

E&OS.165 **RESOLVED** that the Front Gardens Competition (also known as Queens Park in Bloom) be entered into the Chelsea Fringe Festival (16th May- 7th June).

E&OS.166 **RESOLVED** that QPCC would pay the £30 fee to enter the Chelsea Fringe Festival.

Discuss including Westminster Council's 'Recycling Champions' programme as part of the Clean Up Day

Westminster Council has identified Queen's Park as an area that they would like to include as part of their Recycling Champions programme.

E&OS.167 **RESOLVED** that QPCC would invite Emma Cross from Westminster Council to present more information about the programme to the Council at their next meeting.

Discuss potential future action resulting from the Clean Up Day

QPCC has already spoken to Veolia about co-sponsoring signs for the area. Including information about dog related issues for future events was also discussed as well as recruiting more volunteers to help.

EXPERIAN MATCH FUNDING OPPORTUNITY

Confirmation of action taken by Director relating to funding application for Sound Sculptures for Queen's Park Gardens

The Director confirmed that the application for Experian funding for the sound sculptures had been submitted on Friday 13th February.

QUEEN'S PARK GARDENS

Discuss formation of a sub-committee relating to the management of Queen's Park Gardens

E&OS.168 **RESOLVED** that the decision to form a sub-committee relating to the management of Queen's Park Gardens should be considered by the full Council at their next meeting.

Meeting closed at 6.45pm.