

QUEEN'S PARK COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the **ENVIRONMENT and OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE** held on Wednesday 22nd October 2014 at 6pm in Office 1, Beethoven Centre, Third Avenue, Queen's Park, London W10 4JL.

PRESENT Cllrs Katie Cowan, Ryan Dalton, Joe Fernandes, Eartha Pond, Susanna Rustin and Emma Sweeney

In attendance: Linda Butcher, Director
3 members of the public
Ted Flanagan, PDT

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – 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 Chairman of the 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.

MINUTES

Minutes of the Environment and Open Spaces meeting – 16th July 2014

E&OS.099 RESOLVED that the minutes of the Environment and Open Spaces Meeting held on 16th July 2014 be taken as read, confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

The Chairman advised a change in the order of the agenda in order to deal with items where visitors were in attendance.

ALLOTMENTS

Harrington Court Allotments (an updated report had been provided by Ted Flanagan)

It was reported that plot holders do not currently pay and that they had not been asked if they would be prepared to contribute. There are 6 or 7 people on the waiting list. The area is owned by Genesis Housing Association

To consider whether or not QPCC would wish to take on the management of these allotments

E&OS.100 RESOLVED that Queen's Park Community Council does wish to take on the management of the allotments and the Director will obtain further information before the Council finalises an agreement.

The Chairman wished to record her thanks to Ray Lancashire and Ted Flanagan for all their work during the last year.

REPORTS

Queen's Park Gardens

Report from Parks Meeting with Gill Fitzhugh and Dave Sear – the Chairman's report had been circulated to all committee members and it contained a proposal to consider inviting Westminster Parks to attend the February committee meeting. Following further discussions it was

E&OS.101 RESOLVED to invite Parks Department to a meeting early next year.

Westminster Dog Forum (report sent with agenda). Further details will be available following the London Friends Network. Members were disappointed at the number of people who attended the Forum but it was felt this was partly due to the timing of the event. The Director was asked to ensure that Klaudia was informed about this so next time it can be at a better time.

There was a question as to whether we could provide poo bags at the Beethoven Centre and the Library.

The Director advised the committee that if the Council so wished it could fund a dog warden as it has the power.

QUEEN'S PARK

Keep Queen's Park Tidy Day (draft proposal submitted from Chairman)

It was AGREED that we should form a Working Party to co-ordinate one highly visible day and to work with Veolia. We would need volunteers to have a new start in the Spring but continue to work with Scott of Veolia.

E&OS.102 RESOLVED to take on Keep Queen's Park Tidy next Spring.

The working Party would comprise Cllrs Emma Sweeney, Eartha Pond and Katie Cowan.

'SAVE OUR PARKS' Campaign

Information on nationwide campaign –
<http://www.natfedparks.org.uk/parks-petition.html>

It was noted that there are now 5,000 groups.

The meeting closed at 7.15pm