

QUEEN'S PARK COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the **ENVIRONMENT AND PLANNING COMMITTEE** held on **Wednesday 9th September 2015 at 6.30pm at Office 1, Beethoven Centre, W10 4JL**

PRESENT Cllrs, Katie Cowan, Ryan Dalton, Joe Fernandes, Gill Fitzhugh Julius Hogben, Emma Morgan, Eartha Pond and Emma Sweeney

Also in attendance Mike Simpson – Director
 Rute Ferreria- Publica
 Astrid- Friends of Queen's Park Gardens
 Ray- Friends of Queen's Park Gardens
 Tim Starley Granger- Westminster City Council

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Philip Andokou

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 Hogben declared a personal interest in the Jubilee Sports Centre as one of the lead campaigners attempting to prevent its closure.

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.

There were none

MINUTES

Minutes of the Environment and Planning meeting – 15th July 2015

N&P.270

RESOLVED that the that the minutes of the Environment and Planning Meeting held on 15th July 2015 be taken as read, confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

VISIT OF TIM STARLEY GRANGER

Talk from Westminster City Council regarding sustainability and the neighbourhood plan

Tim Starley Granger is the Energy Strategy Officer at Westminster Council and attended the Committee meeting to discuss sustainability and how it might tie in

with the Community Council's Neighbourhood Plan. Tim informed the Council that Westminster reduced carbon emissions by 20.12% by 2012 which had a large amount to do with the type of works carried out in the Mozart Estate, such as cavity wall insulation. Tim explained that cavity wall insulation in modern houses is easier as no planning consent required but older houses face legal issues. He also said that if a property is not in a conservation area then changes can be made without planning permission via permitted development rights. If windows are replaced in a conservation area then they have to be similar in appearance. Solar panels and tiles can also be installed with permitted development rights but there are restrictions for listed buildings. Solar tiles on a house can save approximately £2,500 and would save £150 on bills a year. Tim also informed the Committee that Section 106 agreements can allocate money for reducing carbon emissions and adapting houses. The Chair thanked Tim for his useful advice and suggested that a follow up meeting is arranged.

JUBILEE UPDATE

Policy and Scrutiny Committee Sept.3rd

It was decided that a proper update on the Jubilee should be provided at the Council meeting

Invitation to meet Richard Barker

Following the decision to proceed with the Jubilee/Moberly plans, Westminster Council invited the Council to discuss a community plan going forward. It was decided that the Director would write to Richard Barker requesting 3 possible dates for a meeting.

SHOP RENTAL REPORT

Report from working party

The following report was provided by the working party to discuss the future of 548 Harrow Road:

Cllr Fitzhugh informed everyone about the difficult and inconclusive discussions with the owner of 548 Harrow Road. Cllr Fernandes advised asking Westways to recommend a fair rent for 548

Cllr Fitzhugh informed the meeting about WCC's offer to fund a shop for 3 years and the GLA's offer to provide consultancy advice on curating the shop.

Cllr Fitzhugh informed the meeting about WCC's proposal to run a community shop and support services and that she was having a meeting about it that week.

The meeting unanimously agreed that a shop would be great but only if:

- It fits in with our aims as outlined in our Business Plan and Neighbourhood Plan
- We have a clear plan for managing the shop
- We have a clearly written and agreed business plan for the shop

REPORT RE BIKE HANGAR INITIATIVE

The working party informed the Committee that they had subsequently met with resident, Chris Bowen who introduced the proposal to the Committee. The next steps are to meet the Cycling Officer at Westminster and discover any potential planning difficulties.

QUEEN'S PARK GARDENS

Update on Queen's Park Gardens

Continental support for Queen's Park Gardens will end in April 2016. The working party was in the process of creating a sample project brief for the management of the gardens, which will be finished by end of the September. This will be shared with WCC and if agreed will be used to tender services. It was strongly suggested that the Council recruit professional help with plans for the future management of the gardens.

THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Update on progress of the Queen's Park Neighbourhood Plan

Over 350 local people visited the pop up shop at 548 Harrow Road 'On the Street' where 15 workshops were hosted to find out residents' views on how they would like Queens Park developed. This built on all the work the Council had done previously at Summer Festivals and through questionnaires. The booklet 'your views and ideas about the future of Queen's Park' summarises what the public said.

Publica have produced a 'background report' which collates all past and present consultations and suggests projects and policies. However, it is only a background document and not the finished plan.

It was decided that the Director and Chair of the Committee meet to discuss how the Neighbourhood Plan fits in with the Business Plan. Once comments on the report have been received and fed back in, Publica can then start to create the Neighbourhood Plan.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- N&P.271** **RESOLVED** that the Committee has no objection to application 15/06908/FULL
- N&P.272** **RESOLVED** that the Committee has no objection to application 15/06922/FULL
- N&P.273** **RESOLVED** that the Committee agrees with WCC that two rooflights should be erected, not three regarding application 15/06795/FULL
- N&P.274** **RESOLVED** that the Council has no objection to application 15/03369/FULL but have some concerns about the height of the building so near to St John's church
- N&P.275** **RESOLVED** that the Committee has no objection to application 15/07551/FULL

The meeting ended at 8pm

