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QUEEN'S PARK COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Council held in the Beethoven Centre, Third Avenue, London W10 4JL on
Wednesday 19 July 2017 commencing at 18:00.

Present: Councillors Susanna Rustin (Chair), Katie Cowan, Gill Fitzhugh, Ryan Dalton, Angela Singhate, and Emma Sweeney.

Also present: Lindsey Brown, Community Development Officer; Kevin Harris, Chief Officer; and one member of the public.

The Chair opened the meeting at 18:06.

044-17/18 Apologies for absence – no apologies for absence were received.

045-17/18 Declarations of interest – there were no declarations of interest.

046-17/18 The minutes of the Annual Council Meeting held 21 June 2017 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the chairman.

Councillor Emma Sweeney entered the meeting at 18:08.

047-17/18 Public Session. Crissie Chambers reported an incident with a violent dog; and that a hawk had been seen over Queens Park Gardens.

048-17/18 Casual vacancy. RESOLVED that people interested in being co-opted onto Council should apply to the Chief Officer; and that they should not be required to provide references.

Councillor Katie Cowan entered the meeting at 18:22.

The following process was AGREED:

Applicants will be invited to apply by 6 September sending a one-page application describing themselves and their connection to the area; and outlining how they feel they could contribute to the governance of Queen's Park.

Anonymised applications will then be sent to all councillors. All applicants will then be invited to a pre-meeting of Council on 20 September 2017, to give a short presentation and answer questions; the successful candidate then to attend Council meeting at 18:30.

The Chair proposed taking Item 51 before 49.

051-17/18 Working Groups

Summer Festival

The Community Development Officer reported on progress in organising the summer festival. Councillors were asked to volunteer at the QPCC stall during the day, and for one to accompany the attending City Council dignitary.

Grants

Successful applicants to the Grants Programme have been notified. Issues concerning unpaid amounts from the 2016-2017 programme remain to be resolved. The Council's position on paying grants to individuals to be clarified in time for next year's programme.

The Voice

The latest issue was due and would be delivered during w/b 24 July.

Planning Applications

A meeting had been held with Westminster City Council planning officers. The guide on planning applications for houses in the Avenues conservation area is in late draft.

Youth Involvement

This working group has been put on hold.

Councillor Ryan Dalton left the meeting at 19:07.

Environment and Open Spaces

Two funding opportunities, for the Hut in Queen's Park Gardens, are proving positive and being pursued.

Neighbourhood Planning

A short digest version of the Plan is being prepared. The consultation process will take place in autumn.

Forward Planning

The group has not yet met.

049-17/18 Appeals Committee – Councillor Angela Singhate was appointed as a member of the Appeals Committee.

050-17/18 Planning Applications – AGREED that the recommendation of the working group be accepted.

The meeting closed at 19:25.

Councillor S Rustin
Chairman