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QUEEN'S PARK COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Council held at the Avenues Youth Centre, 3-7 Third Avenue
London W10 4RS on **Wednesday 20 September 2017** commencing at 18:30.

Present: Councillors Susanna Rustin (Chair), Katie Cowan, Ryan Dalton, Gill Fitzhugh, Nasima Khanom, Eartha Pond and Emma Sweeney.

Also present: Kevin Harris, Chief Officer; and two members of the public.

The chairman opened the meeting at 18:35. The meeting had been preceded by the co-option of Councillor Nasima Khanom and the chairman welcomed her to her first meeting.

052-17/18 Apologies for absence – apologies for absence were received from Councillors Emma Morgan and Angela Singhate.

053-17/18 Declarations of interest – there were no declarations of interest.

054-17/18 The minutes of the Council Meeting held 19 July 2017 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the chairman.

055-17/18 Public Session – there were no issues raised by members of the public.

056-17/18 2018-2019 budget. AGREED that councillors should contribute suggestions and proposals for budget priorities in time for the Chief Officer to prepare a draft budget in October 2017. This will be prepared alongside an updated business plan, which will be separate but linked to the budget.

057-17/18 Events Working Group. AGREED that an Events Working Group be formed to replace the Summer Festival working group and other event working groups; to be coordinated by the Community Development Officer.

The following dates for events were **AGREED**:

5 November – Fireworks

9 December – Winter Festival

13 December – Winter Social, 18:30-20:30 at the Hub.

058-17/18 Working groups

Neighbourhood Planning

Air quality - Ray Lancashire presented results of research carried out in June 2017 measuring air quality in the ward. European legal limits were reached or exceeded in all 20 study locations except Queen's Park Gardens. The schools and library are in highly polluted areas. Awareness-raising and anti-idling programmes were discussed as next steps.

Councillor Sweeney left the meeting at 19:27 and returned at 19:30.

AGREED that a press release of the study should be issued by the council and that the findings should be reported to Westminster City Council and the Greater London Authority.

Neighbourhood Plan - Councillor Fitzhugh reported that a 20 page summary of the Neighbourhood Plan is now available and a shorter summary will be published in the *Voice*. The consultation period will run from 23 October until 4 December; with open meetings on 1 November and 13 November.

Canal Terrace - consultation had been carried out at the summer festival concerning the canal terrace. Responses favoured development of the garden and a pop-up café.

Harrow Road forecourts - Westminster City Council have announced their intention to enforce the law against illegal trading on the Harrow Road. Councillors were not in support of this decision. **AGREED** that the council will write asking to see the evidence on which it is based and seek views of local businesses and residents on this development.

Planning Applications

The Planning Information Guidance document has been approved by planning officers at Westminster City Council and will be published soon.

AGREED that the recommendations of the working group regarding planning applications should be accepted.

Forward Planning

The group will meet in October to prioritise the Chief Officer's work in the coming months.

The Voice

The working group has met and decided on contents for the autumn issue linked to the Fireworks event.

Environment and Open Spaces

Councillor Cowan reported very positive responses to the council's consultation on the use of the bike shelters on Ilbert Street.

Discussions have progressed with Willmott Dixon for possible provision of engineering, construction and procedural expertise for the development of the Hut in Queen's Park Gardens.

Soil testing has been carried out in anticipation of new planting for the community orchard. Apple Day festivities are planned for 14 October.

The summer's Front Gardens competition was regarded as a great success, with 200 winners and 60 households collecting prize plants at the festival.

A member of the public mentioned that police had carried out weapons searches, with volunteer support, and at least one knife had been found.

The meeting closed at 20:00.