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QUEEN'S PARK COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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

Present: Councillors Katie Cowan, Ryan Dalton, Gill Fitzhugh, Nasima Khanom, Angela Singhate, Emma Sweeney and two members of the public.

Also present: Lindsey Brown, Community Development Officer and Kevin Harris, Chief Officer.

In the absence of the Chairman and Deputy Chairman, Councillor Emma Sweeney was elected as Chairman of the meeting. The meeting commenced at 18:10.

059-17/18 Apologies for absence – apologies for absence were received from Councillors Susanna Rustin, Eartha Pond, Emma Morgan, Julius Hogben and Philip Andokou.

060-17/18 Declarations of interest – as a recipient of funding support from Willmott Dixon, Councillor Ryan Dalton declared an interest in item 068, with reference to the Environment and Open Spaces working group.

061-17/18 The minutes of the Council Meeting held 20 August 2017 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the chairman.

062-17/18 Public session – a member of the public observed that the council is working well and offered congratulations. Another member of the public wished to draw attention to the value of The Avenues Project.

063-17/18 Casual vacancy – it was **AGREED** that an open recruitment process should be carried out, should there be no calls for an election following the disqualification of Councillor Fernandes. Applications will be required by 9 November, with members of council interviewing candidates if necessary in a pre-meeting on 15 November.

The Chairman deferred item 64 as there was no member of the council present who was eligible for the Appeals Committee.

065-17/18 Avenues Youth Project – council received a verbal report from the director of The Avenues Youth Project, noting that funding targets had been over-optimistic and the funding contributed by the council is the only public funding received.

Councillor Ryan Dalton left the meeting at 18:48.

He argued that the council's contribution sends a strong message of community support and this is recognised locally.

Councillor Ryan Dalton returned to the room at 18:51.

The Chairman thanked the director for his report. Confirmation of the council's funding contribution to the project for 2018-2019 was **AGREED**.

066-17/18 2018-2019 budget - the Chief Officer proposed a revised plan with a draft budget to be provided to council at their November meeting.

067-17/18 The Voice – AGREED that an additional edition of *The Voice* will be produced in February-March 2018. A virement of £548.62 from the Events budget to the Voice budget was **AGREED**.

Councillor Nasima Khan entered the meeting at 19:04.

064-17/18 Appeals Committee - Councillor Nasima Khan was elected as a member of the Appeals Committee.

068-17/18 Working groups

Grants – the next deadline is in January. Clarity is needed regarding some unclaimed grants, so that the working group can take decisions on the basis of spend so far.

Planning Applications - the working group's recommendations were **AGREED**, with an additional comment regarding application 08223 (bicycle stores) from Councillor Katie Cowan, that council would be supportive of any additional design elements alongside the bike hangars, and would be able to incorporate such improvements in our existing enhanced parks management contract.

Events – Sponsorship and ward funding for the Fireworks event have been secured. Councillors were invited to volunteer on the night. Planning for the winter festival is underway. Sponsorship for an ice rink is being explored.

Environment and Open Spaces – written report attached. The Chief Officer was asked to follow up on the walkabout with Councillor David Harvey.

Neighbourhood Planning – written report attached. The summary plan is in publication. Councillors were asked to encourage residents to give views on the Harrow Road forecourts. The ownership of Queen's Park Hall is under review: **AGREED** that a representative be invited to the November meeting.

Forward Planning – the group is directing the work of the Chief Officer.

069-17/18 Candidate recruitment for 2018 elections – the Chief Officer outlined a programme to be carried out by the officers, to encourage local people to stand for council in May 2018 and raise awareness among electors.

070-17/18 Website – the Chief Officer reported on the likely cost of a revision of the website. The justification for this overhaul was supported by councillors. A full proposal will be presented to council in November.

071-17/18 Public art working group – AGREED that Mark Fisher be appointed as Champion of Public Art. This role will contribute to the Environment and Open Spaces working group.

The meeting closed at 20:01.