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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 15 November 2017** commencing at 18:00.

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

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

*The meeting commenced at 18:09.*

**072-17/18 Casual vacancy** – Leslie Barson was co-opted to the council to fill the casual vacancy that had arisen.

**073-17/18 Apologies for absence** – apologies for absence were received from Councillors Philip Andokou, Ryan Dalton, Emma Morgan, Angela Singhate and Emma Sweeney.

**074-17/18 Declarations of interest** – there were no declarations of interest.

**075-17/18 The minutes** of the Council Meeting held 18 October 2017 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the chairman.

**076-17/18 Public session** – there were no questions, representations or petitions from members of the public.

**077-17/18 2018-2019 budget and business plan** – the Chief Officer presented a draft business plan for 2018-2020 and draft budget for 2018-2019. The need for work on economic development was noted. A proposed Queen's Park celebration event was discussed in terms of awareness-raising.

*Councillor Eartha Pond entered the room at 18:35.*

Councillors felt that there was a case for a series of low key events around the ward over the course of a week in the lead-up to elections in May 2018.

The 2018-2019 budget is subject to different options for salaries, which were explained.

*The Chief Officer and Community Development Officer left the room at 18:55 and the public gallery was cleared. The officers and the member of the public returned at 19:00.*

**AGREED:** councillors will provide feedback on the salary options to Councillor Katie Cowan by 30 November 2017. A decision will be taken at the next meeting of the HR Committee.

Councillors were asked to provide comments and feedback on the business plan and draft budget to the Chief Officer by the end of December. Contradictory comments will be reconciled either by a meeting of councillors or a special meeting of Council.

The Chair drew councillors' attention to councillor allowances and their right to claim for expenses incurred in the performance of their duties. Guidance will be re-circulated.

**078-17/18 Website - AGREED:** a virement of £3,500 was approved from staff costs for the design and build of a new website. The officers were delegated to progress this work based on the revised site map previously agreed, and to report back to council in due course.

#### **079-17/18 Working groups**

**Environment and Open Spaces** – the group is awaiting a response from Willmott and Dixon regarding a timeframe and logistics for the hut project in Queen's Park Gardens. Plans for the community orchard had been circulated and discussed with Westminster City Council. Metal railings, proposed to replace damaged fencing, could cost between £12,000 and £15,000: Council is not able to contribute to these costs but is in favour.

**Events** – the Community Development Officer was congratulated on her organisation of a successful fireworks event. An estimated 3,000 people attended. Plans for this year's winter festival include promotion of an environmental message.

**Neighbourhood Planning** – the *Planning Information Guide* is ready for publication and Ann Lewis was thanked for her work on it. Councillors were asked to draw attention to any non-compliance with the regulations in the Avenues area. Councillors were asked to advise of any local groups who could be approached to contribute to the consultation on the Neighbourhood Plan.

Responses to the consultation for or against shutting down forecourts on the Harrow Road are fairly evenly distributed. **AGREED:** Councillor Fitzhugh will write to Councillor Cox at Westminster City Council suggesting a trial period of self-regulation. Muf Akay who runs All Stars Boxing Club at Queen's Park Hall will be invited to attend Council in the future. Discussion of proposals regarding Canal Terrace was deferred.

**Planning Applications** – comments on two applications were approved.

**The Voice** – the Spring issue will be smaller than usual and include a summary of achievements of the past four years.

*The meeting closed at 20:09.*