



QUEEN'S PARK COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Council held at the Beethoven Centre, Third Avenue
London W10 4JL on **Wednesday 21 March 2018** commencing at 18:00.

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

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

The meeting commenced at 18:04.

103-17/18 Apologies for absence – apologies were received from Councillor Emma Morgan.

104-17/18 Declarations of interest – there were no declarations of interest.

105-17/18 The minutes of the Council Meeting held 21 February 2018 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the chairman.

Councillor Katie Cowan entered the meeting at 18:06.

106-17/18 Public session – one member of the public mentioned her role as a community interpreter and thanked the council for previous support through a community grant.

Councillor Angela Singhate entered the meeting at 18:09.

107-17/18 Strategic plan - the Strategic Plan will be published on the website, and paper copies can be printed on demand. Acknowledging that the plan will be subject to revision by the new council, councillors were asked to send suggested revisions to the Chief Officer by Friday 30 March, with the final version to be adopted at council in April.

108-17/18 Dog strategy – the purpose of the council's dog strategy was reviewed. Crissie Chambers reported on activities carried out under the contract including advice and support for dog owners. She has recently succeeded in establishing awareness-raising sessions in schools and the library; and pet-therapy sessions for older people. Cllr Cowan expressed thanks for a year of successful work. Renewal of the contract for 12 months was **agreed**.

109-17/18 Pop Up Fund – Cllr Rustin clarified the difference between this scheme and the Community Grants. The terms and conditions were **agreed**.

110-17/18 Planning applications delegation - timing of council meetings does not always allow approval of the working group's recommendations before planning deadlines. It was **agreed** that when this happens the Convenor of the Planning Applications working group be delegated to make a

decision, having taken into account the group's recommendations; and for the Chief Officer to upload them to the WCC planning portal, reporting to council at the next meeting thereafter.

111-17/18 Office rent – the Chief Officer advised that the office rental would be renewed for 2 years.

112-17/18 Citizen-led engagement project – the Community Development Officer has been collaborating with Working With Men on this GLA-funded community-based research project about perceptions of culture. It was suggested that some of the Queen's Park participants be invited to give a presentation at the Annual Meeting of Electors in May.

113-17/18 Air quality – the work on air quality carried out in 2017 was reviewed. Terms of reference for a new group will be proposed at the April meeting of council. All working group terms of reference will also be reviewed then; to be approved, and membership agreed, at the annual meeting of council.

114-17/18 Working groups

Environment and Open Spaces – eight fruit trees will be planted in the community orchard on 24 March. The planting day has been well-publicised and several of the trees have been sponsored. New railings had been fitted alongside Queen's Park Gardens on Fourth Avenue: these allow visibility into the park and are easily maintained. There are no plans to extend the same design around the rest of Queen's Park Gardens. Some new planting along the inside of the railings will be discussed with HCGA.

Councillor Ryan Dalton entered the meeting at 18:50.

Cllr Cowan reported that responses to the latest proposals for the Hut had been sent to Willmott Dixon. The first attempt to attract funding for the project had not been successful.

Planning Applications – the recommendation of the working group was **agreed**.

Neighbourhood Planning – the plan has been completed and responses from external agencies are due by 5 April. An application for exemption from the Habitat Regulation Assessment has been made. Cllrs Barson, Cowan and Fitzhugh had attended a meeting of the Harrow Road Steering Group and the importance of participation with this group was stressed. It was reported that Westminster City Council will close down use of the shop forecourts, although the process will be carried out more sensitively than was previously implied. Cllr Fitzhugh reported that the court case relating to the sale of Queen's Park Hall had been postponed until summer.

The Voice – no edition is currently in production.

Events – the group will meet in early April to prepare for the year's events.

Grants – revised terms of reference will be drafted, to be approved by the working group and finalised at the April meeting of council, ready for the May meeting. It was suggested that these terms of reference, and those of the working groups, should be cross-referenced to the vision statement in the strategic plan.

Forward Planning – a meeting of the group is planned in April.

115-17/18 Financial report – the Chief Officer's report was received.

The meeting closed at 19:16.