



Council
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044-055, 18-19

Queen's Park Community Council

Minutes of the Meeting of Council held at the Beethoven Centre, Third Avenue

London W10 4JL on **Wednesday 18 July 2018** commencing at 18:00.

Present: Councillors Gill Fitzhugh (Chair), Ray Lancashire, Orrel Lawrence, John McArdle, Brian Nicholas, Susanna Rustin, and Stella Wilson.

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

The meeting began at 18:05.

044-18/19 Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Leslie Barson, Ryan Dalton, and Emma Sweeney.

045-18/19 Declarations of interest – there were no declarations of interest.

046-18/19 Minutes of the previous meeting – the minutes of the Council Meeting held 20 June 2018 were approved and signed by the Chair.

047-18/19 Public session – a member of the public asked council to address the problem of littering and called for a 'Minister for Streets'.

An enquiry was expressed concerning the need for improvements to the council website. The Chief Officer explained the cause of the delay in the redevelopment and reported that momentum had been recovered.

Council was asked about the recent Westminster City Council Leader's breakfast meeting. The Chair reported that she had attended together with the Chief Officer and found it a very positive occasion.

A comment by a WCC officer was passed on to council praising the quality of the Neighbourhood Plan and the Planning Information Guide.

A member of the public noted that the recent dog incident in Queen's Park Gardens raised concerns about young people with bull-breed dogs using the space in the evenings.

048-18/19 Dog incident and dog strategy – Crissie Chambers, the council's dog behaviour adviser, was in attendance and confirmed that times of dog patrols are varied but there is a need for more evening patrols.

Cllr Stella Wilson entered the room at 1827.

Cllr Nicholas asked if there should be a restraint on dogs being in the park at all. Cllr Rustin suggested that the matter should be referred to the Environment and Open

Spaces working group. The budget for the overall dog strategy had been reduced to £3,000 in the current budget. It was **agreed** to increase the number of hours allocated for dog patrols through an increase from reserves to the previous amount (£3450) at least until the budget is agreed for next year.

049-18/19 Financial report – the Chief Officer’s report was approved.

050-18/19 Councillor induction – it was felt that the value of the first induction session had been more in terms of team-building than as a practical exercise. It was felt to be important that the second session includes more practical content.

051-18/19 Office location – the Chair and officers have been considering alternative premises and negotiations might accelerate. In view of the possible need to take decisions at short notice, and the two-month period before the next council meeting, it was **agreed** that Cllrs Fitzhugh and McArdle, together with the Chief Officer, could take appropriate decisions in order to progress the relocation. Financial reserves could be used and thereby reduced in line with the auditor’s recommendation.

052-18/19 Summer festival – the Community Development Officer reported that plans for the summer festival are on schedule with 35 activities and stalls booked, and greater emphasis on safety and security requirements. A Temporary Structures License may be needed for the stage. It was **agreed** to vire £1,000 to cover this license, from income generated through the Citizen Led Engagement project. Suggestions were put forward for the council’s stall at the festival: Cllrs Wilson, Fitzhugh and Lancashire will liaise with the Community Development Officer.

053-18/19 Pop Up Fund – a resident had requested funding for food and drink for a street party on Kilravock Street. Funding of £200 was approved. Cllrs Nicholas and Wilson offered to attend the event on the council’s behalf.

054-18/19 Working groups – the Chair asked the coordinators of all groups to begin to prepare plans for the coming year.

Air Quality group – funding proposals for green schools are being developed with the London Sustainability Exchange. The group’s action plan includes raising public awareness of air quality issues.

Events – the group is currently overseeing the organisation of the summer festival.

Planning Applications – there were no applications to report, although several are expected in August.

Neighbourhood Plan – more changes are required to the plan and a meeting has been scheduled in August with city council officers. Cllr Fitzhugh reported that there had been technicalities over the lease for Queen’s Park Hall. All Stars Gym are being charged £45,000 costs, requiring a fund-raising exercise.

Public and Community Arts – councillors were asked to help identify young residents who were passionate about the arts, to join the working group.

Cllr Rustin left the meeting at 19:35.

Cllr Fitzhugh mentioned that both Kindred Arts and the Print Studio are being sold and closed down. This puts pressure on the group to generate activity.

The Voice – the latest issue has gone to print. Councillors were asked to help with distribution. A lighter paper is now being used, it is still FSC-approved and the change will result in savings.

Cllr Rustin returned to the meeting at 19:42.

Cllr Rustin asked for feedback on *The Voice* to be gathered at the QPCC festival stall.

055-18/19 Officers' report – phone and broadband provision has been changed from BT to Onecom. Delays in the overhaul of the website have been overcome. Together with Cllr Lancashire and Cllr Lawrence, the Chief Officer had attended a GLA event on loneliness and social isolation. The topic was felt to belong with the proposed Social Action working group and a full discussion was deferred.

The chair circulated current plans for sports provision at the Jubilee Centre, showing a large sports hall with flats above. The Moberley Centre has opened officially, although residents had reported receiving invitations a day late.

The meeting closed at 19:56.