



Council

30 January 2019

18-19: 116-133

Queen's Park Community Council

Minutes of the Meeting of Council

held at the Beethoven Centre, Third Avenue. London W10 4JL

on **Wednesday 30 January 2019** commencing at 18:00.

Present: Councillors Gill Fitzhugh (Chair), Ryan Dalton, Ray Lancashire, Orrel Lawrence, John McArdle, Brian Nicholas, Eartha Pond, Susanna Rustin, and Emma Sweeney.

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

The meeting began at 18:03.

116-18/19 Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Alfrena Barbé, Leslie Barson and Stella Wilson.

117-18/19 Declarations of interest – there were none.

118-18/19 Minutes of the previous meeting – the minutes of the special meeting of the Council held 12 December 2018 were agreed and signed by the Chair. It was agreed that online communications should be added to the agenda for the next meeting.

119-18/19 Public session – it was reported that poison had been put down in Queen's Park Gardens and at least one dog has been affected. An advisory workshop for dog owners has been organised.

A representative of the Queen's Park Bangladeshi Association expressed interest in working with the council.

Tree bases around Queen's Park need to be cleaned and cut back: this item will be referred to the Environment & Open Spaces group.

Councillors Orrel Lawrence and Ryan Dalton entered the meeting at 18:10.

120-18/19 Financial report – the List of payments, Detailed Receipts & Payments by Budget Heading, Council Detail Report and Bank Reconciliation statement were approved. The Chief Officer will report back when the discrepancy in the bank reconciliation is clarified.

124-18/19 QPCC office proposed relocation – *this item was taken before item 121 as it had implications for subsequent discussions.*

If PDT staff are to be co-located council will want to be assured that the relationship with them is satisfactory before going ahead.

Councillor Brian Nicholas entered the meeting at 18:23.

It was **agreed** to proceed with negotiations. It was also **agreed** that councillors should have opportunities to view the property, and plans will be circulated.

121-18/19 HR Committee report

The officers left the meeting at 18:30 and the public gallery was cleared. Video recording was stopped.

Councillors Emma Sweeney and Susanna Rustin left the meeting at 18:45. Councillor Rustin returned at 18:46.

Councillor Brian Nicholas left the meeting at 18:53 and returned at 18:54.

The recommendations of the HR Committee, listed in the HR chair's report to council, 23 January 2019, were **approved**.

The officers and one member of the public returned to the meeting at 18:55. Video recording of the meeting was re-started.

122-18/19 Budget – the budget for 2019-2020 was **approved** with the following amendments:

- Catering to be increased to £350
- Office maintenance / relocation to be increased to £15,000
- Children & Young People Working Group to be allocated £5,000
- Public & Community Arts to be allocated £5,000.

It was **agreed** not to increase the precept.

123-18/19 Community Grants – the Community Grant guidelines had been revised because new information (concerning advice on funding religious organisations) had come to light. Allegations of religious discrimination are of concern but councillors are aware of no evidence that would support them. Any application for funding from the Royal British Legion would be welcomed. The revised guidelines were approved with one amendment, introducing the phrase 'to support a political party'. It was **agreed** that the terms and conditions will apply also to the Pop Up Fund.

Councillors Brian Nicholas and Susanna Rustin left the meeting at 19:18.

A revised grant application from Queen's Park School was referred to the Grants Panel.

125-19/19 QPCC website – the basic site is designed and ready but not live. Content is being prepared and added with a view to demonstrate it at the next council meeting.

Councillor Ryan Dalton left the meeting at 19:32. Councillor Rustin returned to the meeting at 19:32.

With reference to data privacy, the process of authentication of email contacts through online platforms was regarded as satisfactory but will be tested.

Councillor Ryan Dalton returned to the meeting at 19:36.

126-18/19 Privacy policy – the data privacy notice was **approved**.

127-18/19 Press and media policies – the policies were **approved** with minor amendments.

128-18/19 Pop Up Fund – the applications from TrTrTr and St Luke's School were **approved**.

129-18/19 Planning applications – recommendations from the Working Group for four planning applications had been submitted. Recommendations of No Objection to the construction of a floodlit multi use games area at Wilberforce Primary School, and for

an extension at 207 Peach Road were **agreed**. The Working Group was asked to share its recommendations with all councillors.

130-18/19 Working Group reports

Air Quality – results of the latest study are expected soon. Anti-idling documentation is ready. UK Power have a funding scheme in relation to light efficiency and a bid will be prepared in collaboration with All Stars.

Children & Young People – Cllr Ryan Dalton will contact residents and organisational representatives who could contribute to the group.

E&OS – Cllr Gill Fitzhugh is in discussion with Axis regarding possible funding for development of the Hut.

Arts – the ‘Express Yourself’ group had run a successful launch event in December supported by the Community Development Officer.

Community Grants – the application from Wilberforce School was **approved**. Grants will be processed as soon as organisations’ accounts and documentation have been checked. The deadline for the next round is 27 February.

Forward Planning Group - to be convened.

131-18/19 Online shared calendar – Cllr Pond will prepare a paper for the next meeting.

132-18/19 Chair’s report – the report was received.

133-18/19 Officers’ report – the report was received. Additionally: screen-boards outside a house on the corner of Third Avenue and Ilbert Street have been damaged by attaching posters for the Express Yourself event. An estimate of the costs will be sought and the matter addressed. The Chief Officer had attended an event of the Mayor’s Violence Reduction Unit; and together with Cllr Pond had contributed to a meeting of the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea on models of community governance.

The meeting closed at 20:09