



Council
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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 19 September 2018** commencing at 18:00.

Present: Councillors Gill Fitzhugh (Chair), Alfrena Barbé, Leslie Barson, Ray Lancashire, Orrel Lawrence, Brian Nicholas, Eartha Pond, Susanna Rustin, Emma Sweeney, and Stella Wilson.

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

The meeting began at 18:06.

056-18/19 Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Ryan Dalton and John McArdle.

057-18/19 Declarations of interest – there were no declarations of interest.

058-18/19 Minutes of the previous meeting – the minutes of the Council Meeting held 18 July 2018 were approved and signed by the Chair.

059-18/19 Public session – a member of the public asked council to address the problem of littering and called for a 'Minister for Streets'. The Chief Officer noted that progress could be expected following the re-organisation of the city inspectors.

060-18/19 Financial report – the Chief Officer was asked to clarify if there had been a transaction numbered BACS 45 and if so what it was. The Community Development Officer clarified the different rates received for stalls at the summer festival.

061-18/19 QPCC Office – Cllr Fitzhugh reported progress on negotiations with possible new premises at Dart Street. Discussions about the move involve two organisations with which the council currently collaborates.

062-18/19 Community Grants Programme – comments on the revised documentation for the Community Grants Programme were invited in time for the October meeting of council.

Cllr Orrel Lawrence entered the meeting at 18:15.

The introduction to the fund could be provided in languages other than English, with an interpreter found on subsequent demand.

063-18/19 Pop Up Fund – discussion of a proposal under the fund was deferred until later in the meeting. **Agreed** a virement of £500 from savings on *the Voice* printing, to increase the Pop Up Grants scheme.

Cllr Stella Wilson entered the meeting at 18:24.

064-18/19 Website – councillors voted on a revised council logo to be used on the new website, signage and documentation.

065-18/19 Fireworks event – Westminster City Council have agreed to waive the fee for road closures, however there are additional security and traffic management costs. Income projected at £8050 is contingent on ward budget funding, with projected expenditure being slightly higher.

Cllr Brian Nicholas entered the meeting at 18:30.

More income might be generated with the road closures; however, this would require more volunteers than are available. **Agreed** that the Fireworks budget shortfall be covered by a virement from the Festival surplus income. Cllrs Pond and Wilson will forward names of residents with experience and qualifications who could provide security and stewardship services in future.

066-18/19 HR – the first annual appraisals have been completed and were satisfactory. June Quammie will work as a part-time admin support worker for four weeks. The Community Development Officer's hours have been adjusted slightly on a temporary basis. Patricia Ng'ang'a will be working as an intern helping council with issues relating to media.

063-18/19 Pop Up Grants – this part of *item 63* had been deferred from earlier in the meeting. Cllr Nicholas declared an interest in the proposal about establishing a new Community Interest Company. The CIC's aim is to establish a community space for the Maida Hill market group of residents. The lack of suitable congregational spaces was noted, with particular reference to the future of the Jubilee centre. The use of health and well-being measures to demonstrate impact of the project was encouraged.

Cllr Nicholas left the meeting at 19:02.

Agreed to fund the grant of £180 to the C4A group for the cost of meetings.

Cllr Nicholas returned to the meeting at 19:03.

067-18/19 Councillor induction – the outline programme for the forthcoming training session was welcomed.

068-18/19 Planning applications – The United Reform Church on Harrow Road will continue to be used for religious purposes. The recommended responses of the Planning working group were **approved**.

069 -18/19 Working Group membership

070 -18/19 Working Group terms of reference

Items 069 and 070 were taken together.

Air Quality – the terms of reference were agreed as amended.

Children and Young People – the intention is to map what is being done and identify gaps in provision. Draft terms of reference will be brought to the October meeting of council, with Cllr Dalton as co-ordinator.

Environment & Open Spaces – Cllr Sweeney will withdraw from this group and be replaced by Cllr Rustin. Cllr Fitzhugh will join the group because of responsibility for the Neighbourhood Plan. The Chief Officer will discuss coordination with Katie Cowan.

Events – revised terms of reference will be brought to the October meeting. Cllrs Barbé and Lawrence will join this group.

Forward Planning – Cllr Pond will join this group.

Grants Panel - revised terms of reference will be brought to the October meeting. Cllr Sweeney will coordinate the group, with Cllrs Nicholas and Dalton also serving on it.

Planning – Cllr Fitzhugh is a member of this group, coordinated by Cllr McArdle.

Public & Community Arts – Cllr Wilson will join this group and will seek to recruit young people also to join.

Resident Engagement - draft terms of reference will be brought to a later meeting. Cllrs Nicholas, Sweeney, and Wilson will join this group, coordinated by Cllr Barson. The group needs to identify residents to contribute.

Social Action – the group needs to cover the interests and needs of older people, people with disabilities, unemployment, loneliness etc. The Chief Officer will invite those interested to a meeting to discuss draft terms of reference.

The Voice – Cllrs Lawrence and Wilson will join this group.

Champions – **agreed** that this topic should be added as a standing item. Cllr Nicholas will be Champion for the C4A community group.

071-18/19 Working Groups –

Air Quality – progress has been made on signage for anti-idling, and with the Mayor's office for a possible cycle docking station. A speed recording exercise outside the library on Harrow Road had identified nine vehicles speeding over 36mph. Further exercises are planned.

Events – plans for the Winter Festival on Saturday 8 December are underway. Turnout among the over-50s group tends to be higher on a weekday and the festival therefore could take place over several days.

The Voice – the next issue is in preparation, to be published ahead of the Fireworks event. Councillors were invited to suggest contributions.

Cllr Nicholas left the meeting at 19:47.

Planning – All Stars Boxing Club had lost their court case on two legal technicalities with £47,000 costs. The owner erected scaffolding on the day before the court case. An emergency meeting had been held to identify ways of raising the money. They still have a 12-year lease.

Cllr Nicholas returned to the meeting at 19:51.

The Harrow Road Community Steering Group has met with the Westminster place-shaping officers for Harrow Road. A meeting is planned for the residents of Canal Terrace on 9 October to see if they would agree to a design guide.

072-18/19 Officers' report – the October report was received.

The meeting closed at 19:59.