



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 17 October 2018** commencing at 18:00.

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

Also present: Kevin Harris, Chief Officer; Lindsey Brown, Community Development Officer; Fabian Sharp, Director of the Avenues Youth Centre; and four members of the public.

The meeting began at 18:02.

073 Apologies for absence – none were received.

074 Declarations of interest – Cllr Eartha Pond declared an interest in item 078 as a trustee of the Avenues Youth Project. Cllr Ray Lancashire declared an interest in item 083 as a member of the Friends of Queen's Park Gardens.

075 Minutes of the previous meeting – the minutes of the meeting of 19 September were approved with a minor amendment to the list of attendees.

076 Public session – those present introduced themselves.

077 Financial report – the Bank reconciliation statement, Council detail report and Receipts and payments detail report were approved.

078 Avenues Youth Centre – Fabian Sharp provided an update on the work of the Avenues Youth Centre, and presented a formal report and proposal.

Cllr Brian Nicholas entered the meeting at 18:18.

Council was invited to review and renew funding to the Youth Project, including the option to sponsor directly the provision of hot meals for children from families on low incomes during school holidays.

Items 079 and 080 were deferred.

081 Harrow Road developments – there will be a pre-application stage before a planning application is considered for the proposed canal boat project with London Waterways Projects. A design guide for Canal Terrace was circulated. The colour scheme for the frontages had been agreed at a recent meeting of owners, renters and managers. The legal fees for stage 1 for the case relating to Queen's Park Hall have been raised.

082 QPCC Office – the process of leasing new office premises has been held up by lack of clarity over wheelchair access and fire safety, and delays over trade references.

Cllr Orrel Lawrence entered the meeting at 18:43.

083 Pop Up Fund – an application for a contribution of **£200** for activities associated with Black History Month at the Beethoven Centre was **approved**.

Cllr Ray Lancashire left the room at 18:46.

An application for a contribution of **£61.27** for the Friends of Queen's Park Gardens to enhance the rose garden, was **approved**.

Cllr Ray Lancashire returned to the room at 18:47.

- 080 Fireworks event** – planning for the event was on track and expected to be within budget. Regulatory pressure has increased significantly with safety and security requirements from WCC and the Met Police. Funding from the Harrow Road ward councillors was still awaited. The need for more volunteers was stressed. Cllr Lawrence will give the introductory speech before the fireworks are set off.
- 079 Community Grants** – it was **agreed** to keep a maximum of £3,500 for grants and a maximum of £1,000 for individual grants. The grant guidelines and the terms of reference for the Grants Panel were **approved**. It was **agreed** that Lina Alchami will be invited to serve on the Grants Panel.
- 084 Planning applications** – the recommendations of the working group were accepted.
- 085 Working Group terms of reference** – Cllr Pond will join the **Children & Young People Working Group** and it was recommended that the membership of the group should be re-worded to include 'a representative of the Avenues Youth Centre'. The terms of reference should include items about training opportunities within and beyond Queen's Park; and ensuring that agencies working with children and young people in Queen's Park should have adequate safeguarding procedures. Revised terms of reference will be brought to the next meeting. It was also noted that checking that safeguarding procedures are in place could be a responsibility of the Community Grants panel. Terms of reference for the **Events Working Group** were accepted with the minor revision of the second bullet point to read 'with all relevant agencies'.
- 086 Working Group reports** - invitations and background information for the **Social Action** and **Resident Engagement** groups will be sent out with suggested dates for first meetings.
- Air Quality group** – the next air pollution studies will take place in November.

Cllr Ryan Dalton entered the room at 19:23.

The locations will be the same as in the previous study. Cllr Lancashire is also seeking to establish anti-idling signs on lamp-posts and this has been referred to WCC's Parking Department.

Cllr Brian Nicholas left the room at 19:25 and returned at 19:26.

Environment & Open Spaces – a local estate agent has offered, *pro bono*, to prepare a specification for the park hut upgrade. Builders will be invited to tender and funding bids can then be prepared.

Cllr Brian Nicholas left the room at 19:32.

Planning – a hearing had taken place concerning a proposed development at the Flora pub. A decision is expected in November.

The Voice – the next issue is currently being printed.

087 Champions – this item was deferred.

088 Officers' report – the report was accepted.

The meeting closed at 19:43.