

QUEEN'S PARK COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Council held remotely using Zoom
on **Wednesday 17 June 2020** commencing at 18:00.

Present: Councillors Gill Fitzhugh (Chair), Leslie Barson, Ray Lancashire, Eartha Pond, John McArdle, Susanna Rustin, Stella Wilson and Emma Sweeney

Also present: Lucie Prior, Community Development Officer, Liz Thorpe-Tracey, Communications and Events Co-ordinate, and three members of the public.

188-19/20 Apologies for absence – Councillors Ryan Dalton and Brian Nicholas.

Minute's Silence – the meeting paused to mark the third anniversary of the tragedy at Grenfell Tower.

188-19/20 Declarations of interest – Councillor McArdle declared an interest as Proper Officer & RFO.

190-19/20 Minutes of the meeting held 20 May 2020

RESOLVED THAT, subject to the addition of the phrase “compared with the previous year” to the report of the Air Quality Working Group, the minutes were approved as a correct record to be signed by the Chair at the next physical meeting.

191-19/20 Public session

A member of the public asked about plans to celebrate the way the community developed closeness over the lockdown period. It was confirmed that there are proposals, and that they will be discussed later in the agenda.

192-19/20 Traffic Management

The Council received a paper which advised of the City Council's Movement Strategy for Queen's Park Area, and also set out a request from a young resident for a Play Street in the area. The resident was in the meeting and delivered a presentation setting out some of the benefits for both children and the community. The Chair thanked her for her contribution and the during discussion the Council agreed to press the City Council for a Play Street.

RESOLVED that the City Council's Movement Strategy be noted

RESOLVED that the request for a Play Street be supported and that it be taken on as a Council project to be delivered by the Community Development Officer.

193 -19/20 Financial Report

The RFO circulated a report on the current financial position

RESOLVED to agree the report on the current financial position

RESOLVED to agree payments to the value of £1,678.79 contained in Table 2.

194-19/20 Annual Return

RESOLVED that the Annual Return be APPROVED

195-19/20 HR Update

Councillor Rustin reported that the new Community Development Officer had started at the beginning of the month and that she had also taken on the role of Acting Proper Officer. The Director remained on sick leave but was starting a phased return to work.

RESOLVED that the HR Update be APPROVED

196-19/20 Governance

Councillor Fitzhugh presented a report with draft Terms of Reference for the new People and Place Committees.

RESOLVED that the report be APPROVED

197-19/20 Coronavirus Update June 2020

The Communications and Community Development Officer presented a report on the Hotline, on actions taken during May 2020, and on plans for withdrawal as the lockdown eased. It was recommended that the service cease at the end of June but that the Council be ready to reinstate the support systems should there be a second wave at any time.

RESOLVED that the report be APPROVED

198/20 Black Lives Matter

A report prepared by Councillor Brian Nicholas was discussed and the Council agreed to take steps to highlight this issue including placing a statement of support on the front page of the website and working with schools and other local agencies to raise the profile of the issue and to encourage especially young people to get engaged.

RESOLVED that the Council take this on as an action area preparing projects to support raising awareness.

199/20 Pop-up Fund

The Community Development Officer presented an application for a Pop-up Grant in connection with the preparation of an events guide, and recommended approval subject to the applicant supplying events information for the Council's own guide.

RESOLVED that the report be APPROVED

200-19/20 Planning Applications

RESOLVED that the recommendations of the Planning Applications Working Group be approved.

201-19/20 Working Group reports –

Children and Young People: The Avenues has been running successful programmes based around online channels and is planning a summer programme. Services are also being provided by the Maternity Champions. **Environment and Open Space:** The Working Group had met and were pursuing a number of activities. It was noted that the Queen's Park Gardens had been well used during the lockdown. **Events:** The Events Working Group has been meeting and a full programme of smaller socially distanced events is being prepared, spread over a longer period rather than as an all-day Summer Festival. A "walking tour / treasure hunt" is also being prepared for distribution with The Voice. **Public and Community Arts:** Hasn't met but there are proposals "bubbling under" in the area. **The Voice:** the summer issue is in preparation and will be issued in the last part of July. A detailed distribution plan will be prepared to ensure that it is delivered effectively and safely.

202-19/20 Chair's Report – The situation around the All Stars Boxing Club in Queen's Park Hall seems to be changing and the Asset of Community Value registration is due to expire soon. This will be followed up with the City Council.

203-19/20 Officers' Report –The work undertaken has been covered in other reports but the report included a calendar of meetings and events for 2020/21. It was still not clear when the Beethoven Centre will open again.

RESOLVED that the report be APPROVED

The meeting closed at 20:00