

## QUEEN'S PARK COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Council held at the Beethoven Centre, Third Avenue  
London W10 4JL on **Wednesday 17 July 2019** commencing at 18:00.

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

Also present: Fiona Doherty Temporary Clerk & RFO, and 1member of the public.

*The meeting began at 18:02.*

**049-19/20 Apologies for absence** none received.

**050-19/20 Declarations of interest** – there were none.

**051-19/20 Minutes of the previous meeting** –the minutes of the Council Meeting held 19 June 2019 were approved and signed by the Chair.

**052-19/20 Public session** – Simon Walton expressed concern if the council office relocates access to collect copies of the voice for delivery might be difficult. The chair asked that this be discussed once she had given the chairs report.

**053-19/20 HR – Report from chair of HR committee** – Fiona Doherty covering the post of Temporary Clerk and RFO until the new Governance Officer is appointed.

**053.1-19/20** - The post for Governance Director/Chief Officer was shortlisted by the chair and Lindsey. Interviews were held by The Council Chair and the Chair of the HR committee on 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> July. An appointment will be made by end of week.

It was noted that the name change re-advertising on 3<sup>rd</sup> sector site, free website & and the guardian was successful.

A discussion will be held with the successful candidate on the name of the role as the councillors agreed chief Officer should be included in the job title as this is a recognised position on most councils.

**054-19/20 Finance Report** – Councillors had received the latest financial reports, a check is required to see if LSX invoice has been paid, there were no further queries at this time.

**055-19/20 Office relocation** - The Chair reported A2Dominion Housing group have leased the property at 21 Darts street to the Singh family for 20 years. A2Dominion would not allow the council to sublet space if they took on a tenancy form the leaseholder. The space at Dart street had also raised issues for lone working as at present the base at the Beethoven Centre always has reception staff.

**055-19/20** The chair has identified another site at 56 Third Avenue which is housing the Marylebone Bridge school at present. They will be moving to Wilberforce when re-

refurbishment/building work has been completed in approx. 2 years' time. The council members agreed that this was a better option than either the Beethoven Centre or Dart Street.

The members agreed there are options available and Cllr Fitzhugh with assistance from Cllr Nicholas will pursue these options and report back with their findings.

**056-19/20 Planning applications** - While the normal process is for the approved decision of Queens Park Community Council to be submitted to the City Council by the Chief Officer on our behalf, it is proposed that in this instance, and until a new Chief Officer is in post, they be submitted by the Convenor of the Planning Working Group Councillor John McArdle.

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Cllr McArdle presented 6 planning application recommendations which were **approved**.

**057-19/20 C4A – Report/ Application for funding**

– Cllr Nicholas presented a report to the members on a dominos programme being run from Lydford hall estate. The newly constituted group have identified a shortfall to cover the period September to December have asked the council for special consideration to cover these costs until further funding can be identified. As Cllr Nicholas is a member of C4A he offered to leave to the room to allow open discussion.

Cllr Nicholas left the room at 19.04 and returned at 19.09.

The members agreed that they would authorise payments for three months and suggested to Cllr Nicholas that he re-apply for funding through the grants panel in September. C4A will have to provide all the relevant monitoring the a normal grant for the council would submit.

The proposal to support C4A with funding for £1830 was **approved**.

Cllr Ryan Dalton arrived 19.11

**058-19/20 – Youth Issue Warwick Estate** – Crowd Funding Proposal – After meeting with Siddique Khan, Karen Buck and members from the Avenues and All Stars regarding youth issues in North Westminster and Warwick Estate Space Hive page has been initiated in order to raise funds for more youth activities in the North of the borough. The page was set up to raise £30,000 which would be split 3 ways.

Council had concerns that they not authorised this set up, and had also had feedback from the avenues regarding use of photographs and not being consulted properly. The chair and Cllr Dalton explained that time constraints on funding deadlines had forced their hands. It was agreed that moving forward such items must be brought to council before being acted upon. Lindsey/Fiona will look to clarify current situation and report back to council.

**059-19/20 Chairs report** – Items have been covered in previous points. The only item to discuss was a proposal for Kevin Harris to write the history of the Queen’s Park Community Council, it was agreed that although this was an interesting idea that it was too early in the life of the council to consider, but would be reconsidered at a later stage.

### **Working Groups & Champions**

**060-19/20 Air Quality** – Cllr Lancashire reported of the 20 tubes in place when taken down 3 tubes were missing presumed stolen.

**061-19/20 Art Muriel Project**- two potential sites have been identified, the first being at Yogi’s and the second site which is the convenience store on the corner of Ilbert Street and Kilburn Lane. The artists commissioned are Ashanti and Ezotta. The Muriel on Ilbert street will cost more as the wall needs a lot of pre-work. No planning permission is required, however this must be sought in writing, the Chair will follow this up. Cost and proofs of artwork must be agreed with council before work commences.

Funding for this project was **approved** subject to costs and proofs.

**062-19/20 – Working Groups Budget** – until the correct procedure is identified working groups must seek authorisation to spend budget to full council.

**063-19/20 – Festivals** – Volunteers are still required for the summer festival. The winter festival date has been set as 14<sup>th</sup> December.

**064-19/20 The Voice** – deliveries commencing from 18<sup>th</sup> July.

**065-19/20 Children & Youth** – Cllr’s Pond & Dalton to arrange a meeting.

Meeting closed at 20.04hrs