

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 2019** commencing at 18:00.

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

Also present: Anna Tomlinson - Director, Lindsey Brown – Community Development Officer and 2 members of the public.

The meeting began at 18:05.

078-19/20 Apologies for absence – none were received.

079-19/20 Declarations of interest – Cllr Ray Lancashire declared an interest in the Church of St John the Evangelist

080-19/20 Minutes of the previous meeting –the minutes of the Council Meeting held 18 September 2019 were approved and signed by the Chair.

081-19/20 Public session - The Chair invited Luke Douglas-Home to speak about 'A Future Without Rubbish's (FWR) grant application. FWR are in the process of finalising their constitution, and following discussion with QPCC CDO have reduced their application to £1000.

Cllr Ryan Dalton arrived at 18.11

082-19/20 Finance Report – The finance report was unavailable due to technical issues. The Director reported that after a planned training session in early November, officers and one councillor would be able to use the Rialtas system to produce finance reports so that this situation would not recur and that a full financial report would be available for the next meeting of the Council.

083-19/20 Community Grants - The Community Development Officer presented a report setting out details of the applications, including information on follow up questions to applicants.

Councillor Brian Nicholas and Mr Luke Douglas-Home, who both had grant applications under consideration were asked to leave the room while the Council discussed this item.

Applications from **Open Age** (£3.5k) and **The Screen** (£3.5k) were agreed.

The Application from the **Association A Future Without Rubbish** (AFWR) was agreed at the reduced figure of £1000. AFWR are in the process of agreeing a constitution, and as an unconstituted body this is the maximum which can be awarded.

The application from **Community 4 All (C4A)** was approved at a slightly lower level than the £3500 which had been requested. The council agreed a grant of £2450 to support its activities for six months. The council was unable to support the proposed Black History Month activities or for the non specific 'activities to be confirmed'.

The application from **Kosovar Albanian Youth** was rejected, because it was unclear from the application how much of the benefit of the project would go to Queens Park residents. They have been advised apply again in a future grants round with more information about how the project will benefit Queens Park residents.

The application from **Happy Lizzy Event Planning** was withdrawn by the applicants as the venue was no longer available.

Changes to grant conditions were **agreed**:

- Funded organisations to submit monitoring reports no more than one month after the conclusion of the project.
- Monitoring template to be used by all funded organisations to make monitoring requirements clearer and easier for organisations to fulfil.

A review of community grants is to be carried out by the Director who will submit a report to the council's meeting in January 2020.

Following the council's discussions of the grant applications, Cllr Brian Nicholas and Mr Luke Douglas-Home came back into the room

Cllr Ryan Dalton left the meeting at 19.18

Cllr Emma Sweeney left the meeting at 19.20

084-19/20 Planning Applications

Cllr McArdle presented 4 planning application recommendations, which were **approved**.

085-19/20 Boundary Changes

The Boundary Commission's final report has been published. In addition a report entitled "New electoral arrangements for Westminster City Council Draft recommendations October 2019" is currently in consultation. This proposes that no changes be made to the boundaries of Queens Park Ward. Consultation closes on 9 December 2019. Cllr John McArdle proposed that QPCC responds to the consultation supporting the proposal regarding the boundaries of Queens Park Ward. The proposal was **agreed**. The Director will write to the consultation on behalf of the Council supporting the proposal.

Cllr Brian Nicholas left the meeting at 19.28

086-19/20 Declaration of a Climate Emergency

The Director will present a paper on and what the council can do to make a meaningful contribution to the climate emergency campaign to the January Council meeting.

087-19/20 Chair's report – The Harrow Road Steering Committee has made an application to the Good Growth Fund; All Stars Boxing and Youth Club which is based in Queens Park Hall has been funded by CIL money to renovate their part of the building. The Canal Terrace Meeting on 30 September went very well, the main outcome was the

recognition that a clear set of planning rules or a planning guide was needed. Follow up meetings looking at the detail are planned. Director looking into using consultants to create GDPR compliant data collection tool.

Working Groups

088-19/20 Standing Orders

The following amendment to Standing Orders was **agreed** to allow officers to approve working group expenditure without taking the proposed expenditure to a full council meeting.

The full council can delegate authority to the Director and Community Development Officer to approve expenditure of up to £1000 at any one time, by working groups from their agreed budgets, following discussion with the Councillors on the Working Group.

089-19/20 Air Quality Working Group: Cllr Ray Lancashire proposed that Alison Madigan Low join the Air Quality Working Group. This was **agreed**

090-19/20 Working group Updates

Events – 5 November. Planning for **Guy Fawkes** night is well under way. Volunteers are needed for the day and should contact Lindsey. Planning for the **Winter Festival** is also underway

Voice – the latest edition has gone to the printers. Deliveries start next week.

Community Engagement/Social Inclusion. A piece is going into The Voice. A survey is being planned and plans are being made to go out into the community to meet more residents.

Children and Young People – Emails are going out to set up the first meeting and hope to have a date fixed by the end of next week.

Environment and Open Spaces – A meeting is being set up to agree the final plans for the hut. Once these are agreed the plans will go to Westminster City Council Cabinet and QPCC.

Air Quality – A report from Imperial College suggests that there are high levels of air pollution in parks in central London. Cllr Ray Lancashire to follow this up.

Meeting Closed at 20.03