

QUEEN'S PARK COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Council held remotely using Zoom
on **Wednesday 22 April 2020** commencing at 18:00.

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

Also present: Liz Thorpe-Tracey, Communications and Community Development Officer, Ted Flanagan, Hotline Manager, and three members of the public.

160-19/20 Apologies for absence –

RESOLVED that apologies for absence were received from Councillor Brian Nichola

161-19/20 Declarations of interest – Councillor McArdle declared an interest as Proper Officer & RFO; Councillors Dalton and Pond declared an interest in the part of **118-19/20** Finance Report relating to QPG Hub and The Avenues.

162-19/20 Minutes of the meeting held 20 November 2019 – The Proper Officer advised that the minutes of the Council Meeting held 20 November 2019 had been prepared retrospectively and were now available.

RESOLVED THAT The minutes were approved as a correct record to be signed by the Chair at the next physical meeting.

163-19/20 Minutes of the meeting held 23 March 2020

The Chair proposed an amendment that an additional sentence be added to **159-19/20** Emergency Delegation and Arrangements to confirm that the recommendations contained therein were approved. This recommendation was approved.

RESOLVED that the minutes as amended be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair at the next physical meeting.

164-19/20 Public session

A member of the public asked Councillors Fitzhugh and McArdle what they thought of the services being provided through the City Council. In discussion it was agreed that they had certainly set out to provide support, and were in front of some neighbouring authorities, by were often creaking under weight of demand. There did appear to still be a need for a local response, and this would be discussed later at **169-19/20** on the agenda.

A second member of the public wanted to ask about the Council's response to Covid-19, and was asked to participate in item **169-19/20**.

165 -19/20 Revocation of Emergency Delegation and Arrangements

The RFO had circulated a report recommending that as remote meetings could now be held the emergency arrangements could be revoked.

RESOLVED that the emergency arrangements contained in **159-19/20** approved on 23 March 2020 be revoked.

166 -19/20 Financial Report

The RFO had circulated a report on the final figures for 2019/20 and the outlook for 2020/21. From the report he drew out the fact that the cancellation of the meeting planned for 18 March 2020 meant that the recommendations of the Grants Panel had not been approved in time for distribution and proposed putting this money into an Earmarked Reserve to be drawn down when the crisis eased.

The report also recommended distribution of the Special Grant of £20,000 allocated in the budget for 2020/21 to The Avenues and that the additional £5,000, used in 2019/20 for the Holiday Hunger project be split between The Avenues and QPG Hub for food projects in the area. Following discussion it was agreed to transfer £2,500 from the Summer Festival to this budget and allocate £5,000 to The Avenues and £2,500 to QPG Hub. It was agreed also to put more specific monitoring and publicity in place for the Special Grants to demonstrate the good work being undertaken across the Council's network.

RESOLVED that the payments to the values of £25,238.79 contained in Table 1 be approved.

RESOLVED that £14,550 be transferred into an Earmarked Reserve to be used for Community Grants previously approved by the Grants Panel

RESOLVED that £2,500 be transferred from the Summer Festival budget to the Special Grants budget, and that £25,000 be given to The Avenues and £2,500 to QPG Hub.

167-19/20 HR Update

Councillor Rustin reported that almost 100 applications had been received and that the selection process was under way although the detailed process would be subject to continued guidance on social distancing. The Director remained on sick leave with Councillor McArdle covering the Proper Officer and responsible Financial Officer roles so there was no change to report.

168-19/20 Governance

Councillor Fitzhugh led a discussion on the restructuring report previously distributed and undertook to circulate the latest draft before discussing it in detail with each councillor individually to establish what role they would like to take in the new structure. It was agreed that the outcome of these discussions would be brought to the May Council meeting which would be an ordinary business meeting with the Annual Meeting deferred until it was possible to hold a physical meeting.

169-19/20 Coronavirus Update

A report had previously been circulated and an update was provided by the Hotline Manager on the work being undertaken by the wider QPCC network and the way this local response was filling the gap left by statutory services and already established community services such as North Paddington FoodBank. There was discussion on the need to follow up on devices and wi-fi for people who didn't have access to services and this was added to the work programme. It was agreed that all this vindicated the decision to establish the Hotline and that the recommendation to allocate £25,000 from reserves in support of this project was approved.

RESOLVED that the future planning programme at 5.1 in the report be noted, and that it be kept under review.

RESOLVED that £25,000 be earmarked from reserves for the continuation for three months of the project to provide a local response.

170-19/20 Planning Applications

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

Reference	Proposal	Recommendation
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1	20/01185/FULL	Erection of a rear side infill extension at ground floor level, modification of the existing window to a double door on the rear wall of the existing lean-to, and installation of two conservation roof lights to the rear roof slope. (Linked to 20/01186/LBC) - 142 Fifth Avenue London W10 4DU	Queen's Park Community Council has no objection to this proposal.
2	20/01186/LBC	Erection of a rear side infill extension at ground floor level, modification of the existing window to a double door on the rear wall of the existing lean-to, and installation of two conservation roof lights to the rear roof slope. (Linked to 20/01185/FULL) - 142 Fifth Avenue London W10 4DU	Queen's Park Community Council has no objection to this proposal.
3	20/01669/ADFULL	Detailed ventilation system accompanied by an acoustic report pursuant to condition 4 of planning permission dated 11th November 2019 (RN:19/02905). - Wilberforce Primary School Beethoven Street London W10 4LB	Queen's Park Community Council has no objection to this proposal provided officers are satisfied with the noise mitigation measures.
4	20/01673/FULL	Erection of single storey rear infill extension at ground floor. - 120A Bravington Road London W9 3AL	Queen's Park Community Council has no objection to this proposal.
5	20/01685/FULL	Replacement of the ground floor conservatory with a brick extension, replacement of the rear kitchen window with a sliding door, replacement of the existing windows with double-glazed wooden sash windows and the installation of rooflights in the rear roof pitch. - 96 Kilburn Lane London W10 4AH	Queen's Park Community Council has no objection to this proposal.
6	20/01748/FULL	Erection of a rear side infill extension at ground floor level. Installation of two conservation roof lights to the rear roof slope. - 103 Lothrop Street London W10 4JA	Queen's Park Community Council has no objection to this proposal.

171-19/20 Working Group reports –

Councillor Lancashire reported that the reduction in traffic had led to improvements in air quality, and Councillor Pond outlined her expectation that the need for services for children and young people is likely to increase during lockdown. Councillor Rustin confirmed that Queen's Park gardens remained open, and was being used well, and that The Voice had gone out but there had been difficulties with deliveries.

172-19/20 Chair's Report – the Neighbourhood Plan had been delayed by the need to fit in with both the City Plan and the London Plan, but progress was now being made. Minor changes had been made to recognise that pedestrian must have priority on the footpaths outside shops and that there is no point in calling for more parking as neither the City Council nor the GLA will allow that.

173-19/20 Officers' Report –that the work undertaken during the month was featured in the reports to the Council and the priority for the month to come will be consolidating the community response at **169-19/20** to ensure that we emerge from the crisis with a stronger network of community organisations.

The meeting closed at 7.45pm.

