

QUEEN'S PARK COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Council held in the Beethoven Centre

on **Wednesday 23 June 2021** commencing at 18:00.

Present: Councillors Eartha Pond (Vice Chair), Gill Fitzhugh, Ray Lancashire, Marcus Leon, Brian Nicholas, Susanna Rustin, and Emma Sweeney.

Also present: Lucie Prior (Director) and Liz Thorpe-Tracey (Communications and Events Co-ordinator, and one member of the public.

019-21/22 Apologies for absence – Councillors John McArdle (Chair), Leslie Barson, and Stella Wilson; Officers Shuwanna Aaron (Community Development Officer) and Millie Kent (Project Officer).

020-21/22 Minute's Silence – Cllr. Eartha Pond led a minute's silence to mark the Fourth anniversary of the tragedy at Grenfell Tower. She directed members to Grenfellunited.org.uk for further information.

021-21/22 Declarations of interest – No new declarations were made and no dispensations have been requested.

022-21/22 Minutes of the meeting held 5 May 2021

RESOLVED THAT, the minutes be APPROVED as a correct record and signed by Cllr. Eartha Pond.

023-21/22 Public Session

Simon Walton raised that there had been masses of activity at the hut in Queen's Park Gardens recently and he was looking forward to seeing the results.

024 -21/22 Financial Report

Cllr McArdle, as Responsible Financial Officer, had circulated a detailed report on the current financial position seeking approval for payments made since the previous meeting and approval for match funding for the new water fountain. The Council has been successful in bid to the Open Spaces Greener Places Fund and required a contribution as part of the application with the sum of £2,100 proposed.

RESOLVED THAT, the contents, be NOTED.

RESOLVED THAT, the payments, to the value of £5,788.25 set out in Appendix 2, be APPROVED.

RESOLVED THAT, the recommendation to spend the Neighbourhood CIL fund of £2097.74 and £2.26 from the Park Development budget on for the new water fountain, be APPROVED.

6:10pm Cllr. Brian Nicholas entered the meeting

025 -21/22 Internal Audit Report

The Director took the meeting through the annual report that contained the internal auditor's conclusions. The independent auditor found that the Council met all of its internal controls for 2020/21.

RESOLVED THAT, the internal audit report for 2020/21 be NOTED.

026 -21/22 Approval of the Annual Governance Statement

The Director introduced the statement and said that the response of "yes" is being given to statements 1-8 and N/A to statement 9.

RESOLVED THAT, the Annual Governance Statement for 2020/21 be APPROVED and signed by Cllr. Eartha Pond and the Director, Lucie Prior.

027 -21/22 Approval of Accounting Statement

The Accounting Statement had been circulated alongside a report by RFO, Cllr. McArdle, as part of the meeting papers. Post audit the RFO has also certified that the figures are accurate for the year 2020/21.

RESOLVED THAT, the Accounting Statement for 2020/21 be APPROVED and signed by Cllr. Eartha Pond.

028 -21/22 Chair's Report

The Director presented the Chair's report, on behalf of Cllr John McArdle, which supports the creation of more parish councils in London and opposes the break-up of the Westminster North Constituency.

RESOLVED THAT, the Chair's statement be APPROVED.

The meeting closed at 18:23