

## QUEEN'S PARK COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Place Committee Meeting held in the Beethoven Centre  
at 6 pm  
on Wednesday 1 December 2021

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**Present:** Councillors Susanna Rustin (Chair), Ray Lancashire (Vice Chair), Ryan Dalton and John McArdle

**Also present:** Lucie Prior, Director; Shuwanna Aaron, Community Development Officer; Millie Kent, Project Officer; Chrissie Chambers, Canine Culture; Cathy Maund, Hammersmith Community Gardens Association (HCGA).

**PL 25-21/22 Apologies for absence** – Councillors Leslie Barson, Gill Fitzhugh and Emma Sweeney; and Liz Thorpe-Tracey, Events Officer; Simon Walton, volunteer.

**PL 26-21/22 Declarations of interest** – None made.

**PL 27-21/22 Minutes of the previous meeting** –

**RESOLVED THAT**, the minutes were APPROVED as a correct record and signed by Cllr. Rustin.

**PL 28-21/22 Public session** – A resident had written in to ask whether QPCC could pay for rat traps to be installed over the drains as rats were proving a nuisance in the gardens of properties on The Avenues Estate.

**RESOLVED THAT** QPCC would not pay for households to have rat covers installed on homes as this should be the responsibility of the homeowner or landlord of the property to cover the cost.

Crissie Chambers raised that there had been a car travelling at high speed on Sunday night along Nutbourne Street that had consequently collided with another car. She was concerned that Nutbourne Street has no bumps and therefore speedy can occur.

**RESOLVED THAT** due to Nutbourne Street being an emergency access road for the estate it would not be appropriate to request traffic calming measures on this street.

**PL 29-21/22 Queen's Park Dog Run** – The Director gave a verbal update on the dog run, stating that WCC are due to move the bench from the trial location in the middle of the run back to the original position.

**RESOLVED THAT** the report be NOTED

**PL 30-21/22 Financial Report** – The Director gave a report on behalf of the RFO. No significant changes were reported.

**RESOLVED THAT** the report on the current financial position be NOTED

**PL 31-21/22 Reports from contractors** –

Cathy Maund from HCGA gave a report that covered community gardening in the park, family activities, the planters on Ashmore Road, corporate volunteering and other programmes in the area such as the health walks.

Chrissie Chambers from Canine Culture gave a report on dog related activities. There is a dog social and advice session for owners to be held in the dog run on Sunday 12 December. Posters are up around the neighbourhood. Volunteer Bonnie has now achieved all certificates for her dog handling qualification.

**RESOLVED THAT** both reports be NOTED.

**PL 32-21/22 Planning Working Group**

The coordinator of the Planning Working Group had circulated a report on the Council's response to planning applications within Queen's Park.

**RESOLVED THAT** the report be NOTED

**PL 33-21/22 Harrow Road Open Space**

The Director gave a report on the space stating that the plans released by WCC now included six permanent mooring. There will be consultation with residents at the Winter Fair in December and a change of name is being canvassed.

**RESOLVED THAT** the Director would respond to the project team with the committee's concerns about permanent moorings, the names for the rejuvenated space put forward within the meeting and corrections on the illustration to show the canal boats moored up.

**PL 34-21/22 Working Groups – Air Quality.** Councillor Lancashire gave a report on the Citizen Science air quality monitoring. It was particularly concerning that indoor pollution was showing the same levels of NOx as on the roadside of quiet residential streets. The lowest levels of NOx were found in the park. Comparing this year and the same time last year NOx levels are 30% down.

A report had been circulated about the work to address the climate emergency. The report covered climate emergency events and activities. With the Neighbourhood Plan adopted the commitment to becoming a net zero ward is now part of Westminster's statutory development plan.

Public and Community Arts. Cllr Fitzhugh stated she wished to step down as the co-ordinator of the group.

**RESOLVED THAT** the reports be NOTED

**RESOLVED THAT** Shuwanna Aaron, Community Development Officer would be the appointed the coordinator of the Public and Community Arts Working Group.

**PL 35-21/22 Chair's Report** – The Chair gave a saying how she was pleased with the amount of work being done to improve the area's open spaces, on the climate emergency and the Neighbourhood Plan.

**RESOLVED THAT** the report be NOTED

**PL 36-21/22 Officers' report** – The Director had circulated a report on activities undertaken by Officers since the last meeting and plans for the winter period.

**RESOLVED THAT** the report be NOTED

*The meeting concluded at 7.50pm*

Signed by.....  
Date.....

Cllr. Susanna Rustin (Chair of Place Committee)

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