

Report To:	Queen's Park Community Council		
Title:	People Committee Report		
Purpose:	TO NOTE		
Author:	Shuwanna Aaron, Proper Office and Councillor Lawrence		
Date of Meeting	18 October 23	Agenda Item	

1 Summary

This report sets out some of the activity of the People Committee since the last meeting of the Full Council.

2 Recommendations

That the Council notes the report and discusses the matters raised.

Meeting and Decisions
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The last meeting took place on 19th July Councillors Lawrence, Pond, Alleyne, Nicholas and Bynoe were in attendance, and Councillors Fitzhugh and Diamond issued apologies. Councillor Wilson was absent. In addition to standard items, the meeting received a report on recent Anti-social behaviour and Violent Sexual Offences report from Ray Lancashire. - No decision of note was made at the meeting. - The next meeting of the Committee will take place next week.

Report To:	Queen's Park Community Council		
Title:	Place Committee Report		
Purpose:	TO NOTE		
Author:	Shuwanna Aaron, Proper Office and Councillor Bynoe		
Date of Meeting	18 October 23	Agenda Item	

1 Summary

This report sets out some of the activity of the People Committee since the last meeting of the Full Council.

2 Recommendations

That the Council notes the report and discusses the matters raised.

Meeting and Decisions

- The last meeting of the Place Committee was cancelled as it was not quorate.
- Councillors McArdle, Bynoe and Alleyne were in attendance along with two members of the Public. Apologies were issued by Councillor Sweeney.
- Those present discussed the items of the meeting agenda but no decisions could be made.
- A number of concerns were raised regarding planning violations with in the conservation area and issues relating to the Queen's Park gardens. These have been noted for the Proper Officer to follow up.
- The July Meeting of the Place Committee was attended by Councillors Bynoe, Diamond, Sweeney and Wilson and three members of the Public. Councillors McArdle and Fitzhugh issued apologies.
- The meeting made recommendations regarding the HCGA contract and approaches for a new Dog Strategy – the details of which can be found in the minutes.
- There were no other decisions or discussions of particular note.

Report To:	Queen's Park Community Council		
Title:	Officers' Report		
Purpose:	For information and discussion		
Author:	Shuwanna Aaron, Proper Office,		
Date of Meeting	18 October 23	Agenda Item	

1 Summary

This report sets out some of the activity undertaken by Officers since the last meeting and activities proposed for the next few months through the autumn and winter.

2 Recommendations

That the Council notes the Report and discusses the matters raised.

3 Main tasks / issues since last full meeting of Council

Strategic Governance
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The audit for 2023 was passed and the AGAR published in accordance with the regulations.
Operations
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Council Website is up-to-date with all relevant documents. - The Proper Officer has recruited a temporary Administrative Assistant that will be focused on streaming content, consistency and increasing engagement across the Council's media channel. The appointee has demonstrated competency by building on the current strategy and making a proposal to achieve the goals outlined. The improved strategy will be finalised in the new week. - The City Council has proposed leasing the Queen's Park Gardens Hut to QPCC, we are in the process of identifying potential terms of this lease, community consultation will be undertaken at Winter Festival, in the next issue of the Queen's Park Voice and online and a business case will be made to Council for approval as soon as is possible. - WCC has offered to lease QPCC the property at 17 – 23 Third Avenue for a year. The agreement would entail QPCC managing the building and sub-letting to other tenancy. All together the project would require a significant amount of work beyond our current capacity and would not achieve the impact of benefit that we would like to see so the offer was turned down. - With the support of One Westminster and Surrey Local Council's Association, the Proper Officer will be exploring the process of registering a charity arm of the Council to improve fundraising potential.
Events
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Summer Festival saw significantly less attendance than we are used to as a result of the rain. Nevertheless, residents in attendance made good use of all the offers at the festival including the climbing wall, performances, stall and the indoor offering in St Jude's Hall which was a lot more popular this year than previous and ended up being a great intergenerational space

- Fireworks will be going ahead this year with the same schedule and plans as previous year. There will be two stalls this year, one in St Jude's and the other at the Third Avenue entrance to the park- this is to ensure that residents near the fourth avenue barriers do not miss out on the opportunity for toys and snacks as will be available on Third Avenue. We need four Councillors to help man the stalls and a further two Councillors to support inside the Volunteer's section.
- We had another successful year of Summer in Queen's Park activity, however attendance at some events were affected by the rain over summer.
- Winter festival will be much earlier this year following feedback from last year – the festival will now start around 11am and end around 2pm. I've spoken with the Event's coordinator about ensuring that stall holders provide engaging activities rather than simply sharing information to ensure that there is lots for residents to engage with/ enjoy during the festival.
- This Black History month we will be facilitating a day of Workshops on hair care and hair wrapping followed by an exhibition and reception- this will be hosted at the St Luke's church and registration is ongoing. Please encourage residents in your network to attend.

Health, Wellbeing and Social Care

- There are currently three projects ongoing.

The **Wellbeing Wednesday** project is in its second weeks last week's session was a talking therapy session focused on 'Understanding Anxiety', it was attended by 12 residents and was supported by Councillor Bynoe

This week's session was also supported by Councillor Bynoe and was an African Yoga session – 12 residents were also in attendance and two others had to be turned away as the room was at capacity. The Yoga sessions will be moved to the sports room in the future so that residents are not turned away.

Carers' Time for self

The Carers time for self-sessions are taking place every other week at the jubilee centre – the first session took place this week and was attended by 6 residents. This week's session featured laughing yoga and a social space, the next session will feature hand exercises facilitated by Councillor Bynoe and light massages facilitated by a trained message.

Communitia sessions are under way at the Juniper House assisted living – the sessions include a home cooked meal, light exercises and social space for the residents. Sessions will also be held at Brooke Court, however they are now in a staff transition and are not able to accommodate sessions as yet.

Children and Young people

- We had another successful year of Summer in Queen's Park activity, however attendance at some events were affected by the rain over summer.
The working group will meet again in the new year to discuss potential of facilitating activities as other key times across the year.

Community Engagement
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Consultation planned for QP Hut - Housing consultation also planned
Grants
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A pop-up grant was approved for a resident- lead carnival alternative event. Resident reported that the event was attended by approximately 20 residents.
Air, Climate and Environment Climate Emergency
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The most recent results from the Air Quality Monitoring shows all areas in the Ward below the legal limit and in the blue – green sections for the first time since monitoring began. A full report will be available online.
Public and Community Arts
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Public and Community Arts performance arts project will begin in January with the support of the Community Champions and will culminate with a Community showcase in May 2024 to coincide with the Council's 100th Anniversary.
Planning Working Group
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - N?A
The Voice
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The next issue of the Queen's Park Voice will be published in November
Economic Development
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - N?A
Staffing
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A funding bid has been made to the national lottery to support an increase in staff capacity for a three-year period. A response is expected in January. - If there is a favourable response, we can recruit two new members of staff on there year contracts. If the application is not favourable, we will be recruiting a community development officer as planned. - We have received advice from WCC which would potentially see future recruitment being more successful in recruiting someone with generalist skills and governance experience that would be ideal. - We are now also able to offer new recruits a benefits package which would include membership to London Mutual Credit Union which provides a host of financial well-being products, recruits will also be able to join membership of Westminster City Council's Staff networks.
WCC
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - QPCC has recently had its quarterly meeting with the City Council - there were no issues to report or concerns from the City Council.

- There has not been a meeting with the Parks Team for a few month- the next meeting will be scheduled in November
- The Proper Officer, Chair and RFO have met with Councillor Sanquest who is now responsible for maintaining relationship between the City Council and be meeting ongoingly to discuss how the City Council can support the implementation of the Strategic Plan.
- The jubilee Community centre is now open and the next meeting of the Steering Group will be held in November – QPCC will be making the case for a changes to the time slots that have been approved as part of the 20 hours free usage as the remaining slots are not ideal for activities.

Immediate Plans going forward

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