

HAMPSTEAD HEATH, HIGHGATE WOOD AND QUEEN'S PARK COMMITTEE
Wednesday, 22 January 2020

Minutes of the meeting of the Hampstead Heath, Highgate Wood and Queen's Park
Committee held at Committee Room 1 - 2nd Floor West Wing, Guildhall on
Wednesday, 22 January 2020 at 5.00 pm

Present

Members:

Karina Dostalova (Chairman)
Anne Fairweather (Deputy Chair)
Deputy David Bradshaw
Alderman Prem Goyal
Michael Hudson
Alderman Gregory Jones QC
Wendy Mead
Deputy John Tomlinson
William Upton QC
John Beyer (Heath & Hampstead Society)
Sam Cooper (English Heritage)
Councillor Richard Cornelius (London Borough of Barnet)
Adeline Siew Yin Au (Ramblers' Association)

Officers:

Colin Buttery	- Director of Open Spaces
Bob Warnock	- Superintendent of Hampstead Heath
Katherine Radusin	- PA to Superintendent of Hampstead Heath
Richard Gentry	- Constabulary and Queen's Park Manager
Declan Gallagher	- Operational Services Manager
Yvette Hughes	- Business Manager Hampstead Heath
Gerry Kiefer	- Business Manager, Open Spaces Department
Paul Maskell	- Leisure and Events Manager
Alison Elam	- Group Accountant, Chamberlain's Department
Kristina Drake	- Media Team, Town Clerk's Department
Leanne Murphy	- Town Clerk's Department

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Ruby Sayed, Rachel Evans, Councillor Thomas Gardiner, Graeme Doshi-Smith, Oliver Sells QC.

2. MEMBERS DECLARATIONS UNDER THE CODE OF CONDUCT IN RESPECT OF ITEMS ON THIS AGENDA

There were none.

3. MINUTES

RESOLVED, that the public minutes of the meeting held on 13 November 2019 were approved as a correct record.

Members were advised that the planning application appeal for the North Fairground Site was dismissed by the Inspector. The Superintendent thanked the Heath & Hampstead Society, the Vale of Health Society and the London Borough of Camden for their support.

4. **DEPARTMENTAL AND SERVICE COMMITTEE BUDGET ESTIMATES AND HIGH-LEVEL SUMMARY BUSINESS PLAN 2020/21 - OPEN SPACES DEPARTMENT**

The Committee considered a joint report of the Chamberlain and Director of Open Spaces regarding the Departmental and Service Committee Budget Estimates and high-level summary Business Plan 2020/21 for the Open Spaces Department.

Members were advised that the budget was broadly equal to the current budget despite the Fundamental Review.

The Superintendent was pleased to confirm the East Heath Car Park resurfacing project was approved at the recent Resource Allocation Sub Committee meeting. It was noted that Capital Project bids for 2020/21 had been resubmitted for the East Heath Car Park Resurfacing, Queen's Park Public Toilet Rebuild and the Resurfacing of the Parliament Hill Athletics Track.

In response to a query concerning a reduction in the provision for the Cyclical Works Programme (CWP) and whether this was sufficient to cover these costs, Members were advised that the CWP Programme spanned over three years which accounted for the differences and that the project costs were monitored by the Corporate Asset Sub Committee. Members indicated that they needed to be kept aware of any projects that were slipping and the reasons why. Members were advised that there had been a recent prioritisation of projects on public delivery, e.g. toilets, playgrounds, but that the RAG ratings were reviewed and reprioritised quarterly.

RESOLVED – That Members:-

- Review and approve the Hampstead Heath, Highgate Wood and Queens Park Committee's proposed revenue budget for 2020/21 for submission to Finance Committee;
- Review and approve the Hampstead Heath, Highgate Wood and Queens Park Committee's capital and supplementary revenue projects budgets for 2020/21 for submission to Finance Committee;
- Authorise the Chamberlain in consultation with the Director of Open Spaces to revise these budgets to allow for any further implications arising from the Fundamental Review, Corporate Projects, other reviews and changes to the Cyclical Works Programme;
- Agree that minor amendments for 2019/20 and 2020/21 budgets arising during budget setting be delegated to the Chamberlain;

- Note the final draft high-level summary Department Business Plan for 2020/21.

5. **HAMPSTEAD HEATH TRUSTEE'S ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2019**

The Committee considered a report of the Chamberlain concerning the Hampstead Heath Trustee's Annual report and Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2019.

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6. **HIGHGATE WOOD & QUEEN'S PARK TRUSTEE'S ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2019**

The Committee considered a report of the Chamberlain concerning the Highgate Wood and Queen's Park Trustee's Annual report and Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2019.

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7. **QUESTIONS ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE WORK OF THE COMMITTEE**

There were no questions.

8. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS URGENT**

There were no urgent items.

9. **EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC**

RESOLVED, that under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part I of Schedule 12A of the Act.

10. **NON-PUBLIC MINUTES**

RESOLVED, that the non-public minutes of the meeting held on 13 November 2019 were approved as a correct record.

11. **SWIMMING REVIEW**

The Committee received a verbal update from the Superintendent of Hampstead Heath concerning the Swimming Review 2020.

12. **NON-PUBLIC QUESTIONS ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE WORK OF THE COMMITTEE**

There were no questions.

13. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS URGENT AND WHICH THE COMMITTEE AGREE SHOULD BE CONSIDERED WHILST THE PUBLIC ARE EXCLUDED**

There was one item.

The meeting ended at 6.30 pm

Chairman

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