

HAMPSTEAD HEATH CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE
Monday, 10 June 2024

Minutes of the meeting of the Hampstead Heath Consultative Committee held at
Committee Rooms, West Wing, Guildhall. on Monday, 10 June 2024 at 5.30 pm

Present

Members:

William Upton KC (Chairman)
Nick Bradfield (Dartmouth Park Conservation Area Advisory Committee)
John Arnoldi (Heath Hands)
Michael Hammerson (Highgate Society)
Dr. Gaye Henson (Marylebone Birdwatching Society)
Helen Payne (Friends of Kenwood)
Richard Sumray (London Council for Sport and Recreation)
Jeff Waage (Heath & Hampstead Society)
John Weston (Hampstead Conservation Area Advisory Committee)

Officers:

Emily Brennan	- Natural Environment Director
William LoSasso	- Environment Department
Charlotte Williams	- Environment Department
Callum Southern	- Town Clerk's Department
Blair Stringman	- Town Clerk's Department
Paul Maskell	- Leisure and Events Manager

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Colin Gregory and Steve Ripley.

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

No declarations were made.

3. MINUTES

3.1 To agree the public minutes and non-public summary of the Hampstead Health Consultative Committee held on 22nd April 2024.

RESOLVED, that, subject to amendment, the public minutes and non-public summary of the Hampstead Heath Consultative Committee held on 22nd April 2024 were approved.

3.2 To note the public minutes and non-public summary of the Hampstead Health, Highgate Wood & Queen's Park held on 21st May 2024.

The public minutes and non-public summary of the Hampstead Heath, Highgate Wood and Queen's Park Committee were formally noted.

4. **ASSISTANT DIRECTOR'S UPDATE**

The Committee received the Assistant Director's report which presented an update on matters relating to Hampstead Heath since the last Hampstead Heath Consultative Committee meeting on 22 April 2024.

During the discussion, the following points were raised:

- a) Acknowledged a significant increase in the amount of litter and drug use being discovered on West Heath and Officers were also being subjected to inappropriate behaviour. Officers were in the process of putting together a collaborative partnership-based approach to deal with anti-social behaviour at West Heath.
- b) Officers indicated they would produce a report for the next meeting with suggestions on combatting anti-social behaviour on West Heath in the future. The Committee welcomed this report.
- c) The Committee stressed the need to work with different community groups moving forward and emphasised the importance of engagement from the Constabulary. Officers agreed on the importance of working with different community groups and the need to reinitiate partnerships that had existed previously.
- d) Expressed concern that Officers were sufficiently trained to deal with disposed needles and acknowledged that it was difficult to continue with buddy system with reduction in staffing numbers.
- e) Officers suggested that an appointment to the role of Business Development Manager could be made in the next two-to-three weeks.

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

There were no questions.

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

There was one item of urgent business concerning an update from Heath Hands on conservation work, ecological monitoring, learning, wellbeing and community, and upcoming events.

7. **EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC**

RESOLVED – That, the following matters relate to business under the remit of the Court of Common Council acting for the City Corporation as charity Trustee, to which Part VA and Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 public access to meetings provisions do not apply. The following items contain sensitive information which it is not in the best interests of the charity to consider in a public meeting (engaging similar considerations as under paragraphs 3 and 5 of Schedule 12A of the 1972 Act) and will be considered in non-public session.

8. MINUTES

8.1 To agree the non-public minutes of the Hampstead Health Consultative Committee held on 22nd April 2024.

RESOLVED, that - the non-public minutes of the Hampstead Heath Consultative Committee held on 22nd April 2024 were approved.

8.2 To note the non-public minutes of the Hampstead Health, Highgate Wood & Queen's Park held on 21st May 2024.

The non-public minutes of the Hampstead Heath, Highgate Wood and Queen's Park Committee were formally noted.

9. NATURAL ENVIRONMENT CHARITIES - INCOME ANALYSIS AND PRIORITIES

The Committee received a report of the Interim Executive Director, Environment.

10. THE NEXT MEETING OF THE HAMPSTEAD HEATH CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE WILL TAKE PLACE ON MONDAY 16TH SEPTEMBER 2024.

The Chair formally closed the meeting.

The meeting ended at 6.37 pm

Chairman

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