London Borough of Hammersmith & Fulham

Wormwood Scrubs Charitable Trust Committee Minutes



Tuesday 15 March 2016

PRESENT

Committee members: Councillors Elaine Chumnery and Wesley Harcourt (Chair)

Officers: Mark Jones, Mike Rumble, Jem Kale, and Zena Khan

1. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the meeting held on 8 December 2015 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

2. <u>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</u>

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Joe Carlebach.

3. <u>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</u>

Councillor Wesley Harcourt declared an interest in the Old Oak and Park Royal Opportunity Area Planning Framework item as he was a member of the Planning Committee of the Old Oak and Park Royal Development Corporation.

4. APPOINTMENT OF CO-OPTED MEMBER

RESOLVED

That the Committee agreed the appointment of Stephen Waley-Cohen, Friends of Wormwood Scrubs representative as a non-voting co-opted member.

5. MANAGER'S REPORT

Old Oak and Park Royal Development Corporation (OPDC)

Peter Farnham (Principal Planning Officer) from Old Oak Park redevelopment team gave a presentation on the draft OPDC Local Plan.

Peter Farnham reported that the launch of workshops in February 2016 on the Local Plan had been well attended. Notes from the sessions would be fed into the consultation report and would inform the drafting of the Local Plan for the next round of public consultation .

Members requested a Public Realm study to be brought back to the next Committee meeting of the Trust.

ACTION: Peter Farnham

Peter Farnham to report back on emerging OPDC planning studies at the next Committee meeting of the Trust.

ACTION: Peter Farnham

Farrah Rossi commented that the Committee should look at opportunities that would benefit the Trust. Members commented that they would start to think about developing a strategic plan.

HS2 Bill - Proposed Wetland Mitigation Legal Agreement

Farrah Rossi updated the Committee on finalising the draft agreement. This is due to be finalised once officers have returned back from the Easter break.

HS2 Bill - Additional Provision 4 (AP4)

Farrah Rossi drew Members attention to Hammersmith and Fulham Council having entered into two legal agreements with HS2 as outlined in 3.5 of the report.

Fundraising Plan

<u>Independent email addresses</u> – Members agreed that a central address should be used for emails and the name should be generic.

<u>Wimbledon Common</u> – David Page to explore securing funds from Natural England.

ACTION: David Page

Members discussed the future of fundraising and whether to continue with this item at this Committee and what the activities of the OPDC meant in terms of opportunities for income generation. Officers commented that the actual development would not take place for a few years.

Members noted that there was far more litter on the Scrubs compared to Little Wormwood Scrubs. An update on managing this would be brought back to the next meeting.

ACTION: David Page

<u>UK Power Networks PLC</u> – David Page reported to the Committee that following discussions with property officers it was recommended that WSCT sought to regularise this matter and obtain income for occupation. The area in question was the compound near the small fenced area on the western edge of Wormwood Scrubs adjoining Scrubs Lane just south of the railway bridge. David Page reported that UKPN made an offer to Hammersmith and Fulham Council but this was rejected. UKPN had offered to pay a backdated amount for occupation in a lump sum. Negotiations were ongoing.

Filming and Events Update

Jem Kale updated the Committee on the hire of the Red Gra for use of parking for the Winter Wonderland event. The organisers expressed interest in using the space again and were willing to offer an increased payment.

Community Safety Update

Mike Rumble updated the Committee on discussions to secure keys to the access point of Wormwood Scrubs for emergency services. A short term suggestion would be to have a box for these keys on site. David Page reported that the pony centre had also raised this question.

Parks Management/Grounds Maintenance update

<u>Outdoor Gym</u> - David Page reported that a contractor has now been appointed to replace the equipment for the outdoor gym behind Linford Christie Stadium.

<u>Children's Play area</u> – A report will come to a future meeting for approval.

2015/16 Financial Forecast

Mark Jones reported on the latest financial forecast for Wormwood Scrubs Charitable Trust, noting the latest forecast deficit of £122,368. It was noted that Jem Kale had been successful in increasing events income for the Trust.

RESOLVED

That the Committee approved the 2016/17 budget.

6. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

The next meeting was scheduled for 27 June 2016.

Chair		Meeting started: Meeting ended:	•
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