

Wormwood Scrubs Charitable Trust Committee Minutes

Tuesday 15 March 2016

PRESENT

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

Co-opted members: Miriam Shea and Stephen Waley-Cohen

Officers: Mark Jones (Director for Finance and Resources), David Page (Director for Safer Neighbourhoods), Farrah Rossi (Project Manager), Ian Ross (Leisure Services Manager), Jem Kale (Events Manager) and Mike Rumble (Parks Inspector, ELRS)

External: Peter Farnham (Old Oak and Park Royal Development Corporation)

20. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The Chair addressed the meeting and welcomed everyone. For the purpose of the newly appointed committee member all attendees introduced themselves.

RESOLVED –

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

21. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillor Carlebach.

22. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Wesley Harcourt asked that it be noted he maintained an interest in the Old Oak and Park Royal Opportunity Area Planning Framework as he is a member of the Planning Committee of the Old Oak and Park Royal Development Corporation.

23. 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.

The Committee welcomed Stephen Waley-Cohen.

24. MANAGER'S REPORT

Old Oak and Park Royal Development Corporation (OPDC)

Peter Farnham (Principal Planning Officer) from Old Oak Park redevelopment team attended the meeting and drew members to a PowerPoint presentation on what the draft OPDC Local Plan states regarding the Scrubs. The main themes within the presentation were:

- Overview
- Role of the Local Plan
- Proposed guidance for Wormwood Scrubs
- Potential considerations
- Next steps

Peter Farnham reported that the launch of workshops in February 2016 on the Local Plan were attended well. Notes from these sessions will be fed into areas of the consultation report and would further inform the drafting of the Local Plan for the next round of Reg.19 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 need to look at opportunities that will benefit the Trust. Members commented that they will start to think about developing a strategic plan for the Scrubs what they want.

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 this report.

Fundraising Plan

Independent email addresses – Members agreed that a central point should be used for emails to be received and the name should be generic as Members were not in agreement to individual trustee names to be used.

Wimbledon Common – 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 whether the activities of the OPDC mean that there are different opportunities to increase income that we should focus on. Officers commented that the actual development would not take place for a few years.

Members discussed the amount of litter that is on the Scrubs compared to Little Wormwood Scrubs. An update on managing this will be brought back to the next Committee meeting of the Trust.

ACTION: David Page

UK Power Networks PLC – David Page reported to the Committee that following discussions with Property officers it is recommended that WSCT seeks to regularise this matter and obtain profits for occupation. The area in question is the compound near the small fenced area on the western edge of WS adjoining Scrubs lane just south of the railway bridge.

David Page reported that UKPN have made an offer to Hammersmith and Fulham Council but this was not accepted as the offer was too low. It is further reported that UKPN have offered to pay a backdated amount for occupation in a lump sum. David Page and Property officers will continue with negotiations.

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 event would like to use this space again and are willing to offer a an increased payment.

Community Safety Update

Mike Rumble updated the Committee on disussions that have been had 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 also raised this question.

Mike reported that his team have previously been short of supervisors as they lost 2 members of staff. They have now secured two part time supervisor posts.

Parks Management/Grounds Maintenance update

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

Childrens Play area – A report will come to this Committee for sign off.

2015/16 Financial Forecast

Mark Jones reported on the latest financial forecast for Wormwood Scrubs Charitable Trust drawing members attention to 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 approve the 2016/17 budget.

25. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

27 June 2016.

Meeting started: 7.00pm
Meeting ended: 8.45pm

Chair

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