

LEE VALLEY REGIONAL PARK AUTHORITY

**AUTHORITY MEETING
19 OCTOBER 2017**

Members Present: Paul Osborn (Chairman) Heather Johnson
David Andrews Denise Jones
Derrick Ashley Christopher Kennedy
Ken Ayling Derek Levy (Deputy for Christine Hamilton)
John Bevan (Deputy for Peray Ahmet) Maggie McEwen
Frances Button Simon Miller
Gwyneth Deakins Gordon Nicholson
Mike Garnett Mary Sartin
Barbara Gibson Simon Walsh
Zuber Gulamussen Claudia Webbe
Christine Hamilton John Wyllie
Linda Haysey Jon Guest (Canal & River Trust)
Ross Houston

Apologies Received From: Peray Ahmet, Stephen Carr, Tim Coleridge, Valerie Metcalfe,
Alan Smith, Syd Stavrou

Officers Present: Shaun Dawson - Chief Executive
Beryl Foster - Director of Corporate Services
Simon Sheldon - Director of Finance & Resources
Jon Carney - Head of Parklands
Stephen Wilkinson - Head of Planning & Strategic Partnerships
Stephen Bromberg - Head of Communications
Marigold Wilberforce - Property Surveyor
Nick Powell - Property Surveyor
Sandra Bertschin - Committee & Members' Services Manager
Lindsey Johnson - Committee Services Officer

Part I

10 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Name	Agenda Item No.	Nature of Interest	Prejudicial
<i>John Bevan</i>	6	<i>Trustee of Lee Valley Leisure Trust</i>	✓
<i>Mary Sartin</i>	7	<i>Member of Epping Forest District Council Planning Sub Committee West</i>	Non-Prejudicial

11 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

THAT the minutes of the meeting held on 6 July 2017 be approved and signed.

12 PUBLIC SPEAKING

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No requests from the public to speak or present petitions had been received for this meeting.

13 2017/18 WORK PROGRAMME UPDATE

Paper A/4248/17

The report was presented by the Chief Executive, where he updated Members that:

- We've had 12 expressions of interest for Picketts Lock. Officers will short list this to 4 and report to Members in a couple of weeks' time.
- The concept design for the Ice Centre has been worked through. We are currently at the pre-application stage and in talks with London Borough of Waltham Forest regarding enabling development. We have recently committed £0.5 million for a new ice rink which is providing the best ice in London.
- There has been lots of participation in the Community Access Fund, especially with people from non-riparian boroughs and a full report will be brought to Members at the end of the year.
- It is the 7th year for the Schools Festival at Lee Valley White Water Centre and the 4th year at the Lee Valley Hockey & Tennis Centre, where there has been good attendance from both riparian and non-riparian schools.
- Wild Camping was launched this year and has already received 1000 visitors, 50% of whom are from non-riparian boroughs.

A Member asked if the issues with East India Dock Basin were still ongoing. Officers replied that two of the biggest issues were with silt and the lock gates. Officers are working with London Borough of Tower Hamlets to see if CIL funding was available for these issues from large developments in the area. If the Authority were to receive CIL funding it would help to make a more compelling case for Heritage Lottery Funding. Trinity Buoy Wharf's plan to site the SS Robin ship at East India Dock Basin has been put on hold until we understand more about the lock gates.

A Member reminded everyone that we must not get too distracted by our large venues and remember the great work that our rangers achieve and that our Parklands are a great asset too.

A Member asked if Mayors and Chief Executives were invited to the schools festival. Officers replied that Leaders are invited and encouraged to pass their invites on to other colleagues if they are unable to attend.

A Member pointed out that the Park Development Framework had been going on for a long time and asked what the original schedule was for it. Officers replied that it was paused due to judicial reviews that were taking place, complaints around glasshouses and our Land & Property Strategy, it has now been restarted and on schedule.

A Member stated that he would like to see the land highlighted for disposal in Land & Property Strategy in the work programme.

(1) the report was noted.

John Bevan left the meeting.

14 LEE VALLEY REGIONAL PARK AUTHORITY APPOINTMENTS

Paper A/4249/17

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TO LEE VALLEY LEISURE TRUST LIMITED

The report was presented by the Chairman, who informed Members that the Authority would be reappointing John Bevan and Linda Haysey as Trustees on the Lee Valley Leisure Trust Limited.

He informed Members that Linda Haysey will resign from the Authority.

He also informed Members that John Bevan is currently a Deputy Member, therefore the Member that he deputises for will not be permitted to be a Member of the Executive Committee, nor will John Bevan be able to deputise at that meeting. If John Bevan became a full Member of the Authority, his trustee membership would cease. In addition John Bevan will not receive papers from any Authority meeting on issues relating to the re-commissioning of the new Leisure Services Contract, management fee or external procurements where the Trust has submitted a proposal.

- (1) the Trustee appointments of Linda Haysey and John Bevan have ended was noted;**
- (2) the appointment of 2 known or connected representatives as Authority appointed Trustees to Lee Valley Leisure Trust Limited; and**
- (3) delegation to the Director of Corporate Services in conjunction with the Chairman to arrange for service of Notice to the Trust of the appointment of John Bevan and Linda Haysey was approved.**

John Bevan returned to the meeting.

15 ANTI-FRAUD, BRIBERY & CORRUPTION AND WHISTLEBLOWING POLICIES Paper A/4246/17

The report was presented by the Director of Finance & Resources.

A Member pointed out that at paragraph 10 it should say 'there are no equality implications', rather than 'financial implications'.

- (1) the revised Anti-Fraud, Bribery & Corruption Policy as set out in Appendix A to Paper A/4246/17;**
- (2) the Whistle Blowing Policy as set out in Appendix B to Paper A/4246/17;**
- (3) the Fraud Response Plan as set out in Appendix C to Paper A/4246/17 was approved; and**
- (4) paragraph 10 should read, 'there are no equality implications' was noted.**

Derrick Ashley left during the next item.

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- 16 PROPOSAL TO DISPOSE OF THE SITE OF THE FORMER NAZEBOURNE POULTRY FARM, OLD NAZEING ROAD, NAZEING

Paper A/4247/17

The report was introduced by the Director of Corporate Services.

A Member asked if we should retain a small strip of land, for either our own access or to prevent others from creating a new access. Officers replied that we already have an alternative access for ourselves. The Chairman also reminded Members that the Land & Property Strategy Working Group had visited the site and declared that all of the land was no longer required for Park purposes.

A Member asked if we could set conditions on our land for sale and for neighbouring land with planning applications to ask that only affordable housing is created. Officers replied stating that it was not in our authority to make that request.

- (1) **to declare the site shown edged in red on Appendix A to Paper A/4247/17 as no longer required for Park purposes and surplus to Authority requirements; and**
- (2) **to market the site for disposal on the open market was approved.**

- 17 NEXT MEETING OF THE AUTHORITY

It was noted that the next meeting of the Authority will be held on Thursday, 18 January 2018 at 2.00pm at Myddelton House, Bulls Cross, Enfield, Middlesex, EN2 9HG.

- 18 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- The Chairman thanked those Members that attended the Volunteers Party recently, stating that the volunteers appreciated them attending.
- Heather Johnson informed Members that the Mayor of Barnet would be holding dinner on 18 November which would include a tour of the Lance Forman building. Tickets are £50 per person, contact Heather if you are interested.

Chairman

Date

The meeting started at 2pm and ended at 2.40pm.