

Decisions of the Welsh Harp Joint Consultative Committee

18 March 2015

Cllr Sury Khatri (Chairman)

Cllr Dr Devra Kay
Cllr John Hart
Cllr Parvez Ahmed
Cllr Adam Langleben

Organisation	Representative
Local Agenda 21	Julie Johnson
Welsh Harp Sailing Association	John Shepherd
Woolmead Residents' Association	Geof Johnson
Environment Agency	Neil Hider
Phoenix Canoe Club	Phil Atkinson
Hendon Rifle Club	Dale Langdale
Welsh Harp Conservation Group	Bob Husband
London Wildlife Trust	Dianne Murphy/Clive Cohen
West Hendon Residents' Association/Friends of York Memorial Park	Derek Cheung

1. **MINUTES (Agenda Item 1):**

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on 19th November 2014 be approved as a correct record.

2. **ABSENCE OF MEMBERS (Agenda Item 2):**

The following apologies for absence were received:

- Councillor Mashari
- Richard Bennett, Canal and River Trust
- Roy Beddard, Welsh Harp Conservation Group
- July Shepherd, West Hendon Forum

3. **DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS AND NON PECUNIARY INTERESTS (Agenda Item 3):**

There were none.

4. **REPORT OF THE MONITORING OFFICER (IF ANY) (Agenda Item 4):**

There was none.

5. **LONDON BOROUGH OF BRENT - WELSH HARP MANAGEMENT PLAN (Agenda Item 5):**

Lesley Williams, London Borough of Brent, introduced the report. An update on rough sleepers was provided, and it was noted that there had been a number of issues regarding rough sleepers on the Brent side of the reservoir

He clarified that at 3.3.1 the Welsh Harp Environmental Centre is to be closed at the end July, as opposed to April, 2015.

The Committee asked questions relating to rough sleepers and the closure of the Environmental Centre.

- The Committee requested that Lesley Williams circulate the minutes of the London Borough of Brent meeting of Full Council where the details of the closure of the Environmental Centre are laid out.
- The Committee noted the report.

6. LONDON BOROUGH OF BARNET - WELSH HARP MANAGEMENT PLAN (Agenda Item 6):

Matt Gunyon, London Borough of Barnet, introduced the report. An update on rough sleepers – with specific attention to rough sleeping locations – was provided.

It was noted that the London Borough of Barnet are drafting an illegal encampments policy.

Matthew Gunyon explained that Greenspaces had been unable to establish the owner of the billboards around the reservoir, but that they would endeavour this fact.

Mr Husband raised concerns over pollarding of trees, and Ms Johnson raised concern regarding the possibility of installing a Hoggin Path – as detailed in Appendix 1 – as it could possible encourage, rather than dissuade, rough sleepers.

- The Committee requested that Matt Gunyon would investigate dumping around the reservoir and provide an update to the committee at the next meeting.
- The Committee noted the report.

7. NOISE MONITORING REPORT (Agenda Item 7):

Terry Garner, London Borough of Barnet, introduced the report. The Committee discussed issues relating to light pollution and how light spillage – from balconies of new builds in particular – would be contained.

The Committee noted the report.

8. PRESENTATION FROM BARRATT HOMES REGARDING THE WEST HENDON REGENERATION DEVELOPMENT (Agenda Item 8):

Nathan Smith, Barratt Homes, delivered a presentation to the Committee regarding the ecological aspects of the West Hendon regeneration and the Welsh Harp Reservoir.

The Committee discussed issues relating to protecting wildlife and trees around the reservoir, and also construction contractors using roads that they are not permitted to use.

- The Committee requested Terry Garner to provide an update regarding the removal of swales to the Committee at the next meeting.
- Nathan Smith clarified that they are aware of the issue relating to contractors using prohibited roads, and taken measures to monitor the movement of certain vehicles. The Committee requested Nathan Smith to provide a status report regarding this issue to the Committee at the next meeting .

9. PRESENTATION FROM THAMESREACH (Agenda Item 9):

Ms McGeown, who was due to present to the Committee, was unable to attend and therefore was unable to present.

10. ANY OTHER ITEMS THAT THE CHAIRMAN DECIDES ARE URGENT (Agenda Item 11):

1. The Chairman provided an update regarding the Compulsory Purchase Order of the West Hendon Estate.
2. Arising from the minutes of the last meeting, the Chairman provided an explanation to the absence of the Canal and River Trust.
3. The Chairman noted that the Phoenix Canoe Club were recently awarded a grant of £10,000 at the most recent meeting of the Children, Education, Libraries and Safeguarding Committee.
4. Terry Garner noted that the recruitment of the SSSI Warden is to commence shortly.
5. Clive Cohen raised concerns relating to regular monitoring of water quality at the Welsh Harp Reservoir – Terry Garner noted that there are currently no identifiable funding streams to achieve regular water quality monitoring.
6. The Chairman advised the Committee that the meetings of the Committee for 2015 - 2016 will be held at Brent Council Offices. The dates for the meetings have yet to be confirmed and that these would be advised to Committee members as soon as these become known

The meeting finished at 9.35 pm