

# Welsh Harp Joint Consultative Committee

# Wednesday 17 November 2021 at 7.00 pm

This will be held as an online virtual meeting via MS Teams

# Membership:

Members Councillors:	Representing
Vincent Lo (Chair)	London Borough of Brent
Anne Clarke (Vice-Chair)	London Borough of Barnet
George Crane	London Borough of Brent
Saira Don	London Borough of Barnet
John Hart	London Borough of Barnet
Parvez Ahmed	London Borough of Brent
Roxanne Mashari	London Borough of Brent
Nagus Narenthira	London Borough of Barnet

# **Substitute Members (Brent Council)**

Councillors:

Amer Agha, Liz Dixon, Harbi Farah and Shama Tatler

**Substitute Members (Barnet Council)** 

Councillors:

Alex Prager and Helene Richman



# Membership continued:

#### **Organisations**

**Brent River Catchment Partnership** Canal and River Trust Cleaner Earth UK **Environment Agency** Friends of Welsh Harp Hendon Rifle Club Local Agenda 21 London Wildlife Trust Natural England Phoenix Canoe Club Princes Park Youth Football Club Thames 21 (Welsh Harp Education Centre) Training Ship Broadsword Welsh Harp Conservation Group Welsh Harp Sailing Association West Hendon Allotment Society West Hendon Community Forum West Hendon Residents' Association / Friends of York Park Woolmead Residents' Association Silver Jubilee Park Residents Association

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#### **Notes for Members - Declarations of Interest:**

If a Member is aware they have a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest\* in an item of business, they must declare its existence and nature at the start of the meeting or when it becomes apparent and must leave the room without participating in discussion of the item.

If a Member is aware they have a Personal Interest\*\* in an item of business, they must declare its existence and nature at the start of the meeting or when it becomes apparent.

If the Personal Interest is also a Prejudicial Interest (i.e. it affects a financial position or relates to determining of any approval, consent, licence, permission, or registration) then (unless an exception at 14(2) of the Members Code applies), after disclosing the interest to the meeting the Member must leave the room without participating in discussion of the item, except that they may first make representations, answer questions or give evidence relating to the matter, provided that the public are allowed to attend the meeting for those purposes.

# \*Disclosable Pecuniary Interests:

- (a) **Employment, etc. -** Any employment, office, trade, profession or vocation carried on for profit gain.
- (b) **Sponsorship -** Any payment or other financial benefit in respect expenses in carrying out duties as a member, or of election; including from a trade union.
- (c) **Contracts** Any current contract for goods, services or works, between the Councillors or their partner (or a body in which one has a beneficial interest) and the council.
- (d) **Land -** Any beneficial interest in land which is within the council's area.
- (e) **Licences-** Any licence to occupy land in the council's area for a month or longer.
- (f) **Corporate tenancies -** Any tenancy between the council and a body in which the Councillor or their partner have a beneficial interest.
- (g) **Securities -** Any beneficial interest in securities of a body which has a place of business or land in the council's area, if the total nominal value of the securities exceeds £25,000 or one hundredth of the total issued share capital of that body or of any one class of its issued share capital.

#### \*\*Personal Interests:

The business relates to or affects:

- (a) Anybody of which you are a member or in a position of general control or management, and:
  - To which you are appointed by the council;
  - which exercises functions of a public nature:
  - which is directed is to charitable purposes;
  - whose principal purposes include the influence of public opinion or policy (including a political party of trade union).
- (b) The interests a of a person from whom you have received gifts or hospitality of at least £50 as a member in the municipal year;

or

A decision in relation to that business might reasonably be regarded as affecting, to a greater extent than the majority of other council tax payers, ratepayers or inhabitants of the electoral ward affected by the decision, the well-being or financial position of:

- You yourself;
- a member of your family or your friend or any person with whom you have a close association or any person or body who employs or has appointed any of these or in whom they have a beneficial interest in a class of securities exceeding the nominal value of £25,000, or any firm in which they are a partner, or any company of which they are a director
- any body of a type described in (a) above.

# **Agenda**

Introductions, if appropriate.

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# 1 Apologies for absence and declaration of any alternate members

#### 2 Declarations of Interests

Members are invited to declare at this stage of the meeting, the nature and existence of any relevant disclosable pecuniary or personal interests in the items on this agenda and to specify the item(s) to which they relate.

# 3 Deputations (if any)

By prior arrangement with the Chair, persons who are not members of the Committee may attend to address the Committee on a particular issue or item. Any members of the public wishing to address the committee should submit their request at least 3 days in advance of the meeting to the contact officer named on the agenda. The request will then be passed to the Chair for consideration.

# 4 Minutes of the previous meeting

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To approve the minutes of the previous meeting held on Wednesday 28 July 2021 as a correct record.

#### 5 Matters arising

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DEFRA response from Rebecca Pow MP, regarding trash screens issue.

#### 6 Management Plan (Barnet)

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The Welsh Harp Joint Consultative Committee comprises British Waterways, Brent Council, Welsh Harp Conservation Group, Welsh Harp Sailing Association and Barnet Council. The committee is a consultative committee and meets on a quarterly basis. The committee is invited to note and make comments on the on-going site management issues identified within the report during this quarter.

This report presents progress on the Brent Reservoir / Welsh Harp Management Plan since the last meeting of the Committee and during the 2020/21 year to date.

The Management Plan is jointly managed by the three main land-holding organisations: Brent Council, the London Borough of Barnet, and the Canal & River Trust.

# 8 Welsh Harp Vision- Verbal Report

To receive a verbal update on the Welsh Harp 'Vision' project that involves Brent and Barnet Councils, the Canal and River Trust; the London Wildlife Trust, Greater London Authority and Thames 21.

### 9 Dates of Future Meetings

To note the following dates for future meetings of the Joint Consultative Committee:

Thursday 10 March 2022 at 7pm- to be held as an online meeting

#### 10 Any other urgent business

No business other than that appearing on the agenda shall be transacted at the meeting unless the Chair decides that it is urgent. Any member of the committee wishing to raise an item of urgent business should provide sufficient notice to permit consideration by the Chair.