

CLAPHAM COMMON MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES OF THE MEETING

Thursday 3 December 2015

7.00 pm at Omnibus, 1 Northside, Clapham, SW4 0QW

Present: Alison Macnair (AM) (Chair), Cllr Linda Bray (LB), David Dandridge (DD), Cllr Bernard Gentry (BG), Cllr Nigel Haselden (NH), Marcus Hope (MH for Friends of Clapham Common - FoCC), Lyndsay Jones (LJ), Joe Lewis (JL for London Borough of Lambeth - LBL), Simon Millson (SM), Helen O'Malley (HOM), George Owen (GO), Peter Schmitt (PS) and Fred Uhde (FU).

Special Guest: Cllr Jane Edbrooke, President of CCMAC.

Apologies: Iain Boulton (IB for London Borough of Lambeth), Diana Linskey (DL), Alex Nickson (AN) and a representative for the Clapham Society.

1. **The Spinney:** CCMAC welcomed Roland Karthaus, Karthaus Design and the University of East London, who gave a presentation on plans to develop and refurbish The Spinney (part of [Clapham Manor Children's Centre](#)) on Windmill Drive. Plans are expected to be submitted to LBL in January 2016. (BG declared an interest on this topic and left the meeting.)
2. **Apologies:** Apologies of absence were received from IB, DL and AN.
3. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting:** The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted.
4. **Matters Arising from the Minutes:**
 - **WC at Clapham Common Tube Station:** Work is under way with a planned opening set for the end of January. **Action: NH to confirm.**
 - **85 Westside:** Relevant papers had been submitted to LBL's lawyers but still no reply. **Action: LB and MH to follow up.**
 - **Air-raid Shelter:** PS informed the meeting that a decision was expected in December. (**Post meeting note:** the plans were agreed in December. Expected start date is mid-2016.)
 - **Paddocks on Clapham Common Southside:** BG to chase Veolia. Money is available through EIF to secure the sites. **Action: BG and GO.**
 - **Quietway:** SM informed the meeting CCMAC had responded to the consultation in due time with all members of CCMAC having the opportunity to make comments. **Action: SM and JL.**
 - **Polygon toilet block:** PS informed the meeting that planning permission had been granted in November for Change of Use from a public convenience to Use Class A1 (cafe including cold food and reheat) with a series of Conditions. In the Notes to Applicants the applicant was advised "to consult with both CCMAC and ward members". This gives the opportunity to have the original soft landscape scheme reinstated (instead of the palm tree and olive tree) and a beech hedge planted to screen the dustbins as well as the other elements of ornamental grass and also to have more trees planted in the expanse of hard landscaping. NH said that although consultation with CCMAC was not a 'Condition', it would be a requirement.
 - **Green Waste Site:** AM informed the meeting that the Trees, Landscape and Ecology had agreed to set up a working group comprising Dian Armstrong-Bell, IB, JL and Michael Fry to make an initial assessment of the green waste site and propose a fully-integrated plan for the site. **Action: IB and JL.**

- **Trees:** MH informed the meeting that 14 trees will be planted from late January. **Action: MH**
- **Fields Cafe:** it was agreed to give tacit support for the planned development.
- **2016 CCMAC Meeting Venue:** It was agreed to continue holding CCMAC meetings at Omnibus. **Action: SM.**

- 5. Constitution:** It was agreed by a vote of nine to one to put on hold the redrafting of the Constitution until the role of Clapham Common in LBL's Parks and Open Spaces strategy was clear. The code of conduct and equal opportunities policies as presented by AM were accepted. AM to run past LBL council lawyers. **Action: AM.**
- 6. EIF:** AM presented a revised budget. A plan needs to be developed to spend the balance based on priorities **Action: JL, AM and SM to discuss in more detail.**
- 7. Options for design of bins and fencing:** JL informed CCMAC that designs for bins and fencing are specified in the Clapham Common Masterplan. Money had already been set aside in EIF to purchase bins to replace damaged ones and place new ones where there was a need. **Action: JL**
- 8. CCMAC Walkabouts:** CCMAC agreed to two dates proposed by JL for walkabouts on the Common. They are Friday 15th January and Friday 15th April, both starting at 10am, assembling at the Bandstand. **Action: JL.**
- 9. Update on meeting with Land Use Consultants (LUC):** LJ gave an overview of the topics covered at a meeting with LUC and LJ, AM and SM. A planned play area walkabout is planned for Thursday 10th December. **Action: LJ, AM and SM**
- 10. Jane Edbrooke (JE) - Cabinet member on Lambeth Council with the lead on community safety, sports, culture, and community:** CCMAC welcomed Jane Edbrooke to the meeting as President of CCMAC. JE gave an update on the state of the budget cuts and the implication for the running of Clapham Common.
- 11. Date of next meeting:** Thursday 7th January at Omnibus.