

# CLAPHAM COMMON MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES OF THE MEETING

Thursday 6 October 2016

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

**Present** : Simon Millson (SM) (Chair), Helen O'Malley (HOM) (Deputy Chair), Peter Schmitt (PS) (Secretary), Maev Sullivan (MS in lieu of Annie Bayley for Clapham Society – CS), Cllr Linda Bray (LB), David Dandridge (DD), Cllr Nigel Haselden (NH), Alex Glassbrook (AG in lieu of Marcus Hope for Friends of Clapham Common – FoCC), Alex Nickson (AN) and George Owen (GO).

**Apologies:** Iain Bolton (IB for LBL) and Joe Lewis (JL for LBL) (JL to leave Clapham for Camden Council in November).

NB Cllr Bernard Gentry, Lyndsay Jones and Amrit Madhoo have stepped down. Fred Uhde has requested leave of absence for medical reasons  
– Diana Linskey remains acting Treasurer until AGM.

## 1. Matters Arising:

- Grassy Knoll (This is Clapham): Jeremy Keates's reduced scheme can be seen on line. There has already been subtle tree pruning. **Action: SM**
- Quietway: SM said that Richard Lancaster (Sustrans Project Manager) to attend next meeting. NH reported that TfL doing items piecemeal, i.e. crossings (Long Road), raised entrance to Crescent Street, public realm study of Clapham Manor Street to Clapham High Street. **Action: SM**
- Polygon Toilet Block: NH commented that Planning Permission was granted for a cafe, not a glass-walled office, and the design drawings need 'to be refined'. CCMAC to be consulted by Head of Operations (Property Services), including on landscaping. **Action: SM**
- Polygon planting maintenance: DD reported that Jeremy Keates suggested paying someone from St Mungo's to do weeding. NH observed that local residents were interested in helping. CCMAC to be updated.  
**Action NH**
- Green Waste Site: DD explained that Iain Bolton would take over lead on project after Joe Lewis leaves. Native hedgerow plants due next week.
- Play Facilities at Battersea Rise: Current thinking is to remove sand pit due to high maintenance costs (sand scattered and dog mess).
- Basketball Courts: edge trimming and removal of existing railing commenced – to be restored, except there will be 3m-high fence at skate-park end (4 weeks) and resurfaced (4 weeks for tarmac to set). Then 12m-floodlights installed. **Action: SM**
- Lambeth Parks' Forum: NH is Clapham Neighbourhood Lead and said Lambeth committed to Forum. Ref: Events Strategy below item #5
- Wild Flower Meadow: AG re-tabled plan with costs (original £15,260) and reduced single mound @ £12,519, requesting £5250 from EIF (PIL) funds. NH expressed joy at biodiversity but concern at cost, seconded by GO, in

- light of everything else. LB raised issue of unsightliness after flowering (fenced off in Islington). Subsequent maintenance costs were not included, in answer to DD's question. AN queried whether a wild flower meadow was part of Masterplan, which it is not. PS asked for rationale for creating nutrient deficient zone in middle of fertile grassland. The Common drains towards Northside, where a catchment for nutrients could be argued. AN summed up the position for CCMAC to make an informed decision, that all costs, including maintenance for three years, were needed. **Action: MH**
2. **Park Manager's Report** (circulated): There was discussion about installing a container behind the old toilet block to store sports' equipment. GO asked if the changing room(s) could be used to store equipment. SM to investigate. NB: EIF funding is available for temporary sports' changing facilities. **Action: SM**
  3. **Bandstand concerts assessment** (paper circulated): Peter Jefferson Smith confirmed in writing that CCMAC's four concerts (in a series of five) were a success and within the £2,500 budget. The problem is deckchair storage. PJS hopes for a similar group next summer to arrange five + one concerts. DD remarked we have £3,500. GO said to send thanks to PJS. **Action: SM**
  4. **Website Update** (paper circulated): AN ran through updates on website pages and requested payment for Phil James's remaining web-design fee and domain reg (£1,558.48 exVAT), reimbursement of AN for payment for Blue Host web hosting fees (£188.08) and approval to retain Phil James as CCMAC's web advisor. Agreed, from EIF (PIL) money. It was also suggested that AN liaise with Jeremy Keates (This is Clapham) in updating Clapham Common map with points of interest. **Action AN**
  5. **LBL Events Strategy** (Lambeth Forum Minutes circulated): HOM attended 21-September Meeting, where concerns raised on new Events Strategy (8 major events per annum on Clapham Common plus increased noise levels to raise money). HOM said better liaison was needed due to number of complaints and few senior Parks' Officers present on weekends. NH observed that EIF is to become PIL, which will increase money for parks, including Grafton Square, which needs attention. **Action: HOM**
  6. **Bandstand Beds Association** (paper circulated): DD drew attention to membership growth from 10 to 70 in this year. The Common People Feast will take place from midday to 4pm on 8 October. More Green Waste space is on offer for side-opening container. WREF application turned down. BBA wish to upgrade access for disabled and elderly people (£3500), in addition to new double gates (£1,500). PS preferred access at the side, using new gate, and having native hedgerow planted in front of the double gates as continuation of Green Waste scheme, including

removal of sleepers behind railing, to overcome visual intrusion of the polytunnel. DD would draw up a plan. **Action DD**

7. **Management Plan** (draft committee responsibilities circulated): SM remarked the Management Plan should be drafted by January 2017 in order to get 'Green Flag' status. Headings allocated as follows: History (HOM); CC Health & Security (NH); Sustainable Park (AN+PS). **Action: SM**
8. **AGM:** SM stated that AGM is 2 February 2017 – to be announced on 1 January 2017. Nominations for Members to be submitted 21 days in advance according to Constitution on website. **Action SM**
9. **This Is Clapham Board:** GO pointed out that of eight Clapham celebrities on the poster there were no women. He mentioned Annie McCall, who founded the Clapham Maternity Hospital in 1889, and Annie Besant. DD added singer, dancer, actress Gertrude Lawrence (1898-1952).
10. **Date of next Meeting:** Thursday 3 November at Omnibus.

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