

CLAPHAM COMMON MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES OF THE MEETING

Thursday 3 November 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), Diana Linskey (DL) (Acting Treasurer), Cllr Bernard Gentry (BG), Maev Sullivan (MS) (in lieu of Annie Bayley for Clapham Society – CS), David Dandridge (DD), Cllr Nigel Haselden (NH), Marcus Hope (MH) (for Friends of Clapham Common – FoCC), George Owen (GO), Lara Mifsud-Bonici (LMB) (LBL Parks Manager), Nick Mason (NM - FoCC) and Peter Jefferson-Smith (PJS) (Bandstand Concerts)

Apologies: Cllr Linda Bray (LB) and Alex Nickson (AN).

1. Quietway – update:

SM reported that Richard Lancaster (Quietway Project Manager) was unable to attend. BG observed there was an extended timescale and work is being done piecemeal. **Action SM**

2. Bandstand Concerts – proposal by Peter Jefferson-Smith:

PJS outlined the resources problem with deckchairs: LBL deliver them on Friday afternoon, chain them to a lamppost (LMB said too awkward to store under the bandstand), and then collect them on Monday morning. People were needed to unchain them, set them up, collect them after the concert and re-chain them. PJS remarked that the season should start early June, allowing for seven concerns fortnightly, finishing early September. Resources were agreed. PJS would do a risk assessment, agree dates with Events and arrange publicity. **Action:PJS**

3. Bandstand Beds – proposal by Diana Linskey for EIF (PIL) funding:

Diana Linskey tabled two drawings, showing the poly-tunnel and a proposed shipping container, with the second drawing indicating double gates and notional paths for disabled access around raised beds. A grant of £3,500 was requested for installing hoggin pathways. PS commented that the original intention was to allow a 1.5m-wide zone behind the railing for native hedgerow plants, as everywhere else around the green waste site, to screen the poly-tunnel from view, particularly from the Bandstand. This is disputed by Bandstand Beds. PS said the sleepers need to be removed from against the railing and the hedgerow continued behind the double gates. NH remarked that the new container would be the same distance from the fence as the others, i.e. 1.5m. BG observed that the proposal may require a definitive plan and Planning Permission and that the poly-tunnel should not be visible. A vote was taken: with four in support, one against and three abstentions. The grant was thus agreed.

- 4. Wildflower Meadow** – proposal by Marcus Hope for EIF (PIL) funding:
A grant of £5250 was again turned down, following on from the 6-October Meeting. LMB commented that biodiversity was good, as confirmed in an email from Ian Bolton but the costs were too high, in light of other pressing needs, e.g. bollards and new bins. PS noted there was no precedent in the Masterplan but this is disputed by the Friends of Clapham Common. PS commented that wildflowers are good for bees (numbers low) but was concerned about the need to plant trees (Tree of Heaven not replaced) and the problem of soil compaction from events and LBL vehicles, which causes water run off and loss of top soil.
- 5. Matters Arising** – Minutes of Meeting on 6 October 2016:
- Grassy Knoll: the scheme is out to tender. **Action: SM**
 - Polygon Toilet Block: NH commented that this has been on the Agenda for seven years. The setting of the toilet block in the landscape was the issue and the planting should dovetail. CCMAC to be consulted by Head of Operations (Property Services), including on landscaping. **Action: SM**
 - Green Waste Site: Native hedgerow plants delivered.
 - Play Facilities at Battersea Rise: Current thinking is to remove sand pit due to high maintenance costs (sand scattered and dog mess).
 - Basketball Courts: ongoing, existing railing reinstated, new 3m-high fence proposed at skate-park end (4-weeks) and resurfacing (4 weeks for tarmac to set). Then 12m-floodlights to be installed. **Action: SM**
 - LBL Events Strategy and Lambeth Parks' Forum: Concern ongoing about increase in noise levels and proposed 8 major events per annum.
 - Sports' equipment storage (Park Manager's Report): existing changing rooms will be refurbished to include female facilities and temporary storage unit to be installed alongside. **Action: SM**
 - Website update: liaise with Jeremy Keates (This is Clapham) on updating Clapham Common map with points of interest. **Action: AN**
 - Management Plan: to be drafted by Jan 2017 **Action: SM**
- 6. EIF Report** – Draft CCMAC Accounts for Year Ending 31 Dec 2106:
Diana Linskey had circulated the Accounts on 31 Oct, showing £38,591.71 available to spend this financial year. LMB stated that there was only £50,000 to spend on parks' maintenance in the whole of LBL. BG disagreed and asked why no parks' staff on weekends. LMB explained that path repairs on Clapham Common would take all the EIF funds. Also mentioned were bollard replacement on the paddocks (Southside), power supply for Eagle Pond, lids for bins and temporary storage facility for sporting groups. (GO observed that the gas company needed to reinstate or pay compensation if any damage was done to the Paddocks. BG agreed to write to Kevin Crook.) **Action: BG**
- 7. Condition of Windmill Playground** – BG to report:
BG explained there was a damaged swing and some equipment was at possible high risk. LMB concurred and said the rubber matting was a tripping hazard (NB £450k earmarked for capital works). **Action: BG**

8. Winterville (2017/18) and Moonwalk – SM update:

SM stated that Winterville is scheduled 12 months from now and would be presented to the January Meeting with plans. BG commented that the total anticipated attendance over the period is at the limit for a major event. However, the event period is limited to 8 days, while 30 days are proposed.

As regards Moonwalk, MH said we need to restrict the number of days the site is occupied. The big tent takes 16 days to set up and take down for a one-day event. There were 69 complaints over noise (16 the previous year), though NH remarked the clean up was exemplary last year.

Action: SM

9. AGM – timescale for election of community representatives:

28-day notice to be given on 5 Jan 2017 for AGM on Thursday, 2 February 2017. Deadline for Nominations for Members is 12 Jan (21 days in advance) to be sent to PS to collate on form circulated by SM. **Action: SM**

10. Date of next Meeting: Thursday 1 December at Omnibus.

PS