

CLAPHAM COMMON MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES OF THE MEETING

Thursday 1 December 2016

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

Present: Simon Millson (SM) (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), Bob Robinson (BR) (in lieu of Marcus Hope for Friends of Clapham Common – FoCC), Lara Mifsud-bonici (LMB) (LBL Parks Manager)

Apologies: Helen O'Malley (HOM) (Deputy Chair), Cllr Bernard Gentry (BG), George Owen (GO) and Alex Nickson (AN)

1. Minutes of 3 November 2016

DD and BR said they disagreed with the statements made by PS under items nos. 3 and 4 respectively, which were duly recorded in the Minutes.

2. Matters Arising

- Grassy Knoll (This is Clapham): The tenders for Jeremy Keates's scheme came in too expensive. **Action: SM**
- Polygon Toilet Block: NH said nothing further to report. **Action: SM**
- Green Waste Site: DD reported that 100 trees/plants had been planted around the green waste site by volunteers last weekend.
- Play Facilities at Battersea Rise: LMB is dealing with maintenance problem of sand pit (scattered sand and dog mess). **Action: LMB**
- Basketball Courts: ongoing; railings and resurfacing completed, markings to do, followed by installation of 12m-floodlights in early 2017. **Action: SM**
- LBL Events Strategy and Lambeth Parks' Forum: HOM at Forum Meeting tonight about noise levels and 8 major events per annum. **Action HOM**
- Sports' equipment storage (Park Manager's Report): existing changing rooms to be refurbished to include female facilities and temporary storage unit installed alongside. **Action: SM**
- Website update: liaise with Jeremy Keates (This is Clapham) on updating Clapham Common map with points of interest. **Action: AN**
- Bandstand Concerts: LMB confirmed deck chairs would be put out on Fridays without charge for seven concerts fortnightly during summer 2017 (ref PJS's Evaluation Report 8 Dec 2016).
- Bandstand Beds: LMB reported that purchase order for hoggin for the pathways had been placed. A blackthorn is to be planted on the far side of Windmill Drive, as agreed with Dr. Iain Bolton. **Action LMB**

- EIF Report: LMB said that the bollards would go to someone else. The bins in Larkwell Park work better than the current ones ordered, which would be replaced and used elsewhere. BG to report about writing to Kevin Crook advising gas company to reinstate Paddocks at their cost. NH said a lamppost was missing on the diagonal pathway opposite southern facade of Trinity Church. LMB would look into installing a matching one.

Action BG,

LMB

- Condition of Windmill Playground: LMB advised that the swing had been repaired along with the plywood on the multi-play equipment.

3. Quietway – update:

NH explained that legal support was now in place and the route from Waterloo to Croydon was being agreed on Nightingale Lane and with Norbury. The Quietway would go across Clapham Common as originally presented, subject to consultation on detail design, e.g. pathway width and surfacing to slow down cyclists (Bredan gravel). TfL have installed a pelican crossing on the Avenue.

Action SM

4. Management Plan – update by SM:

SM reported that the document was coming together. He advised that the Brockwell Park Management Plan 2012-22 should be taken as a model.

5. Parks & Cemeteries – fees and charges:

LMB related that there were a lot of inquiries on fishing permits. Also, as an exception, no charge would be levied to put out deck chairs for the Bandstand Concerts (ref above).

Action LMB

6. TfL cafe at deep shelter – update by SM:

SM reported that the cafe programme included three months to tender with a proposed construction start in Sept 2017 to open summer 2018.

7. Parks Manager – update by LMB

Waste and litter team would comprise Chris Jute and Levin Wallace.

LMB announced that she had been appointed as Park Manager.

People for the post of Tree Officer were being interviewed. **Action: LMB**

8. AOB

- MS queried how CCMAC advice was fed back. LMB explained it went to LBL Officers and then the Chairman.
- Discussion of CCMAC's support for licensing until 11pm of the outdoor area of Omnibus was postponed until GO was in attendance.

9. Date of next Meeting – 7pm at Omnibus:

Postponed a week to Thursday, 12 January, also deadline for nominations.

PS