

**CLAPHAM COMMON MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
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Thursday 2 March 2017

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

Present: Simon Millson (SM) (Chair), Helen O'Malley (HOM) (Deputy Chair), Tim Bennett (TB) (Secretary), Adrian Darley (AD) (Treasurer), David Beldon (DB), Cllr Linda Bray (LB), David Dandridge (DD), Jeremy Keates (JK), Nick Mason (NM) (for Friends of Clapham Common – FoCC), Alex Nickson (AN), Martin Read (MR), Patrick Spencer (PS), Maev Sullivan (MS) (for The Clapham Society – CS)

Guests: Fran MacMillan (FM) (Clapham BID) and Matt Brady (MB) (Covent Garden Dance Company)

Apologies: Cllr Bernard Gentry (BG) and Cllr Nigel Haselden (NH)

1. Ballet on the Common

FM and MB presented a proposal for 'Ballet Under the Stars' – a live ballet event which would be held on the Common over three days during winter 2017/18. The performances would take place inside a temporary see through marquee. The proposal is from the Covent Garden Dance Company. The Company has not yet applied for planning permission and wished to listen to CCMAC before proceeding.

The Committee questioned FM and MB about the proposals and commented upon potential locations on the Common and impact on the local community.

In discussion, the Committee agreed that the concept of ballet performances on the Common is attractive. However, it believed more thought is needed about a suitable location. In particular, concerns were raised over two issues: whether the paddling pool (one potential site) would bear the weight of the structure needed to house the ballet; and whether any site near the Church may set a precedent for other events to be similarly located.

SM will feedback the Committee's views to FM and MB. **Action: SM**

2. Grassy knoll behind Clapham Common Tube Station

JK updated the Committee on the Clapham Common Gateway Project. The plans have been granted approval by LBL, subject to some small updates.

JK said that the Planning Inspectorate's *Common Land Guidance Sheet 1B* advised that Secretary of State consent was not necessary and asked for the Committee's agreement. The committee noted that the project would proceed without seeking Secretary of State consent.

3. Election of Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer and Secretary

- Chair: SM was elected
- Deputy Chair: HOM was elected
- Secretary: TB was elected

- Treasurer: Adrian Darley was elected. The meeting agreed that Adrian Darley would become a signatory on the account together with Simon Millson and Tim Bennett (Secretary), taking over the role from Diana Linskey who would be removed from the signatory panel.

4. Minutes of the meeting on Thursday 12th January 2017

The minutes were passed.

5. Minutes of AOM on Thursday 2nd February 2017

The minutes were passed.

6. Matters arising

Winterville

The Committee will shortly undertake a site visit to better understand the proposals.

Toilet block next to changing rooms

A developer has approached LBL about turning it into a cafe. HOM questioned why it could not be adapted to provide additional changing facilities instead. A representative from the developer will come to a future CCMAC meeting.

Old Fields Cafe

There have been applications for tenancy of the Old Fields Cafe.

Bowling Green

A 6-month lease has been offered for the Bowling Green Cafe.

Bandstand Concerts

DD updated the Committee on the programme for 2017. DD is keen for a greater diversity of musical styles to be included in the programme.

Management Plan

SM will share the draft Management Plan at April's CCMAC. **Action: SM**

Communications

The information plaque on the Common will be updated with the new Committee. **Action: HOM**

7. Code of Conduct

Committee members signed the Code of Conduct.

8. Working Groups

The Committee agreed members and convenor of Working Groups for: Events; Trees, Landscape & Ecology; Communications including Bandstand Concerts; Green Waste Site; Playground; Sports; and, Governance & Management Plan.

9. AOB

Electric vehicle charging points

The Committee discussed LBL's proposals to install two electric vehicle (EV) charging points, one near the paddling pool and one on Windmill Drive. The Committee supported the idea in principle but believed greater thought was required on two issues:

- Locations: regarding the one near the paddling pool the Committee had reservations as it would also be close to the Temperance Fountain. Regarding the one on Windmill Drive, the Committee believed it could be moved (e.g. to opposite The Windmill) so as to be more accessible to vehicles. Furthermore, the location needed consideration in the context of the Quietway scheme
- Use cases: it is unclear whether there are electrically-charged ice cream vans (or other mobile food outlets) which would use the charging points and, if so, how much time they would utilise them for. The Committee was keen that any investment in EV charging infrastructure results in maximum possible use.

SM will feedback the Committee's views to Matthew Browning (LBL Sustainability Officer). **Action: SM**

Playground – Capital Investment Programme

SM updated the Committee on the status of LBL's Capital Investment Programme. The Programme is under review and a decision will be taken in due course as to whether playground refurbishment should be undertaken in one go borough-wide or playground by playground. LBL's new Director for Capital Investment will be invited to CCMAC when his review of the Programme is complete. **Action: SM**

Lambeth Parks and Open Spaces Forum

SM and HOM reported back from LBL's Parks and Open Spaces Forum

- LBL Parks Improvement Team: the new in-house team has been established, comprising one supervisor, three officers and one apprentice. It has identified 78 tasks to do. The list will be sent to CCMAC for comment and addition. The Committee welcomed this involvement
- Toilet cleaning: this will come in-house. Toilets will be cleaned twice a day and they will be open throughout the year on Clapham Common
- Litter collection: there will be a new regime, including weekend collection over summer months (April to October). Also, new bins will shortly be installed, designed to prevent birds causing problems
- LBL will be examining cycling protocols.

Meeting with Lib Peck

SM reported upon a meeting held between Lib Peck (Leader of LBL) and Chairs of various community bodies such as CCMAC.

- Events: SM expressed CCMAC's wish to be involved in consultation at an earlier stage. HOM said that CCMAC should ask Olivia Pearcey (LBL Senior Events Officer) for more information about upcoming events. **Action: PS**
- The Committee was informed of the existence of an LBL Parks Charter
- Capital Investment Programme – discussed, as above
- Litter – discussed, as above

Park Investment Levy

SM will send Committee members details of how the Park Investment Levy (on events) is distributed between parks and open spaces in Lambeth. **Action: SM**

Bins

MR raised a concern about the siting of bins in some parts of the Common. **Action: MR to provide further detail and SM to raise issue with Lara Mifsud-Bonici (LBL Parks Manager)**

10. Date of next meeting

The date of the next meeting was set for Thursday 6th April 7.00pm at Omnibus.