

**CLAPHAM COMMON MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF THE MEETING**

Thursday 4th May 2017

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

Present: Simon Millson (SM) (Chair), Helen O'Malley (HO'M) (Deputy Chair), Tim Bennett (TB), Cllr Linda Bray (LB), David Dandridge (DD), Adrian Darley (AD), Cllr Nigel Haselden (NH), Jeremy Keates (JK), Tricia Peters (TP) (Friends of Clapham Common – FCC), Martin Read (MR), Patrick Spencer (PS), Maev Sullivan (MS) (Clapham Society – CS)

Guests: Will Straw (WS) (Great Get Together - Clapham); Lee Fiorentino (LF) & Olivia Pearcey (OP) (LBL Events); and Laura Harford (LH) (Enhance Clapham); Andrew Summers (AS) (observing from Clapham Society)

Apologies: David Beldon (DB), Cllr Bernard Gentry (BG), Alex Nickson (AN)

1. Great Get Together

WS introduced The Great Get Together for Clapham, a community picnic that will take place on the Common on Sunday 18th June. It will commemorate Jo Cox and celebrate her belief that we all have more in common than that which divides us.

The Committee welcomed the event and details will be put on the website. **Action: SM**

2. Events update

LF and OP highlighted upcoming events on the Common, including Moonwalk on 13-14th May. The Committee would be offered a pre-event site visit.

Regarding Winterville. CCMAC will have further opportunity to comment on the pro forma once it includes additional information from the organisers. The event organisers have indicated that they wish to proceed on the basis of their initial plan but CCMAC asked that they look again at reducing the duration and scale of the plans, and moving location to the circus site. CCMAC will have the opportunity to comment at Planning and Licensing if an application is made.

The proposal for Ballet Under the Stars [discussed March 2017 CCMAC] is still being considered, in particular whether the paddling pool would bear the weight of the structure.

LBL Events has submitted a planning application to cover all existing events for one year. The application includes installation and de-installation of temporary structures, and details how LBL works with event organisers. LF and OP stated that this application would not allow SW4 to extend the area it uses. Consultation on the application is open until 25th May.

LBL Events is also developing a blanket licensing application, and would like to return to CCMAC to discuss prior to submission.

In general, HOM asked for greater coordination with CCMAC. The Committee also queried whether there is scope to move more of the existing events to the circus site.

3. Enhance Clapham

LH introduced plans for a public art strategy along the High Street and surrounding roads, which Voltaire Studios is pursuing in a 5-year partnership with Clapham BID. CCMAC welcomed the project and looked forward to hearing more once it has progressed further.

4. Minutes of the meeting on Thursday 6th April 2017

The minutes were passed.

5. Matters arising

Bandstand

DD summarised the programme of seven events plus Common People (27th May). The programme is on CCMAC's website and will be promoted via a flyer. **Action: SM**

St John's Ambulance support will be sought for Common People. **Action: JK**

Quietway

The Consultation report will come after the General Election, following which CCMAC will receive a briefing.

Healthy Streets

NH emphasised that this is a forum for wide contribution from the community.

Management Plan

SM noted that work is ongoing.

6. Working Groups updates

Events

PS suggested that CCMAC has its own set of criteria to evaluate proposed events. The Committee agreed this was a good idea and so the WG will develop these criteria and bring them to CCMAC for review. **Action: Events WG (led by PS)**

Trees, Landscape and Ecology

HOM noted that a Trees Strategy has previously been developed and that this should be taken into account by the WG.

There has been recent tree cutting activity, which appears to have been undertaken without adequate notice. SM will follow up with LBL. **Action: SM**

TP has become a member, following the departure of Nick Mason.

Playground

An option will be developed for playground improvement. **Action: HOM**

Governance and Management Plan

HOM has become a member.

7. Priority projects for use of PIL/ S106 funding

The committee identified projects which could merit PIL/ S106 funding. These are relatively small capital projects or those which can be spread over a period of time, and they are complementary to LBL's Capital Parks Investment Programme. The five priority projects for further consideration are: restoration of the paddling pool; improved litter management; improvements to at least one playground; restoration of Temperance Fountain; a drainage strategy for the Event site and playing areas.

Other projects which could be considered are: surveying usage of the Common; creating a recycling point; and employing a day-time guardian at the weekend.

8. AOB

Fred Uhde

The Committee regretfully noted Fred Uhde's recent passing, and recognised his contribution to CCMAC and the community more generally. As a mark of appreciation for his service CCMAC will fund a tree on the Common. **Action: SM**

Leslie Rhodes

NH informed the Committee that local residents had raised money in memory of Leslie Rhodes, a victim of the Westminster terror attack. This would fund a bench and possibly tree by Mount Pond.

The Veolia Environmental Trust

CCMAC has submitted an application to Veolia's community fund for litter-picking utensils and a promotional campaign about littering. The Committee thanked MR for his work on the application.

Clapham Common Gateway ('grassy knoll')

JK informed the Committee that LBL Planning has rejected Clapham BID's design proposal for the Gateway project. Clapham BID will reconsider the design.

Old Town Fayre

JK informed the Committee that this will take place Saturday 2nd September. Gazebos will be available for community groups.

Paddling pool fence painting

It has been suggested that the paddling pool fence could be painted under the Community Payback scheme. NH will follow up with the local SNT. **Action: NH**

9. Date of next meeting

The date of the next meeting was set for Thursday 1st June 7.00pm at Omnibus.