

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

Thursday 1th June 2017

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

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

Guests: Jon McIver (JM) (Clapham Society – Observer)

Apologies: David Dandridge (DG), Cllr Bernard Gentry (BG) and Alex Nickson (AN)

1. Clapham Old Town Fayre

The Clapham Old Town Fayre will be on Saturday 2nd September and is due to be bigger than last year's event. It is organised by This is Clapham BID and the Omnibus. A wide range of groups will be present, including sports, food and farming, Bandstand Beds, and The Spinney. All groups will have a free stall and are encouraged to make their displays interactive. Banners on local lampposts may be used to advertise the Fayre (a method which could also be used for other events).

2. Minutes of the meeting on Thursday 4th May 2017

The minutes were passed.

3. Matters arising

Winterville

Marcus Weedon has said that Winterville will press ahead with a planning application. Protocols dictate whether a decision goes to Planning Subcommittee rather than being decided by Officers. Ward councillors can also request the decision be referred to Planning Subcommittee. LB noted organisers would also need to submit a Licensing application.

SM said the latest intended dates are ten days set up, five weeks operation until New Year (a reduction from the originally intended six weeks), and five days decommissioning.

HOM noted that the primary purposes of the Common were leisure and sport. NH has previously met applicants and emphasised to them the need to protect grounds and provide opportunities for local businesses. NH is minded to support the event for an initial year.

There will be a public meeting soon to discuss Winterville's plans. MS will ask LBL which streets have been informed about the meeting. **Action: MS**

Bandstand concerts

The Committee agreed to a proposal from HOM to thank DD and SM for organising a successful Common People and LB and Peter Jefferson Smith for stewarding the event. More volunteer stewards are needed for upcoming Bandstand Concerts. SM will coordinate. **Action: SM**

PIL/ S106 funds

CCMAC's list of priority capital improvements for the Common has been sent to Kevin Crook (LBL). He will respond with LBL's view on how best to spend the funds.

Fred Uhde

As decided previously, CCMAC will fund a tree in memory of Fred Uhde. This will be done via FCC, so it can be bought alongside trees from other community groups. **Action: DF**

NH recommended that officers consider the placing of all new trees in memory of Mr Uhde and Leslie Rhodes, so that they are planted in a coordinated fashion.

Clapham Common Gateway ('grassy knoll')

Following LBL's rejection of its design proposal, JK stated that This is Clapham BID continues to consider the best way forward for the Gateway project.

Paddling pool fencing

NH will follow up with the local SNT to see if the paddling pool fence can be painted under the Community Payback scheme. **Action: NH**

4. Working Groups updates

Events

PS reminded the Committee about Abbeville Fete on Saturday 24th June.

PS will put together a draft set of criteria for evaluating events. Any committee members with thoughts on this should email him. **Action: PS**

Trees, Landscape and Ecology

DB has drafted a list of options for improvement, which will be considered by the Working Group in consultation with Iain Boulton. **Action: DB**

The Committee noted that the wetlands have dried up, possibly caused by a fault in the pipe from Eagle Pond. FCC is aware of the issue, and DF and LB will follow up.

Action: LB and DF

Playground

HOM will assess LBL's plans for playgrounds and whether there is likely to be any new initiative. **Action: HOM**

Governance and Management Plan

The draft Management Plan will be available for scrutiny at July's CCMAC.

Sports

The Committee believes that the new Sports licensing fees are not proportionate, particularly for smaller groups, and regrets that there was not wider consultation ahead of implementation. AD had received feedback from two operators about the impact of the fees, one which had moved its activity to home and one which was unsure about how to proceed. CCMAC will submit its concerns to LBL. **Action: SM, AD, LB and NH**

5. **AOB**

Walkabout

A walkabout will be organised so that newer Committee members can have a detailed understanding of locations around Common. **Action: HOM**

Litter

Concern was raised about the volume of litter on the Common (particularly on hot days) and the lack of recycling facilities. LBL will be asked to update CCMAC at a forthcoming meeting. **Action: SM**

Paddling pool and fountains

The Committee welcomed the switching on of the paddling pool on schedule. It will watch with interest to see whether the drinking fountains will soon be switched on.

Polygon toilet block

SM will ask Tolu Fatogbe (LBL Property Operations) about the status of works and confirm that an external water tap will be installed. **Action: SM**

6. **Date of next meeting**

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