

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

Thursday 7th September 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), David Beldon (DB), Cllr Linda Bray (LB), David Dandridge (DD), Cllr Nigel Haselden (NH), Jeremy Keates (JK), Alex Nickson (AN), Tricia Peters (TP) (Friends of Clapham Common – FCC), Patrick Spencer (PS), Andrew Summers (AS) (Clapham Society – CS)

Guests: Jamila Barrett (JB) (LBL) and Brian Madden (BM) (Sustrans)

Apologies: Adrian Darley (AD) and Martin Read (MR)

1. Quietway update

JB and BM updated on the status of the Quietway 5 scheme. They are aiming to begin statutory consultation and the Secretary of State approval process (Article 17) in November 2017. Delivery of the scheme around Bromells Road could begin in Spring 2018, and the remainder in Autumn/ Winter 2018.

The Officer Delegated Decision Report (ODRR), including Consultation and Design Reports, will be circulated by the end of October 2017. CCMAC will be informed when it is available. A detailed design should be available at the same time. CCMAC will be offered a walkabout around October, before the detailed design is formally submitted for approval.

The scheme will involve the widening of some paths to allow shared use with cyclists. It may not be necessary to widen all the pathway to the recommended 3m given much of the route is already at 2.7-2.8m; some sections may even be shortened. Overall, the latest plan shows a net gain of 320m² of green space, compared with ~150m² in the previous plan.

DB suggested new strips of planting along the route to encourage connectivity of wildlife habitat. A TfL representative had said that it could fund such planting, noting that there are precedents. Members welcomed the prospect of planting, though a grass strip would need to be left before the planting begins as there is a statutory requirement for a passing space.

Members raised other points relating to the scheme: HO'M asked if there would be a public meeting, which JB said there probably would be; AN suggested having a demonstration of the new surface material in the Common; and NH highlighted interlocking aspects which need consideration as the project is taken forward.

2. Minutes of the meeting on Thursday 6th July 2017

The minutes were passed.

3. Matters arising

Old Town Fair

The Committee noted that the Old Town Fair had been a very successful event.

Parkrun

Parkrun has requested funds from CCMAC to support start-up costs. The Committee decided more detail would be required before the request could be formally considered.

Action: AD

Bandstand Concerts

PS offered to assist at the concert on 17th September. **Action: PS**

Clapham Common Gateway project

JK reported that a decision on the new application is due within about three weeks.

PIL funding

SM will meet Kevin Crook soon to discuss PIL projects. Committee members will be offered the opportunity to join this meeting. **Action: SM**

HO'M noted there could be more structured, long-term decision-making from LBL.

Wardens

The Committee discussed means of providing feedback on the effectiveness of the new weekend wardens. NH/ LB will circulate the contact details of relevant Officers and SM will set up a WhatsApp group for feedback to be given. **Actions: NH/ LB and SM**

4. Polygon toilet block

The Committee agreed early action is needed to shrink the hoarding and generally make the site good. Over the longer term, it is vital that plans for the site are developed in close consultation with CCMAC and the community more generally. There is merit in leaving the landscape flat but also merit in exploring a new structure (e.g. a pavilion). The Committee agreed that remaining funds for the project should be retained so they can be used in future. The Committee also noted that the block's roof tiles could be reclaimed.

CCMAC will seek to work with CS, FCC and BID on all these issues. **Action: SM to draft letter to LBL**

5. The Spinney redevelopment

The application is being taken forward for Secretary of State approval. CCMAC's input has been submitted.

6. Winterville

Winterville go to LBL's Planning Application Committee on 3rd October, with Officers' recommendation to approve it. Winterville's licensing application has also been submitted. SM will find out when submissions for public comments on each close. **Action: SM**

7. Working Groups updates

Trees, Landscape and Ecology

The Committee welcomed the update circulated by DB.

SM and DB will discuss with Iain Boulton what to do in the area where trees were recently felled. **Action: SM and DB**

Committee members will work together to look at increasing wildflower planting through grant funding. **Action: DB, DD and JK**

Communications

AN is working to restore CCMAC's website. **Action: AN**

JK informed the Committee that Clapham BID's sports clubs and other community groups will be listed on its website. SM will send a communication to relevant groups. **Action: SM**

8. AOB

SM is working with Iain Boulton and Lloyds Banks on a survey of Common usage.

HO'M asked that LBL's Common Masterplan software be made available to CCMAC.

9. Date of next meeting

The date of the next meeting is Thursday 5th October 7.00pm at Omnibus.