

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

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2017**

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

**Present:** Simon Millson (SM) (Chair), Helen O'Malley (HO'M) (Deputy Chair), David Beldon (DB), Tim Bennett (TB), Cllr Linda Bray (LB), January Carmalt (JC) (Friends of Clapham Common – FCC), David Dandridge (DD), Cllr Bernard Gentry (BG), Cllr Nigel Haselden (NH), Jeremy Keates (JK), Martin Read (MR), Andrew Summers (AS) (Clapham Society – CS) and Patrick Spencer (PS).

**Apologies:** Adrian Darley (AD) and Alex Nickson (AN)

**1. Minutes of the meeting on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2017**

The minutes were passed.

**2. Matters arising**

Bandstand Concerts

The invoice is still to be made. **Action – AD.**

LBL update

The Committee welcomed the fact that the green waste site was cleared following feedback given to Kevin Crook at October's meeting.

SM is seeing Kevin Crook and Iain Boulton next week to assist with the S106 application.

Mowing regime

DD had a copy of the recommended mowing regime, which TB will circulate. **Action: TB**

Gateway Project

This is Clapham BID has submitted its funding application and is currently putting the project out to tender. The date for work to begin is not yet set but it could be next spring. JK will circulate the designs. **Action: JK**

Polygon toilet block

The hoarding around the old polygon toilet block has been shrunken to match the site's footprint. The boards with graphics have been retained.

BG said he is awaiting an answer on the why the poor condition of old toilet block was not ascertained prior to the roof being taken off. HO'M raised concerns about the demolition proceeding without discussion and a pattern of mistakes with the site.

LBL is undertaking an assessment on three options for the long-term: remove the foundation and landscape the site ('levelling'); build a structure to the previously approved design; and, build to an alternative design. The Committee welcomed the inclusion of 'levelling' among these options.

CCMAC has received an undertaking from LBL that it will be consulted about the solution. Committee members believed a solution should be implemented as soon as possible. SM will write to LBL urging speedy resolution. **Action: SM**

#### Winterville

LBL Planning Applications Committee had recently given approval to Winterville to take place this winter. Committee members have mixed views about the event, and this was reflected in CCMAC's comments on the planning application.

BG has raised a query with LBL Legal about the event proceeding without Secretary of State consent. NH said the applicants had taken advice from the Planning Inspectorate. AS expressed concern about the use of Common land for private hire. There is also a concern about whether the agronomist's recommendations on event preparation are being fully implemented.

CCMAC has been given a role in the post-event assessment, including an upcoming opportunity to comment on LBL's draft post-event assessment form.

The Committee noted that it is important to monitor how the event progresses, as this will feed into its submission to the post-event assessment. PS will coordinate CCMAC's feedback. It is also important that members of the public are made aware of the opportunity to respond to LBL's post-event assessment and so TB will put a notice on CCMAC's website drawing attention to this. **Action: PS, TB**

#### Applications

MR had put in grant application to the Mayor's Greener City Fund on behalf of FCC. It was for £20k and if successful the monies would be used for tree planting.

### **3. Feedback from Lambeth Parks and Open Spaces Forum (LPOSF)**

HO'M reported from the LPOSF. One notable development is that LBL is developing a Parks Charter.

HO'M and BG expressed concerns that there is overuse of the Common for commercial purposes. There may be a need for a holistic look at how to balance the various demands on the Common.

LBL has set up Cycling Working Group. CCMAC members are invited to join and SM attended its first meeting. The Group had initial discussions about speed enforcement and how to encourage behavioural change. It may recommend a new speed limit.

A formal decision is still awaited on when Quietways development will begin. NH will try to find out when a decision will be announced and circulate. **Action: NH**

### **4. Management Plan**

Committee members were asked to feedback comments on an early draft of LBL's Management Plan for the Common. Iain Boulton will be at CCMAC's next meeting to discuss the Plan. SM will circulate any significant updates to the plan prior to next month's meeting. **Action: SM and other Committee members interested in providing feedback**

## 5. Working Groups updates

### Playground

HO'M previously sent round a pro forma on what is needed. HO'M will convene the Playground Working Group to discuss further. **Action: HO'M**

### Trees, Landscape and Ecology

CCMAC has applied for a grant from the Mayor's Fund. Other funding streams are being explored, including Tesco Bags for Life.

## 6. Member and other organisations updates

### FCC

FCC's AGM will be on 7<sup>th</sup> November. A priority for the upcoming year is litter.

### Bandstand Beds

The safe pathways have been launched. The launch was attended by GLL (operator of Clapham Leisure Centre), which donated to the project. There is still more to do to improve disabled access, including by providing large beds on which people can work.

### This is Clapham BID

The first phase of the new public art strategy for the Clapham High Street area was recently launched at the Two Brewers with the display of David MacDiarmid's Rainbow Aphorisms. This has involved a partnership between Art on the Underground, Voltaire Studios and This is Clapham BID.

The BID is supporting LBL's bid to be London Borough of Culture. The process will result in two boroughs being awarded funds. The Committee expressed its support for the bid. JK will circulate further details. **Action: JK to circulate**

Christmas lights will be installed soon, with the launch event on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December. There will be a Christmas tree on the Polygon.

## 7. AOB

The Committee noted ongoing problems with drainage around the paddling pool. The long-term solution is a full rework of the system, including pipes and pumps. It has been identified as a high-priority project for the Common.

The Festive Lights bike ride will be take place on Sunday 17 December, from Clapham Old Town to the Brixton Windmill.

More bollards will be installed around the paddocks as outlined in the priority programme for improvements to Clapham Common. BG is writing to KC urging action to be taken about illegal parking on the paddocks.

## 8. Date of next meeting

The date of the next meeting is 7<sup>th</sup> December, 7pm at Omnibus.