

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

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December 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), Bob Robinson (BR) (Friends of Clapham Common – FCC), Cllr Linda Bray (LB), David Dandridge (DD), Adrian Darley (AD), Jeremy Keates (JK) and Alex Nickson (AN).

**Guest:** Iain Boulton (IB) (LBL)

**Apologies:** Cllr Bernard Gentry (BG), Cllr Nigel Haselden (NH), Martin Read (MR), Patrick Spencer (PS) and Andrew Summers (AS) (Clapham Society – CS)

**1. Management Plan**

IB described the Management Plan. It runs for ten years but is reviewable every year. The Management Plan will help with award applications, including Green Flag. A Management Plan also helps in checking upon maintenance actions.

The Management Plan will be submitted by the end of January 2018, with Green Flag judging expected in May or June. If awarded to Clapham Common, Green Flag status will last two years.

Committee members were asked for images to go into the Plan. IB also recommended that a portfolio of pictures is maintained. **Action: committee members to send pictures to IB.**

CCMAC agreed to review the Plan annually.

SM will circulate the Green Flag criteria (to be provided by IB). **Action: SM**

BR asked about recycling bins. IB confirmed they will be installed.

**2. Minutes of the meeting on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2017**

The minutes were passed.

**3. Matters arising**

Bandstand Concerts

AD will invoice LBL Events for its contribution to the Bandstand Concerts. **Action – AD.**

There has already been some interest from groups in putting on concerts next year, including folk, LGBT and Oxjam. SM, LB, DD and JK will pull together the programme.

**Action: SM, LB, DD and JK.**

LBL reorganisation

LBL is aiming to have better co-ordination between Events, Sports and Parks.

Tractors

There was concern from the Committee about the impact of tractors that had recently been on the Common. IB will follow up. **Action: IB**

Clearance of undergrowth

LB expressed concern that too much undergrowth had been removed at the western end. DD noted that LBL had not discussed any change in policy with the Trees, Landscape and Ecology (TLE) Working Group and believed this risked damaging what had become a good working relationship.

It was agreed that LBL should do a walk-around with the TLE working group in early 2018. **Action: DB**

Green Waste site

HO'M requested a plan for the green waste site. SM will ask Kevin Crook. **Action: SM**

Gateway project

JK is waiting on This is Clapham BID's funding application to the Mayor's Greener City Fund, with an outcome expected this month.

The Committee welcomed the red globes outside Clapham Common station.

Polygon toilet block

LB updated that Cllr McGlone agreed with landscaping the toilet block and returning the land to the Common. Tolu Fatogbe has provided three options to implement this: hard landscaping, soft landscaping or mixed. LB noted some soft landscaping may help deter skateboarders. JK suggested consulting the plan drawn up for the Clapham Old Town Regeneration Project by Marks Barfield architects. **Action: JK**

HO'M reminded the committee about the history of issues with the site. JK said that plans for the site should be considered from a regeneration rather than asset management perspective.

There will be a temporary landscaping solution before a long-term solution is in place. The timing to introduce the temporary solution is not yet known.

Winterville

JK asked for business impact to be included as part of the post-event assessment. SM will circulate the draft post-assessment form and ask all Committee members to contribute feedback. **Action: SM**

DD noticed poor litter collection on a recent Sunday. The Parks team does not currently pick up litter on Sundays. SM will follow up. **Action: SM**

Some Committee members asked if there was a legal answer to the use of private hire by Winterville.

**4. Priorities for 2018**

CCMAC has already identified priority projects. It was agreed that repairs to the Bandstand should be made a high priority.

In addition CCMAC noted other priorities for 2018:

- A better understanding of Parks Investment Levy (PIL) allocation in order to help the Committee's advocacy
- Influencing events, including in the post-event assessment of Winterville
- Assessing the implications of Lloyds survey research on usage of the Common

## 5. Annual Open Meeting (AOM)

The Committee confirmed the agenda for February's AOM.

AN gave notice that he would be standing down. The Committee noted its appreciation for his service. An election will be held at the AOM for a new community representative.

Committee members are encouraged to publicise the AOM.

## 6. Membership

LB introduced a change to CCMAC's constitution which she would like to propose at the AOM. The change would provide a Community Representative member of CCMAC, chosen by Bandstand Beds.

The Committee recognised Bandstand Beds has been a successful and co-operative organisation. A majority of the committee indicated they would support this amendment.

In discussion, the Committee felt there may be merit in wider consideration of CCMAC membership and intends to review the constitution in due course.

## 7. Working Groups updates

There were no additional matters raised to those discussed under other agenda items.

The Committee agreed each Working Group should meet every three months.

## 8. Member and other organisations updates

### FCC

FCC's Bulbs for London application was rejected. It is waiting to hear on its application to the Mayor's Greener City Fund.

FCC is looking at gaining charitable status.

### Bandstand Beds

Bandstand Beds is exploring plans to become a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO).

## 9. AOB

### Model Yacht Club

Committee members had heard concern from Yacht Club members about its future activity, given an increase in rent and possible other uses of Long Pond. SM and LB will seek a meeting with the Club. **Action: SM and LB**

### Temperance Fountain

IB noted that the EIF could be used for a feasibility study into restoring the Temperance Fountain.

Parkrun

Funding is now in place and it is due to start in March. A route has been put together. IB will ask Lara Mifsud-Bonici for the route and CCMAC will then discuss. **Action: IB**

Planting day

The Committee discussed having a planting day in the new year.

**10. Date of next meeting**

The date of the next meeting is 11<sup>th</sup> January, 7pm at Omnibus.