

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

Thursday 1st March 2018

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 Tim Briggs (TB), January Carmalt (JC) (Friends of Clapham Common – FCC), David Dandridge (DD), Adrian Darley (AD), Cllr Nigel Haselden (NH), Marion Vray (MV) (Bandstand Beds – BB), Martin Read (MR), Andrew Summers (AS) (The Clapham Society – CS) and Patrick Spencer (PS).

Guests for item 1: George Irvin (GI) (Children's Festival), Gabriella Grose (GG) (Events Lambeth) and Claire Horan (CH) (Events Lambeth)

Guests for item 2: Marcus Weedon (MW) (Winterville), Dan Craig (DC) (Loundsound), Jess Noakes (JN) (Loundsound)

Apologies: David Beldon (DB), Cllr Linda Bray (LB), Gary Clark (GC) and Jeremy Keates (JK)

1. Children's Festival

GI is proposing a children's event to be in July and August. A planning application will be submitted covering four weekends and three weeks though GI intends to run it for three weekends and two weeks. Set up would take around 3 days and dismantling 1.5 – 2 days. The event would have nine or ten rides and a stage for shows and storytelling. It would be free to enter and open from midday to around 8pm. Similar events have been held in in Richmond Park and Queen Elizabeth Park. It would be held on ground near the paddling pool and Trinity Church. There would be a 1m or 2m see-through fence around the perimeter. Background music would be played. GI will send maps to be circulated to the Committee. **Action: SM**

The Committee noted that the proposed location for the event is one of the Common's most crowded, and the event would be held at the busiest time of the year.

A portion of earnings from the event would be given to LBL for restoration of the paddling pool. The Committee were keen to understand more about what restoration would involve, how much it would cost and when it would be undertaken. The Lambeth Parks team is looking at contracting for paddling pool restoration in time for this year.

Events Lambeth undertook to provide more information on the paddling pool restoration and amount of money required for this.

2. Winterville

MW said there had been positive response to Winterville from the public, local businesses and media. He would like to run the event again in winter 2018.

DC presented thoughts on how it could be run in future. He feels a lot about the layout was right but that there can be some reduction in the footprint, with a potential pullback of 8-9m. This would be achieved through less content (including fewer funfair rides) and some back

of house change. The wheel would be kept. Winterville will provide CCMAC with figures on the planned reduction in footprint. **Action: SM**

Winterville would like a future event to be on the Common for the same length of time, perhaps starting and finishing one week earlier. There would be a similar time for set-up and decommissioning as the 2017/18 event.

AD asked why daytime charges had been introduced midweek, contrary to the plans that had been outlined before the event. MW said this was to deter groups of youths engaging in anti-social behaviour and petty theft.

MW said that the event made a loss in its first year due to the upfront cost of assets, which are intended for use in future years. About 160k people visited and a similar number would be expected if it were held again.

JC expressed concern about length of the event and its impact on the Common, particularly if it were to be held annually. TB and AS also expressed concern about the condition of the ground. NH said that he is optimistic that the site is being nurtured due to a new approach by Lambeth Parks, including sowing deeper rooting grasses to help stabilise the soil.

HO'M raised a concern about metalwork being embedded in mud because tracking was not complete. There may be land where machinery cannot be safely run.

CCMAC will contribute to the post-event review for the Winterville just held. LBL is still drawing up the draft.

3. Election of officers

SM was elected as Chair, HO'M as Vice-Chair, TB as Secretary and AD as Treasurer.

4. Minutes of the meeting on Thursday 11th January 2018

The minutes were passed.

5. Draft minutes of the Annual Open Meeting on Thursday 1st February 2018

The Committee noted the draft minutes.

SM will ask for Kevin Crook's presentation. **Action: SM**

6. Matters arising

Toilet block

The initial plans for landscaping the area previously occupied by the Polygon toilet block were inadequate and so are being revised. CCMAC may need to meet in March to review.

The Committee noted that the site continues to be ugly and an interim solution should be sought.

7. CCMAC debit card

AD provided the following statement to the Committee:

"The CCMAC Santander Business Account has traditionally only paid out money via online transfer which has worked well although it adds an administrative burden when there are multiple transactions in close proximity.

“Given the problems with security on our website we recently signed up a web security provider (Sucuri Security) that require monthly payment via credit or debit card. This has prompted me as Treasurer to apply for a Business debit card on the account. I do not envisage using this regularly and propose that all purchases are also pre-approved by one of the other two account signatories (TB or SM) .Aside from this security subscription I envisage that the card will generally only be used for small direct purchases (< £100) e.g. event flyers with larger purchases not only pre-approved by the Treasurer/myself and one of TB or SM but also first going via the Committee for scrutiny /challenge.

The Committee agreed to AD’s proposal.

A monthly statement of accounts will be provided to the Committee. **Action: AD**

8. Colour Your Common

The Committee agreed to authorise £1k from the Parks Investment Levy for Colour Your Common.

9. Litter

AS discussed the problem of litter on the part of the Common closest to Pavement. He proposed that LBL extend weekend cleaning from nearby streets (e.g. Clapham High Street and The Pavement) to also include the start of the Common. SM will talk to Kevin Crook about a Saturday, Sunday and Monday morning sweep in the winter months, when the Common cleaning team is not in action. **Action: SM**

Some suggested that fines for littering should be better enforced and/or increased. The Committee also felt there needed to stronger enforcement of behaviour on sports teams if they leave large amounts of litter.

SM informed the Committee that LBL is planning an education campaign on litter.

10. Working Groups updates

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Every alternative Saturday there will be an opportunity to help with Colour Your Common. The launch event is Saturday 3rd March.

Sports

The official launch of Parkrun will be Saturday 24th March, at 9am.

11. Working Groups membership

The Committee made amendments to the Working Groups and their membership.

12. Member organisations updates

FCC

FCC is sponsoring two recycling bins and will organise a litter pick with the Clapham Society.

FCC will be holding a Jeeves & Wooster summer solstice party to raise funds for refurbishing the changing rooms.

Bandstand Beds

Bandstand Beds is applying to become a Charitable Incorporated Organisation.

The Common People concert will be held on 9th June.

It will be London National Park City Week from 21st - 29th July. Bandstand Beds will work with CCMAC to do something for the occasion.

13. AOB

Quietways

The Committee discussed whether its previously agreed recommendation on the route of Quietways 5 should be revised, and whether there is still opportunity to alter the planned route. AS will consider whether to make a proposal at the next CCMAC meeting.

Action: AS

Bandstand Concerts

A programme of concerts has been planned. Volunteers will be required to steward the events. This year, LBL staff will be putting out and collecting the deckchairs.

Website

Problems with the website are ongoing. Once it is fixed, consideration will be given to reducing the risk of disruption in future.

Condolences

The Committee noted its thanks for the service given to CCMAC and the community by Maev Sullivan, who recently passed away.

The Committee also noted its thanks for the service given by Michael Green, who has recently passed away.

14. Date of next meeting

The date of the next meeting is 5th April, 7pm at Omnibus.