

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

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2018**

**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), Gary Clark GC), David Dandridge (DD), Martin Read (MR), Patrick Spencer (PS), Andrew Summers (AS) (The Clapham Society – CS) and Marion Vray (MV) (Bandstand Beds – BB).

**Guests:** Donna Wiggins (DW) (LBL) for item 1; Iain Boulton (IB) (LBL) for item 2; Lara Mifsud-Bonici (LM-B) (LBL) for all items

**Apologies:** January Carmalt (JC) (Friends of Clapham Common – FCC), Adrian Darley (AD), Cllr Nigel Haselden (NH), Jeremy Keates (JK) and Cllr Louise Nathanson (LN)

**1. Sport assets on Clapham Common**

DW introduced plans for a refurbishment of the sports changing facilities which would see updated toilet and shower facilities, including new facilities for women, and tidying up of the exterior of the building. Work will be done this summer.

LBL is in discussions with the FA and Sport England to redevelop the redgra pitch to replace it with astroturf. It has commissioned a feasibility study with Sport England. The report should be ready in about two weeks.

The Committee is supportive of new pitches. GC noted that the UK lags European peers in number of pitches. LBL is targeting four pitches across the borough, with at least two and ideally three full-sized pitches on the Common.

LBL will seek to demonstrate the benefits in health and social outcomes as well as footfall.

Over the longer term there is an intention to redevelop the sports changing facilities. The Parklife programme (backed by Sport England and the FA) views Clapham Common as a prime site for improved facilities. LBL will seek pre-planning discussions with London Borough of Wandsworth, which is the planning authority for the area.

The Committee welcomed the intention for new facilities but are keen to see the detail once available to ensure they are appropriate. DW will return with plans when they are ready.

LBL is resurfacing tennis courts across the borough this summer, including the Common's.

**2. LBL update including Green Flag**

Green Flag judging will be on 11<sup>th</sup> May. IB would welcome members of CCMAC being available. Any pictures for the portfolio should be sent to IB. IB will produce a draft itinerary for the judges' walk-around.

London in Bloom judging will be between 18<sup>th</sup> June and 19<sup>th</sup> July.

Money has been allocated from EIF/ PIL for replacement bins and fencing. Some fencing has been done by the paddocks. IB welcomes CCMAC's view on which patches of the Common are a priority for additional posts and rail. Chris Jude is leading the programme for

bin replacement programme. New bins will have hoods to prevent access by crows. SM and HO'M will advise on locations and take feedback from other members. The Committee identified bins by the sports pitches as a priority. **Action: SM and HO'M**

The first recycling bin sponsored by FCC will be arriving and some flag banners put up to draw attention to it.

Litter by sports teams remains a problem. Fines could be issued once an enforcement team begins. Meanwhile, weekend staff can encourage good practice up until the end of October.

Seasonal weekend staff are starting. Phase 1 comprises 12, with four dedicated solely to the Common and two roving across the Central Area including the Common. For phase two, Kevin Crook will ask for four more for the Common including two for late shifts. Their responsibilities will include litter, waste management, graffiti and deck chairs for the Sunday concerts. They will be supervised by weekend operations managers.

The Landscapes team has new vehicles, some of which are electric. Due the overcrowding of vehicles inside the depot some may have to be stored outside the depot unless it can be reorganised. This would mean two parking spaces initially outside the depot on Common land, and with fencing possibly put around them. IB believes this would be on LBL land. The Committee is clear that the best solution would be putting all vehicles in the depot. The Committee requested that it is kept well informed of any developments.

Ice cream van electric charging points are still not installed. LBL will get a date.

Woods are struggling with ecological quality, for example being dominated by sycamores. An attempt will be made to open up space for native trees. Some wetland scrapes may be created to allow a little water to collect and encourage wildlife. IB will send round a proposal with what he thinks he can be done. Potential sources of funding are The Heritage Lottery Fund and Landfill Communities Fund.

Money is available from the Environment Agency for ponds. The ponds on the Common give limited ability for a range of wildlife to flourish so more floating islands will be installed. Lambeth would like to install an island in Lond Pond to improve biodiversity and wildlife. A discussion will be held with the Model Yacht Club to see if they can move around floating islands.

An assessment will be made to see which areas of the Paddocks would look better with longer grass or native bulbs

The condition assessment for restoring the Temperance Fountain will be circulated to contractors.

Parkrun has started. It has 110 runners in its first week and 150 in its second week.

### **3. Minutes of the meeting on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2018**

The minutes were passed.

### **4. Matters arising**

#### Children's Festival

The potential event discussed at March's CCMAC meeting will not be happening in 2018.

#### Winterville

Kevin Crook, Lee Fiorentino and Olivia Pearcey from LBL will come to CCMAC in May to complete the post-assessment review. SM will circulate the template to CCMAC members who can feed initial comments to SM. If available, the draft filled-out review will be circulated to CCMAC ahead of the May meeting. **Action: SM**

Winterville is taking over restoration of ground from LBL.

#### Toilet block

Funding has been agreed. The design will be available in the next week or so and will then go out for public consultation and through LBL's internal approval process.

#### Bandstand concerts

The programme has been set.

#### **5. Lambeth Events – planning application 18/00058/RG3**

The Committee agreed its position. SM will submit and seek a speaking slot. **Action: SM**

#### **6. Residential Unit at 4 Windmill Drive – planning application 18/00457/LDCE**

CCMAC noted local discussion about the application.

#### **7. Pre-approval of memorial tree planting**

Chris Jude from LBL's Trees team can be contacted about memorial tree planting.

#### **8. Colour Your Common**

Colour Your Common is progressing. There has been an issue with informal sports playing disrupting it. The Committee agreed some of its assigned budget for signage can be used.

The Committee also agreed with LM-B's suggestion for a buffer of longer grass.

#### **9. Issues outstanding**

HO'M highlighted a number of issues that CCMAC may wish to address in coming months, including the website, naming of the AOM, reports from LBL and the Lambeth Parks and Open Spaces Forum (LPOSF), bandstand maintenance, playgrounds, a property management framework and an events framework.

#### **10. Quietway proposal – alternate route**

SM summarised CCMAC's role in the route's development: the Committee had a walkaround in August 2015, decided to support the route in September 2015 and made a submission to that end in October 2015. This was based on the principle that it is the most efficient route for going across the Common.

Only a minority of the Committee favour changing the Quietway route previously agreed by CCMAC and therefore the Committee's position remains the same. There is a consensus for measures to encourage considerate cycling and shared use.

**11. Working Groups updates**

Events

CCMAC's draft submission on the Let's Rock pro forma will be circulated to the Committee.

**Action: PS and SM**

**12. Member organisations updates**

Bandstand Beds

'Small Change, Big Difference' workshops will be held on 21<sup>st</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> April, to encourage better and less waste.

It is working with CCMAC to run a picnic on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> July as part of London National Park City Week.

FCC

FCC is trialling an anti-mud entrance at one entry point to the Common on 17<sup>th</sup> April.

**13. AOB**

Windrush

Omnibus will mark the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the arrival of Windrush with events on 22<sup>nd</sup> June.

Circus signage

LBL is looking into legal 'showmen's rights' to advertise circuses and will see if the of number of plastic advertising boards around the Common can be reduced.

**14. Date of next meeting**

The date of the next meeting is 10<sup>th</sup> May, 7pm at Omnibus.