

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

Thursday 6th September 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), Adrian Darley (AD), Fionnuala Barrett (FB) (Bandstand Beds - BB), Cllr Nigel Haselden (NH), Martin Read (MR), Patrick Spencer (PS) and Andrew Summers (AS) (The Clapham Society - CS).

Guest: Dr Iain Boulton (IB) (LBL)

Apologies: Jeremy Keates (JK)

1. Minutes of the meeting on Thursday 5th July 2018

The minutes were passed.

2. Matters arising

Grassy knoll

Plans for the grassy knoll by Clapham Common station are going through the Council's planning process.

New Lambeth management structure

LBL has established a department of Neighbourhoods (Parks, Leisure and Cemeteries), combining what was previously Landscapes, Events, Sports and Cemeteries. It is headed by Kevin Crook.

Volunteers

A list of about 30 volunteers has been compiled, drawn from those who contributed to Colour Your Common.

LBL is recruiting a new volunteer coordinator, who may be able to spend some of their time helping coordinate volunteers for the Common.

Colour Your Common

Stage 1 has been completed, consisting of six wildflower strips. Stage 2 is about to begin which will involve four more strips, underplanting trees along Windmill Drive, harvesting seed from existing wildflowers, sowing seed for next year and planting additional wildflower varieties for 2019.

3. FCC trees proposal

MR presented a revised proposal for planting of 30 trees funded by Friends of Clapham Common. It comprises six elms on the north/ south cycleway avenue, six cherry trees towards the Spinney, three cedar trees towards the Spinney, five oaks intended to be memorial trees along a path near the Bandstand, five native black poplars on South

Circular Avenue, four native black poplars on Battersea Rise and one sequoia near Holy Trinity Church.

The Committee supports the plan. The Committee recommends the three cedar trees are not planted too close together but instead spread, perhaps in triangular formation.

The Committee notes that the trees will need careful nurturing for around their first three years. Initially, each tree will need to be protected with a gator.

There remains an outstanding question about the site of a previous memorial tree. MR will work with LBL to find out who the tree was planted in memory of. **Action: MR**

Tree plantings can take place between October and March. LBL will coordinate the planting. MR will work with IB on next steps. **Action: MR**

4. **Winterville update**

The date of the Planning Application Committee (PAC) for Winterville has not yet been confirmed but may be in October. CCMAC has submitted opposition to Winterville's application and will speak at the PAC. CCMAC believes that if Winterville is to be held on the Common it should be on the circus (hardstanding) area, beside the Avenue, and not the already damaged events area.

Local community groups are considering what steps can be taken to further oppose the siting of Winterville on the events area. CCMAC is willing to take part in such discussions insofar as they are in line with its policy.

FCC is aware of one party which is considering legal action with the aim of ensuring more monies raised from events are used to benefit the site which hosted them.

5. **Winter litter clearing**

The Committee welcomes the improvement in the weekend litter situation during this summer. However, from September to April litter clearing will return to the 'winter' schedule of Monday-Fridays but no weekend clearing.

The Committee believes this is unsatisfactory, particularly for weekends of unseasonal warm weather. The Committee proposes that there should litter clearing on Saturday and Sunday mornings. If necessary for budget reasons, a weekend session could be introduced in place of a weekday session. Kevin Crook will be approached to see what can be done.

Action: SM

Eurobins have recently been placed near sports pitches. Nevertheless, the Committee notes that there continues to be a litter problem around the sports pitches.

6. **Reporting anti-social behaviour**

IB will find out the best contact points to report anti-social behaviour and other matters (for example, homelessness). These will be circulated to the Committee. **Action: SM**

In addition, the Committee believes this information should be more accessible to members of the public.

7. **Children's play areas**

Verbal approval has been given for the allocation of £293,000 of S106 for ongoing implementation of the 2007 Masterplan.

8. Working Groups updates

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LBL has commissioned London Wildlife Trust to review its Sites of Importance for Nature Conservation (SINC). It is not expected to change the designation of Clapham Common but may provide recommendations for its management.

Green Waste Site

LBL has not responded to enquiries from Committee members about the status of the site.

Playgrounds

The working group is meeting this weekend to discuss how best to invest in the Common's playgrounds.

Sports

AD will meet with Parkrun to review its operation.

9. Member organisations updates

Bandstand Beds

The Small Change, Big Difference workshop on food and the environment has sold out.

There will be a Bandstand Beds Feast at the Car Free Day on 22nd September. This will be between 12-5pm on Windmill Drive. There will be lots of other activities including pedal-powered music, police marking of bikes, a petting zoo with snakes and an insect workshop.

10. AOB

Green Flag

The Committee notes the success of the Green Flag award application. Green Flag poles will be placed by the Bandstand and the entrance at the Old Town end.

Paddling pool

The Committee is concerned by the sporadic operation of the paddling pool this summer and notes its history of problems. These appear related to the maintenance contract which the Committee wants LBL to amend at the earliest possible opportunity.

Bandstand concerts

There are two more concerts this season – Crystal Palace Band on 9th September and Clapham Community Choir on 23rd September.

Changing rooms

A FIFA Legends event will be held on 22nd September with representatives from FIFA, the FA, London FA, LBL and former England players. There will be a coaching session and a plaque will be unveiled on the changing rooms to designate that they are due to be redeveloped.

Work on the changing rooms is likely to start in September.

Old Town Fair

CCMAC had a stall at last weekend's Old Town Fair. Lot of members of the public approached to talk about the Common – Winterville was the most frequent concern raised, followed by problems with the operation of the paddling pool.

Memorial benches

SM noted that some memorial benches needed attention. IB will look into. **Action: SM**

Structure of meetings

The meeting was asked to consider making the reports from LBL Parks and CCMAC Chair a formal item at the beginning of each Agenda. This was rejected.

Rats

An infestation has been reported near to La Baita.

11. Date of next meeting

The date of the next meeting is 4th October, 7pm at Omnibus.