

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

**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2019**

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

**Present:** Simon Millson (SM) (Chair), Helen O'Malley (HO'M) (Deputy Chair), Tim Bennett (TBe), Cllr Linda Bray (LB), Cllr Tim Briggs (TBr), Adrian Darley (AD), David Dandridge (DD), Cllr Nigel Haselden (NH), Jeremy Keates (JK), Andrew Summers (AS) (The Clapham Society – CS) and Marion Vray (MV) (Bandstand Beds Association).

**Guests:** Saba Frichot (SF) and Chris Frichot (CF) from Minnow

**Apologies:** David Beldon, Gary Clark, Martin Read and Cllr Joanna Reynolds

**1. Minnow proposal**

SF and CF from the Minnow restaurant on The Pavement presented a proposal for a site on Clapham Common. The Minnow would like to operate a food station (for example, camper van or trailer) along with three trestle tables on an area covering about 40m<sup>2</sup>. It would be located on the tarmac area between The Pavement and the Temperance Fountain. For 2019, they are proposing a six-month siting from April until September with operations open up until sunset each day.

The proposal acknowledges the need to address litter and comprises a number of environmental measures: daily rubbish collection in and around the site; keeping plastics to a minimum, use of biodegradable materials and incentives for cup returns. Indeed, SF and CF believe the set up could reduce the general litter problem in the vicinity by encouraging people to purchase food from the station rather than bringing their own or ordering via services such as Deliveroo.

Rent from the operation in the region of £5 to £6k for the six-month term would be reinvested in the Common.

Minnow would like an A3 licence which covers hot and cold food and soft and alcoholic beverages. Minnow is currently in discussion with Clapham BID and Mark Fisher from LBL Parks. The Committee suggested they should also extend the discussion to Lambeth Events.

The Committee discussed the pros and cons of the proposal. In general there was unease, particularly about the location (near the busiest area of the Common), the van being in situ all day and night, and the precedent that would be set for other outlets. The Committee could alter its view if the proposal was changed.

**2. Peter Jefferson Smith**

Peter Jefferson Smith passed away in December. He had been a very active part of Clapham's community over many years, including in the Clapham Society, as local historian and as key organiser of CCMAC's bandstand summer concerts. The Committee noted its gratitude for his service and expressed their condolences.

The funeral service will be on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> January.

**3. Minutes of the meeting on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2018**

The minutes were passed.

**4. Matters arising**

There were no matters arising.

**5. AOM preparations**

Committee members are encouraged to publicise CCMAC's Annual Open Meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> February and the opportunity for local residents to stand and vote in the elections. The meeting has been advertised on CCMAC's website, Twitter feed and Instagram page.

At the meeting SM will highlight the opportunity to perform in the bandstand concerts.

**6. Winterville**

There will be a site visit at 10:30 on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> January. The contractor Talbots has begun ground reparations.

More people visited the event than last year. The event's attractions had been adjusted, with an additional cinema and Spiegel tent and also a maze.

The Committee felt the event was operationally well run.

JK said businesses are not complaining about the event's impact though would not want any later licensing hours.

HO'M will circulate the Planning Inspectorate advice about events. **Action: HO'M**

**7. Feedback on approach to play facilities upgrades**

SM has drafted a paper detailing CCMAC's view on the need for investment in the Common's three play areas (Windmill Drive Playground, Battersea Rise Playground and Cock Pond Paddling Pool). These needs are consistent with the Common's Masterplan.

There is £350k of s106 funding available but this is unlikely to be enough to implement the full schedule of works. Therefore, fundraising will be required. To help raise funds and implement the works a full plan is needed for all three play areas.

This will be taken forward by LBL once a new fundraising officer is in place and it is open to CCMAC to also develop further the proposals for playground development. The Committee is keen for action.

**8. Working Groups updates**

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CCMAC is submitting information to secure its grant money from the Mayor's office for the wildflower meadow project. Further potential work on the project includes a CCMAC gazebo, standardised stakes and signage. CCMAC is discussing signage with LBL.

There was lots of planting in December, including shrubs, bulbs and small seedlings.

Sports

The recent Santa Run unfortunately churned up ground on the Common's west side. Inappropriate use of a motorised buggy contributed to the damage. CCMAC recommends a changed approach for next year. SM will write to LBL. **Action: SM**

#### Events

The Events working group is considering LBL's 2019 planning application for events.

### **9. Member organisations updates**

#### Bandstand Beds

Bandstand Beds opens for the year on 19<sup>th</sup> January. The Association's AGM is on 13<sup>th</sup> February at the Bread and Roses. A new pathway through the polytunnel will be laid in March.

BB is in discussions with Iain Boulton from LBL about fencing around the green waste site. Pleasingly, rubbish from the green waste site is beginning to be cleared.

### **10. AOB**

#### Fred Uhde tree

CCMAC will pass on its contribution for Fred Uhde's memorial tree to Friends of Clapham Common and enquire about a plaque. **Action: SM**

#### Litter near wildflower area

DD has emailed Chris Jude from LBL suggesting bins near Windmill Drive where there is a notable litter problem.

#### Dog walking

The Committee is concerned about whether the rules on professional dog walking are being enforced, in particular regarding a limit of six per handler and the requirement to keep them on leads. SM will write to Lara Mifsud-Bonici from LBL and committee members are encouraged to provide photographic evidence to SM. **Action: SM**

#### Toilets

TfL has not yet decided whether to install a stainless steel toilet for bus drivers by the entrance to Grafton Square. If it does not it may seek an alternative site in Clapham.

### **11. Date of next meeting**

The date of the next meeting is the Annual Open Meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> February, 7pm at Omnibus.