

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

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2019**

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

**Present:** Cllr Linda Bray (LB), Cllr Tim Briggs (TB), Adrian Darley (AD) (Treasurer), David Dandridge (DD) (Vice Chair), Marin Edwards (Bandstand Beds - ME), Cllr Nigel Haselden (NH), Jeremy Keates (JK), Simon Millson (SM) (Chair), Helen O'Malley (HO'M), Martin Read (Friends of Clapham Common - MR), Cllr Joanna Reynolds (JR), Krishna Siva (KS), Paul Stephenson (PS) and Andrew Summers (The Clapham Society - AS)

**Guests:** Kevin Crook (KC), London Borough of Lambeth (LBL)

Jamila Barrett, LBL and Brian Madden, Sustrans

Chi Onuora and Christopher Nix, London Transport Museum (LTM)

**Apologies:** Gary Clarke and Bruce McInnes.

**1. Quietway update Jamila Barrett and Brian Madden**

Quietway team handed out maps of the Common showing the proposed new Quietway scheme. Current consultation process to conclude by end of March

Key changes to previous proposal :

- Quietway stretch from the Pavement to Long Road would be widened to 3m from existing 1.7m
- Quietway from Long Road to Rookery Road to be widened from 3m to 4m
- Rookery Road to be narrowed from 7m to 5m and new raised crossing to be installed
- New lighting to be installed alongside the Quietway
- New positioning for traffic turning circle on Windmill Drive

MR noted concern that a raised zebra crossing on Rookery Road would lead to traffic tailbacks onto the South Circular . HOM proposed a traffic light

AS noted previous proposal contained speed mitigation measures not evident in new plans. JB pointed to signage (Considerate Cycling,etc)

HOM queried proposed tarmac surface as likely to crack in hot weather. Stated preference for hoggin surface

JR noted concern re moving the playground gate adjacent to the cycle path.

DD challenged new positioning of Windmill Drive traffic turning circle as would block double gate to Community Garden and therefore compromise wheelchair access. Would also obstruct the junction of the cycle highway that crosses the Common.

## **2. Development of the Air Raid Shelters - Chi Onuora and Christopher Nix**

London Transport Museum is a charitable subsidiary of TFL. Given funding shortfall the plan to develop the Air Raid Shelter at Clapham South is no longer a priority for TFL who have passed all previous plans and the property lease over to the London Transport Museum (LTM) .

LTM currently run occasional tours of the shelter but these are very expensive and they are now starting a feasibility study for the idea of merging the previous restaurant initiative with a sustainable use development (not part of previous plan) . LTM like the look and feel of the original plan and have kept the same architect . The entrance would be modified and the 'Museum of Shelter' would be 36m below ground using only 1/16<sup>th</sup> of the available subterranean space. LTM wish to continue running tours and introduce small actor led events but the restaurant would fund the running of the site.

Additional subterranean installations: a white box gallery, small gift shop, cinema room, toilets and a schools event space

Timelines: the feasibility study needs to be complete by end of August. They are currently looking for a restaurant partner (not a large chain brand). Can then start fundraising, estimated cost £4-5m. LTM will also need to re-apply for planning approval.

MR expressed concerns about parking on the Common but LTM explained that there is a secondary entrance to the shelter near Marks & Spencer and that this has service bays from which to supply the restaurant .

## **3. Events Strategy Review – Kevin Crook, LBL**

KC explained that consultation on the Events Strategy Review proposal would go live on Monday 11 March and would run for 8 weeks. He outlined the key questions being asked :

- Transparency – in future LBL would publish total income by Park and PIL by park
- PIL charges would be standardised at 20% (Clapham Common average currently 18%)
- Diversify events away from grassed areas
- Proposal to put Clapham Common events out to tender (4 year contract, covering last 3 weeks of August and first week of September) . Would mean Moonwalk would be only other major event on grassed area in the year
- Potential tender for Redgra events as well

AS proposed LBL publish cost of running parks to help justify the running of events. Suggested alternative question as the choice between more investment and more events or vice versa.

## **4. Election of Officers**

The following CCMAC members were elected without opposition :

Chairman: Simon Millson

Vice Chair: David Dandridge

Treasurer: Adrian Darley

Secretary: with no one standing for Secretary, SM proposed that Committee members rotate the responsibility from meeting to meeting. NH asked to be excused from this rota.

## **5. Minutes of the January 10 CCMAC meeting and AOM meeting on Thursday 7 February**

Both sets of minutes were approved.

## 6. Matters arising

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## 7. Proposed PIL Spend

2019/20 budget of £83,693 (including rollover from 2018/19 ) circulated to members.

Five main projects: Playgrounds refurbishment, Bandstand refurbishment, Paddling Pool repairs and refurbishment, green waste site works, and memorial benches refurbishment and repair.

NH noted that PIL was also meant to cover the upkeep of the footpaths which JR and FB had previously noted were in a very bad state. SM to discuss with Chris Jude.

Re Battersea rise playground refurbishment HOM asked if a pollution barrier had been considered. DD said TVC Community Network could donate trees/hedging. Ruth Davies is the Lambeth Officer running the project.

## 8. 2019 Bandstand concert summer programme

SM explained that LBL had doubled the budget which would potentially fund 12-14 concerts in 2019. The Working Group is meeting to agree schedule of acts

## 9. Feedback on development of Bowling Greens

KS had met with GLL (Greenwich Leisure Ltd) and other stakeholders. The two bowling teams who used to use these greens now play in Wandsworth instead.

KS, SM and DD had met Mark Fisher to confirm that it costs £30,000 per annum to maintain the bowling greens in working order. The previous groundsman has retired and the greens are no longer in good condition. JR confirmed they cannot be used at present .

LBL are still discussing options including the possibility of an additional tennis court or a sunken garden

## 10. Working Groups Compositions

SM circulated sheets showing existing Working Group membership. Several changes were agreed. (Updated Working Group list circulated by SM shortly after the meeting.)

## 11. AOB

Quietway: **Action: SM** to collect feedback from members of the Committee, summarise them and reflect to Quietway team.

Event Strategy Review: **Action AS.** Events Working Group would agree next steps and would produce a paper for review at the 4 April meeting. Members are encouraged to also respond to review in individual capacity.

Redgra Development: AD has a scheduled call with Tim Holdsworth (Consultant to the FA re grass roots football development) on the proposed new development plan for Clapham Common Redgra. **Action:** AD to report back to 4 April meeting

George Irwins' Funfair Flyers - AS noted plastic flyers for the Funfair were still all around the Common. DD added that he had raised the issue last year and had questioned whether we should be allowing so much plastic to be used. **Action SM to follow up with Events.**

**SM** congratulated JK on re-election as Manager of This is Clapham BID

**12 . Member organisation updates**

Bandstand Beds

- Dr Iain Boulton would be running a 'bat walk' on 12 April, preceded by a picnic in the garden at 6.30pm.
- Over 55s gardening sessions would start again in April (11-2pm on Mondays)

**13. Date of next meeting**

The date of the next meeting is Thursday 4 April, 7pm at Omnibus.