

CLAPHAM COMMON MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

Thursday 2nd May, 2019

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

Present: Cllr Linda Bray (LB), Cllr Tim Briggs (TB), Adrian Darley (AD) (Treasurer), David Dandridge (DD) (Vice Chair), Cllr Nigel Haselden (NH), Jeremy Keates (JK), Shirley Kermer (SK) (Friends of Clapham Common), Simon Millson (SM) (Chair), Helen O'Malley (HO'M), Cllr Joanna Reynolds (JR), Krishna Siva (KS), Paul Stephenson (PS) and Sara Yandell (SY) (Bandstand Beds)

1. The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed.
2. **Matters arising**
 - a. The setup for Moonwalk will commence on 11 May.
 - b. Phase 1 of the Event site reinstatement works will start in September with phase 2 in February next year.
 - c. Winterville 2019 will be on the hardstanding site. The planning application had been permitted by the Planning Applications Committee.
 - d. Dr Boulton was requesting a costing for painting the bandstand. Further report when the full cost is known.
 - e. Refurbishment work on the paddling pool will commence 7 May including painting of the railings.
 - f. Windmill Drive: PS reported that the 1894 Ordinance Survey Map shows that LBL installed posts around the car park.
 - g. Following a request from a local resident, DD asked whether CCMAC could assist them in getting a memorial bench installed on the Common.

3. **Bandstand Summer Concert programme**

A report was circulated. Concerts will take place every weekend throughout June and July. The first concert would be Common People on 25 May. A promotional poster was circulated for comment. A grant of £5,000 was coming from LBL and the contract had been signed. SM had applied for a further £2,000 to cover payment for additional acts but had not yet received a response.

4. **Working group updates**

- a. Events – nothing to report
- b. TLE – Wild Flower Meadow: Saturday sessions commencing 9.30am were planned to prepare the ground. Iain Boulton was obtaining a super bowser to assist with watering it. AD had acquired the fencing which had been around Winterville site to protect the beds and has put up explanatory laminates. It was noted that additional rubbish bins were needed around Windmill Drive. Next meeting: 13 May, 4pm.
- c. Playgrounds – JR reported on the recent meeting. Most important issue was to confirm the grant from LBL. It was thought this would be circa £400,000 but it could

be more. Engaging residents was discussed and it was agreed to utilise input from local schools. Also agreed that residents could be co-opted to the group at a later stage as they could help to raise additional funds. Next meeting: 16 May {subsequently deferred in view of no information regarding grant}.

d. Sports – it is planned to transfer the management of the tennis courts to Greenwich Leisure Ltd. It was reported that charges for children had been doubled. It was noted that the group does not know where the income from charges goes but would like to. The cost of maintaining the bowling greens was £30,000 per annum (KS was absent at this stage). KS later added that LBL should mow the grass of the greens.

5. Members' groups update

a. FCC – wanted to proceed with woodland planting. MR had consulted Iain Boulton. Wanted to paint the container near the sports facilities black. Summer party is Thursday 27 June 2019. FCC were advised to consult with Lara Mifsud-Bonici about a proposal to paint the sports storage container.

b. Bandstand Beds – paying for the reinstatement of the beds at La Baita. Group wanted to raise money for a disabled-friendly, compostable toilet, cost likely to be £10,000. SM requested to chase Mark Fisher for go-ahead.

6. AOB

a. JR reported receiving an email from a resident claiming that children were being chased off the exercise equipment on the Common.

b. JR requested that CCMAC should acknowledge climate change and support mitigating action, including endorsing moves against air pollution. This was agreed.

c. Summerville – the proposal for a summer event comprising three weeks in August commencing 2020 – was going out to tender.

d. Grassy knoll – JK reported that work would start on 28 May 2019 for 4-6 weeks to install pathways, benches, new grass etc. St. Mungo's would help with watering.

e. SM reported the appointment of new staff to Lambeth Parks:

- Tom Smith, Parks Development Officer, tasked with day-to-day management;
- Helen Firminger, Fundraising Officer;
- Alex Draper, part-time volunteer coordinator

All three officers will be invited to next meeting.

CCMAC able to spend £150,000-£200,000 pa from PIL on new projects. SM requested members to submit their top three priorities.

The fountain behind La Baita should be working by the first weekend of May.

Next meeting: Thursday 6 June 2019, 7.00pm at Omnibus Theatre