

# CLAPHAM COMMON MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2019

7pm at Omnibus Theatre, 1 Northside, Clapham, SW4 0QW

**Present:** Adrian Darley (AD) (Treasurer), Cllr Nigel Haselden (NH), Simon Millson (SM) (Chair), Helen O'Malley (HOM), Krishna Siva (KS), Martin Reed (MR) (Friends of Clapham Common), Andrew Summers (AS) (The Clapham Society) and Sara Yandell (SY) (Bandstand Beds)

**Apologies:** Cllr Linda Bray, Cllr Tim Briggs, David Dandridge, Jeremy Keates, Bruce McInnes, Cllr Joanna Reynolds and Paul Stephenson.

### **Minutes of previous meeting and matters arising**

The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed. MR clarified date of FOCC Summer Party which is 27<sup>th</sup> June.

### **Introduction from Tom Smith (Lambeth Parks Development Officer)**

Tom will have responsibility for Clapham Common and other parks in Lambeth (but not Brockwell Park). Handover from Lara and Iain will occur gradually, but we can expect Iain in particular to remain heavily involved.

Specific items discussed with a view to further consideration in due course:

1. More bins in woodland area. General discussion about disparate type of bins across the common and lack of recycling facilities.
2. Tree planting courtesy of £20,000 of S106. Work in the Battersea Rise area to create more light to allow a wider range of flora and fauna. Discussions on going to create proper standing water in boggy area. Environmental volunteers tapped to undertake much of the work.
3. Litter on redgra site being monitored, possible need for a new Eurobin.
4. Drinking foundations still not working due to problems with Lambeth contractor. Lambeth Parks Forum has recommended the contract is terminated when it comes to an end (which is soon). Discussion about whether to create more water fountains (and ones which are easy to refill water bottles).
5. Wildflowers are being reseeded and watered after disappointing initial results.

6. Work on the grassy knoll near Clapham Common tube station is underway and will include lifting the tree canopy to allow in more light which will hopefully encourage wildflowers to grow.
7. Dog walkers. Discussion on how to enforce. Signs at appropriate entrance points to be considered. Lambeth also to consider advertising its list of registered dog walkers on relevant public sites.
8. Bandstand renovation. Bottom half being renovated in phase one (August), top half phase two. Discussion about the cost, some felt it seemed very high.
9. Battersea Rise playground. Discussion on options and costs for renovations. Corporate volunteers to be used for some of the work.
10. Mapping – no overall map of Clapham Common with everything appropriately labelled. Could include tree survey. Could use Google Maps and volunteers.
11. Pesticide spraying – Tom to investigate indiscriminate spraying in the presence of the general public, including children. Likely to be the Forestry Commission.
12. Boathouse graffiti – because of on-going dispute between Lambeth and the Boat Club the council isn't taking action. MR to consider asking Lambeth College to make a proposal for an appropriate mural.
13. Green waste site – waiting for a full costing.
14. Bowling green – Lambeth is seeking expressions of interest for any use. KS alarmed by lack of attempts to retain existing usage. General discussion regarding need for community and interested groups to stand up for existing usage.
15. Bandstand Beds storing five trees ready for planting around the wildflower strips but Lambeth not forthcoming with authorisation.

#### **Update from Olivia Percy (Lambeth Events Manager)**

1. 'Uncommon' event was (somehow) approved whereby DJ living above Moen's would play free of charge. Given unsuitable location and lack of planning, this has been intercepted and shot down by Lambeth Events.
2. Post-Moonwalk work on the grass continues, including tent pole holes filled, levelling out of tips, reseeding entire area where necessary and verti-draining. No activities until SW4 in August.
3. Events Site regeneration project – first time in 30 years proper investment into this area. Working on funding and procurement for a project to last September to April. Likely to be funded via a loan against events income. Will not be undertaken by Lambeth Landscapes. Most definitively **not** being undertaken with a view to increasing events usage on the site in the future.

### **Donation to Peter Jefferson Smith fund**

1. A sum of £200 was agreed.

### **PIL money priorities**

1. Agreement that the top three from a survey of CCMAC members is appropriate. Discussion that PIL money for derelict and dilapidated buildings is problematic. NH questioned whether we can finally scope out a plan for the boathouse.

### **Working Group updates**

TLE – issue with excessive strimming of inappropriate areas. SM to raise with KC, including possible walk-about to clarify areas to be cleared and those not to be touched.

Playground – meeting in the next two weeks, NH noted need soon to create steering group including stakeholders outside of CCMAC to take project to the next phase.

### **Member groups updates**

Bandstand Beds – feedback sought on new beds near La Baita; general consensus is they are fine but cost seemed high for the outcome.

FOCC - £800 donation from TKMaxx for litter picking project. MR raised BBQ area. To return to CCMAC with proposal.

### **Any Other Business**

1. More volunteers needed for Bandstand Concerts. SM to recirculate list.
2. SM noted the creation of the Masterplan Implementation Group and an additional £491,000 bringing the budget total to c£698,000.
3. Clapham Old Town Fair reminder – 31<sup>st</sup> August.
4. Clapham Manor School undertaking Equalities March – likely around the end of term.

**Next meeting: Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July.**