

CLAPHAM COMMON MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

Thursday 5th September 2019

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

Present: Adrian Darley (AD) (Treasurer), (NH), Cllr Linda Bray (LB), Simon Millson (SM) (Chair), Helen O'Malley (HOM), Krishna Siva (KS), Martin Read (MR) (Friends of Clapham Common), Bruce McInnes (BMI), Cllr Tim Briggs (TB), David Dandridge (DD) (Vice-chair) and Sara Yandell (SY) (Bandstand Beds)

1. Apologies: Cllr Nigel Haselden, Andrew Summers (Clapham Society), Jeremy Keates, Cllr Joanna Reynolds and Paul Stephenson.

2. Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed. DD commented that Bandstand Beds update was missing details.

3. Matters arising

- i) Playground: Work will start on the Battersea Rise playground this month.
- ii) Lambeth has created a 'Trees Team' which will see all tree management brought in-house. The team of around 13 people will be responsible for new planting & summer watering of trees.
- iii) Temperance Fountain: SM will circulate the report which suggested getting it operational will cost in excess of £60k. MR questioned such a figure and will ask a plumber to look into replacing the lead pipes leading to, and within, the fountain with smaller bore copper or plastic.

4. Events update

- i) Events site 'regeneration' – this £200k project is due to commence soon and will result in a substantial area being fenced off for around 6 months. The work will involve turning the soil and reseeded. MR asked for details of any improvements to drainage, pointing out that the soil will soon become compacted by events once again, resulting in the same drainage issues. SM will enquire.
- ii) Summerville: progress is being made towards selecting tenders for this multi-event site, which is due to last around 3 weeks in August 2020. Community events, including kids' activities, are to be given consideration. SW4 is looking to move elsewhere, meaning that Summerville is the only event on that part of the Common following Moonwalk.

5. Bowling green

KS mentioned that he has had 50 people – most not currently regular bowlers - express an interest via email in bowling on the Common, and asked whether the £200k of events site regeneration spend could be redirected to the bowling greens. KS also mentioned that the Lawn Tennis Association may be willing to finance the cost of converting one bowling green into clay tennis courts. SM mentioned that Kevin Crook of Lambeth Parks is due to forward a proposal by 'Putt in the Park' for approval very soon and so KS must forward an alternative proposal quickly.

6. Green Waste Site

DD provided an update on the site, commenting that building materials and a lot of wood chippings are now stored there. There is still an issue with scrap metal and other rubbish being stored on the roof of

the shipping container on the site. A proposal document is requested for improvements to the look of the site, along with an update on when electrical power will be extended to it. (Bandstand Beds is hoping to connect to this electrical power source.)

7. Working Group updates

i) Ecology: AD mentioned that work will continue on improvements to the small wildlife pond which is adjacent to Eagle Pond. The pond liner is due to be replaced, in order to prevent it drying out. AD also mentioned improvements to watering trees using 'Gator' watering bags.

ii) Playground: SM mentioned that a survey is due to go out to user-groups to determine what equipment should be acquired for the main playground improvements.

8. Member groups updates

i) Bandstand Beds SY informed us that there has been a good attendance at the three sessions held each week. In addition the group organised workshop and talks, including plant drawing on 2/8, butterflies and moths with May Webber from [Butterfly Conservation](#) on 2/8 and chutney making on 17/8. A seed saving workshop is planned for 14/9 and the group's annual feast will be on 21/9.

Bandstand Beds is awaiting the outcome of a Lottery grant application. If successful, this money combined with donations received at the feast and throughout the summer will be used to install an accessible pathways and toilet facility in the community garden.

ii) FCC – A litter picking activity is due to be confirmed for World Clean-up Day on 21/9. MR is due to contact Chris Jude about this. Permission has been received to order a bottle filling station for addition to the changing rooms. MR is due to order this and investigate pipe heating options to keep it available in winter.

9. Any Other Business

i) Rough sleepers – SM mentioned that a Lambeth multi-disciplinary team has been working on this issue, and will be going out again on 6/9.

ii) CCMAC website – AD mentioned that hosting and domain charges are excessive at ~£500/year. AD and SM to investigate cheaper options.

iii) Paddling pool – TB congratulated SM on the fact that the pool now holds more water than before. SM agreed that chlorination will be considered next year, after brown algae shut the pool for a period over the summer.

iv) Proposed PIL spending: feedback has been requested by SM on the spending proposal sheet that he had circulated prior to the meeting.

v) Bandstand refurbishment: SM reported that the contractors have reported that the canopy is in good condition.

Next meeting: Thursday 3rd October.