

**Clapham Common Management Advisory Committee (CCMAC)**  
**Thursday 5 October 2019 at 7pm**  
**Omnibus Theatre, 1 Northside, Clapham, SW4 0QW**

**Minutes**

**Present:** Simon Millson (Chair – SM), David Dandridge (Vice-chair – DD), Helen O'Malley (HOM), Martin Read (Friends of Clapham Common – MR), Cllr Linda Bray (LB), Cllr Tim Briggs (TB), Cllr Joanna Reynolds (JR), Marion Edwards (Bandstand Beds – ME), Andrew Summers (Clapham Society – AS), Jeremy Keates (JK).

**Apologies:** Adrian Darley (Treasurer – AD), Cllr Nigel Haselden (NH), Krishna Siva (KS) and Paul Stephenson (PS).

**Guest speaker:** Kevin Crook (KC), Assistant Director Neighbourhoods Environment and Streetscene Residents' Services for London Borough of Lambeth (LBL).

DD agreed to take the minutes.

**Minutes of the previous meeting were agreed.**

**Matters arising**

Covered in working group and KC updates.

**2020 CCMAC meeting dates**

Meetings will be held on the first Thursday of the month, apart from January when it will be on Wednesday the 8<sup>th</sup> and there will be no meeting in August. The AOM will be held on Thursday February 6<sup>th</sup>.

**Working group updates**

**1. Playgrounds**

Work on Battersea Rise playground is in progress. JR provided an update of the project for the playground next to The Spinney. It will have a toddlers' area and another for children up to 11 years old, with fully inclusive [PiPA](#) approved play equipment. Lambeth's lead on the project, Caroline Streaks, is consulting with schools on the selection of equipment. Once there's a brief for the project she will present it to CCMAC. The project includes upgrading the playground's toilets and some arboreal work and is being funded by money from S106 and PIL (the levy on events on the Common).

**2. Green waste site**

KC informed the committee that Mark Fisher, who was leading on the green waste site project, has now left Lambeth. His replacement as head of parks is Iain Ross. The plan is for concrete pad is going to go down on site and composting bays, to be used by Lambeth's inhouse tree service to mulch down their green waste. Contractors will be assigned in the next two weeks to

start work on the project. KC noted that old equipment stored on top of the shipping containers still needs to be removed.

### **3. TLE Working Group (trees, landscape and ecology)**

DD updated that there has been ongoing work on the Colour Your Common project, clearing areas before winter sets in. Some of the TLE group and CYC volunteers have been working with the FoCC to make the small pond in the wetland area fit for purpose. The TLE group will be working with Dr Iain Bouton to install a number of bird and bat boxes on the Common prior to next year's nesting season. The purchase of the boxes will be part of the 2019/20 PIL spend.

## **Member group updates**

### **1. Bandstand Beds**

ME reported that there'd been a well-attended seed saving workshop with [London Freedom Seed Bank](#) on 14/9. The annual feast on 21/9 was a great success and raised almost £700. The group's application to the National Lottery Community Fund for £6,160 was successful. This money along with the £700 from the feast will be used for the new pathway and compost toilet installation. BB volunteers have already been busy clearing the area ready for [TCV](#) to start work on site at the end of October.

DD added that following a site inspection on 1/10 by a Lambeth food safety officer the water supply to the garden needs to be certified as potable. The group is working with Lambeth to ensure that this and other necessary food safety measures are in place.

### **2. Clapham Society**

AS told the committee the Clapham Society made a legal challenge to Lambeth regarding large events on the Common. As a result, in future Lambeth Council will seek Secretary of State consent for large events, such as Winterville, on the Common.

### **3. Friends of Clapham Common (FoCC)**

MR reported that on 21/9 the Friends held a litter pick. Around 20 adults and children took part, filling half a bin bag each in half an hour. The event proved that despite Lambeth's diligence to clear litter some will be found in nooks and crannies on the Common. MR said he felt this an activity worth repeating on a monthly basis.

DD reminded the committee that at a meeting earlier in the year a stretch of Windmill Drive, beside the CYC wildflowers, had been identified as a litter hot spot. There are no bins on this stretch of road and people returning to their parked vehicles drop bags of dog excrement and other rubbish before driving off.

## **Updates from Kevin Crook**

### **1. Events site resurfacing**

KC informed the committee that work was due start and the contractors, [IDVERDE](#), would be installing heras fencing and banners on 4/10. Works include stripping off the surface of the events site, levelling hollows and installing 30cm deep, sand-filled drains. The new surface will be sown with hardwearing seed mix and micro clover.

## 2. Events contract – ‘Summerville’

Initially this contract was for a four-week events period, a week to set up at the end of July and everything struck during the first week of September. The events site would be fenced off for six weeks in total. The chosen promoters, [Live Nation](#), are now proposing an additional event to be held in June as part of this events package. It was agreed that CCMAC would not support this proposal.

## 3. Derelict changing block

LBL marked this building for demolition but Wandsworth Council wouldn't permit it. A feasibility study is currently being carried out on the building. A running group has approached Lambeth about it being transformed into a club house.

## 4. Putt in the Park

Plans are moving forward for the mini golf course and the conversion of the Pavilion into a café. New female, male and gender-neutral disabled toilets will be installed where the shipping containers now stand. These will toilets will be cleaned by Lambeth. The café will have its own WCs.

## AOB

### 1. Memorial donation

CCMAC agreed to donate £150 to the Clapham Society towards the cost of publication of the late Peter Jefferson-Smith's book on the history of Clapham. AS will put the Clapham Society's treasurer in contact AD. **Action AS.**

### 2. CCMAC website

SM and AD are still researching an alternative domain host that's cheaper than we currently pay. HOM pointed out that some information on the CCMAC website is now out of date. SM asked her to make a note of outdated info and send it to him, so he can update the website. **Action HOM.**

### 3. Camping on the Common

AS and TB raised concerns about the increasing of rough sleepers and tents pitched on the Common. While the committee acknowledged that homelessness is a major national issue, some members of the committee felt more enforcement was needed to discourage rough sleeping and begging in Clapham. To discuss this issue further representatives from the Ace of Clubs, Lambeth Council and the Police will be invited to attend the next CCMAC meeting. **Action SM.**

#### **4. PIL spend – winter litter collection**

SM informed the committee that Lambeth currently have a ban on overtime, and this would affect weekend work on the Common, such as litter picking. Last year, £3,000 was spent on winter waste management. It was proposed that £5,000 of the 2019/20 PIL spend should be ring fenced to cover staffing costs for weekend waste management this winter. DD questioned whether PIL should be used for core costs such as staff wages. The majority of committee members present were in favour of PIL money being used for this staffing cost.

**Next meeting: Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2019**