

# CLAPHAM COMMON MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES OF THE MEETING

**Thursday 1 October 2015**

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

**Present:** Alison Macnair (AM) (Chair), Iain Boulton (IB for London Borough of Lambeth), Linda Bray (LB), Cllr Bernard Gentry (BG), Cllr Nigel Haselden (NH), Lyndsay Jones (LJ), Diana Linskey (DL), Simon Millson (SM), Alex Nickson (AN), Helen O'Malley (HOM), Marcos Hope (MH for Friends of Clapham Common - FoCC), Peter Schmitt (PS) and Deryn Watson (DW for Clapham Society - CS).

**Apologies:** David Dandridge (DD), George Owen (GO) and Fred Uhde (FU).

- 1. London Borough of Lambeth (LBL) Events:** CCMAC welcomed Olivia Pearcey (OP), Senior Events Officer, LBL, who updated the Committee on the Borough's events strategy. OP indicated that the final strategy will be released as part of the Culture 20:20 proposals. OP confirmed Winterville had been postponed. OP agreed to review plans in the new year. It was agreed to visit the event at Victoria Park to get a first-hand view of how it is run and its impact on the park there. **Action: SM to arrange with OP.**
- 2. Deep-Level Air-Raid Shelter:** Mark Owen of POW Architects gave another update on progress of the redevelopment of the air-raid shelters at Clapham South. CCMAC's submission on the plans were noted. The plans were open for comment on LBL's website. It was agreed to review the landscape plans at CCMAC's Trees, Landscape and Ecology Working-Group. **Action: DW and POW Architects.**
- 3. Apologies:** Apologies of absence were received from DD, GO and FU. (BG had to leave after agenda item 6.)
- 4. Minutes of the Previous Meeting:** The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted.
- 5. Matters Arising from the Minutes:**
  - **WC at Clapham Common Tube Station:** **Action: NH to chase.**
  - **85 Westside:** To be put on agenda at the November meeting. **Action: LB and MH to present at the next CCMAC meeting** once they have sourced all the necessary information.
  - **The Spinney:** **Action: NH and SM to arrange onsite visit.**
  - **Jody Dobrowski Memorial:** On Saturday 17th October, to mark the 10th anniversary of the murder of Jody Dobrowski on Clapham Common, DD and SM - on behalf of CCMAC - will be planting spring bulbs behind the memorial bench in Battersea Wood. CCMAC are welcomed to attend. It starts at 12 noon.
- 6. Management Report:** IB talked to key points in the written submission.
  - A new Parks Manager (Joe Lewis) had been appointed, who IB will be introducing to AM and SM the following day to discuss the first steps in updating the Clapham Common Management Plan.
  - It was agreed to work in partnership with Friends of Streatham Common - who are at a similar stage as CCMAC - in pulling together the plan using a common template.

- IB updated the Committee on plans to reinstate the posts around the ‘paddocks’ alongside Clapham Common Southside following on onsite inspection by IB, BG, SM, GO and Bob Robinson of FoCC on 16th September.
  - IB said the earth mounds near the Bandstand will be removed.
  - It was agreed in response to issues raised by DW that IB will circulate a visual plan of the changes that will be taking place in and around the Green Waste Site, including by the Quietway and The Spinney. **Action: IB** (Post-meeting update: onsite visit took place on Saturday 24th October.)
  - A Heritage Walk is planned for Sunday 11th October at 2pm.
- 7. Friends of Clapham Common (FoCC):** MH confirmed FCC’s application for a grant from the the Greater London Authority London Tree and Woodland Community Grant Scheme to plant 14 trees across the Common. FoCC to make-up the shortfall. It had also been short-listed for a £500 grant from Skipton Community Grants to establish a wildflower meadow on the Common. CCMAC congratulated MH on his success in overcoming the funding issues.
- 8. claphamcommon.london:** AN confirmed CCMAC’s website will go live very soon with only a few technical issues to sort out beforehand. **Action: AN to inform CCMAC when it does go live.**
- 9. Governance Working Group:** SM gave a verbal update on the work of the Working Group (comprising DD, AM, SM and PS). A revised draft constitution will be presented at the November CCMAC meeting. Work is under way to update the Management Plan. SM and AM had also meet with Land Use Consultants, the consultancy that pulled together the Clapham Common Masterplan in 2007, to establish a way forward with updating the plan. It was agreed to do this at a day-long meeting in March 2016, after the AGM in February. Next Working Group meeting scheduled for Tuesday 13th October. **Action: SM to progress.**
- 10. Report from Lambeth Parks Forum meeting on 28th September:**
- The previous meeting of the Forum had been informed (by Cllr Jane Edbrooke, Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods) that there would be no resources for the Partnership level of relationship between parks/open spaces and LBL, only for Pioneer Parks.
  - Currently Streatham Rookery is a Pioneer Park and Myatts Fields are working towards that status.
  - The representative for Brockwell Park reported that Brockwell Park Community Partners were now negotiating a Pioneer Co-operative relationship with LBL.
  - **Commissioning/procurement:** Contracts for maintenance are up for renewal in April 2016. LBL staff are identifying options for different contractors to take over the work, against a background of reductions in the budget.
  - **Capital Investment Plan:** The representative of the Friends of Windmill Gardens had been investigating the progress of the Capital Investment Plan. (CCMAC had been consulted on the Plan in autumn 2014 and it had been approved by Cabinet in January 2015.) **Action: LJ agreed to find out what the position was at her upcoming meeting with Natalie Thomsen.**
- 11. EIF budget: Action: AM to circulate latest figures.**
- 12. Date of next meeting:** Given so many people would be attending firework displays on 5th November it was agreed to move the November CCMAC meeting to Thursday 12th November. **Action: SM to confirm booking with Omnibus.**