

CLAPHAM COMMON MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES OF THE MEETING

Thursday 7 January 2016

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

Present: Alison Macnair (AM) (Chair), Cllr Linda Bray (LB), David Dandridge (DD), Cllr Bernard Gentry (BG), Cllr Nigel Haselden (NH), Joe Lewis (JL for London Borough of Lambeth - LBL), Simon Millson (SM), Helen O'Malley (HOM), Alex Nickson (AN), Peter Schmitt (PS) and Fred Uhde (FU).

Apologies: Lyndsay Jones (LJ), Marcus Hope (MH for Friends of Clapham Common - FoCC), George Owen (GO) and a representative for the Clapham Society.

1. **Apologies:** Apologies of absence were received from LJ, MH and GO.
2. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting:** The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted.
3. **Matters Arising from the Minutes:**
 - **WC at Clapham Common Tube Station:** Work is under way with a planned opening set for February. **Action: NH to confirm.**
 - **Trees, Landscape and Ecology (TLE) Working Group:** PS informed the meeting the next TLE is likely to be towards the end of January. SM added that This is Clapham want to present its plans to landscape the grassy knoll behind Clapham Common Tube Station together with a concept for celebratory street lighting scheme along the High Street. **Action: PS.**
 - **85 Westside:** Relevant papers had been submitted to LBL's lawyers. The meeting agreed to MH's point of reinstating the grass verges. **Action: LB and MH to follow up.**
 - **Air-raid Shelter:** PS informed the meeting the plans were agreed in December. Expected start date is mid-2016.
 - **Paddocks on Clapham Common Southside:** JL informed the meeting work to install new posts will be begin in February (along with new bins across the Common). **Action: JL.**
 - **Quietway:** BG informed the meeting the final report will be ready in February. After publication there is likely to be a public meeting to present feedback.
 - **Polygon toilet block:** NH informed the meeting responsibility for the project had been handed over to LBL's Regeneration Unit which has been charged with coming up with a suitable design for the block.
 - **Green Waste Site:** JL informed the meeting that a topographic and habitat survey was being conducted. The meeting agreed to a point raised by DL that five, not just four, stakeholder groups, including Bandstand Beds, needed to be consulted on further plans for the site. JL said a draft plan would be ready for circulation 'in the next few weeks'. **Action: JL.**
 - **Trees:** FU informed the meeting that 14 trees will be planted in February. **Action: MH**
 - **Fields Cafe:** The planning application is submitted.
 - **Code of Conduct:** AM reiterated that Members must indicate clearly in all personal communication about Clapham Common that they are writing or talking in a personal capacity. Words along these lines should be used: 'In a personal capacity' in brackets after the signature sign off. Or upfront 'I am writing in a personal capacity', or clear words to the same effect. Members must not give the impression of writing or talking on behalf of CCMAC unless authorised to do so by CCMAC.

- **Elections:** BG pointed out that the CCMAC Ward Councillors had agreed not to stand as Officers of the Committee.
- 4. **Basketball Courts:** A planning application had been submitted to refurbish and upgrade the courts including the addition of netball courts.
- 5. **The Spinney:** AM asked NH if he had taken legal advice on the status of the activities at The Spinney. Is it an education establishment or a play facility? **Action: NH.**
- 6. **Play Facilities:** In the absence of LJ, AM and SM gave feedback on a site visit with Land Use Consultants regarding the play facilities across the Common. The aim is draw up an over-arching strategy with specific focus initially on developing plans for both the playground near Windmill Drive and the paddling pool adjacent to The Pavement. **Action: LJ.**
- 7. **Let's Rock and Winterville:** LB gave an update on the December site inspection at Winterville in Victoria Park in light of a potential Winterville taking place on Clapham Common around Christmas this year. (In the absence of MH, AM to ask MH to circulate comments on Let's Rock.) **Action: AM.**
- 8. **Annual Open Meeting (AOM):** SM took the Committee through the draft agenda for the AOM taking place at Omnibus on Thursday 4th February at 7pm. SM also outlined plans to publicise the event. **Action: SM.**
- 9. **Date of next meeting:** Thursday 3rd March at Omnibus.