

Clapham Common Management Advisory Committee (CCMAC)

Thursday 1st April 2021 at 7pm

Zoom meeting

Minutes

Present: Simon Millson (Chair – SM), Adrian Darley (Treasurer - AD), Shelagh Muchmore (Secretary - SMu), Shirley Kermer (Friends of Clapham Common – SK), Cllr Linda Bray (LB), Cllr Joanna Reynolds (JR), Cllr Nigel Haselden, Cllr Tim Briggs, Raffaele Principe (RP), Paul Stephenson (PS), Andrew Summers (Clapham Society - AS), Helen O'Malley (HOM), Sarah Yandell, (Bandstand Beds SY), Jeremy Keates (This is Clapham JK), Krishna Siva

Apologies – David Dandridge (Vice-chair – DD)

Not present:

Guests: Tony Crombie (Windmill Road residents), Ian Ross Kevin Crook (Lambeth Parks and Leisure Services)

1. Updates from Lambeth Council

Update from Ian Ross

End of Lockdown arrangements

Outdoor sports facilities have reopened. This weekend football commences – pitches being marked and posts up tomorrow. The FA have extended the football season until end of June, summer sports will be able to continue too – longer term implications – renovations will be difficult.

Portaloos

Week commencing 12th April temporary toilets will be in situ – can be flexible in terms of numbers per location but don't want to increase to more than 2 locations – there will be an accessible unit in both sites. Likely locations:

1. near paddling pool and
2. near path which runs between Long Pond and the playground

Improved signage for toilets will be put on the Common. They will be closed at twilight as are all other toilets. Changing room toilets will also be open at weekends.

Litter

This Saturday the summer litter picking schedule recommences - 3 members of staff on Sat and Sun.

AS raised a point prior to meeting re the sheer volume - concern is that 1 extra person will be insufficient to cope with increased volume. Can bins be emptied throughout the day e.g. late pm in key spots?

IR reported that Euro bins can only be emptied by carts so restrictions on that. Talking to Comms Team about initiatives to encourage people to take litter home e.g. similar to Wandsworth comms last year.

Lambeth do not have resources, cannot operate staggered shifts. Discussions about Park Services budgets are taking place at Director level. **IR** reported that weekend litter collection costs approx £1,150 per weekend.

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Several options / questions were discussed including:

- Can we ask local businesses to assist – cut down waste?
- Could local businesses help fund litter collection?
- Could CCMAC review current plans to divert funds to litter picking or new initiatives to raise money?

Action Point IR to send figures through for review and consideration – options to improve the situation will then be tabled/discussed.

Tony C – thanked the group for agreeing his attendance, representing 35 or so residents. Welcomes the proposed siting of portaloos.

Kevin Crook

Park Services is under-resourced – this is acknowledged. Additional funding has been made available – portaloos etc. Council is under huge financial pressure exacerbated by pandemic. If we can evidence all other options have been exhausted, it may be possible to put forward a case for additional funding.

TB commented that Lambeth Council budget is down by approx. £2.5million.

Capital investment

Consultation period is now complete and the plan is to go to informal cabinet next week – should be approved in approx. 1 more month.

Toilets near Avenue

Lambeth have commissioned a 'conditions survey' waiting for completion – this will be sent out to those who have expressed an interest – proposals will be brought to CCMAC. At present there are two firm proposals – close within 1 month.

Megan's

Electrical supply phase 3 not in place and est. cost of £125k. Megan's now asking for change in lease conditions which is being discussed.

Sport – recently recruited a new officer (Dermot Collins - consultant for 6 months) looking at Sports Strategy.

Enforcement capabilities – focused on social distancing rule of 6 etc looking to ramp this up once Covid issues dissipate – e.g. litter, dog fouling etc. funding a police officer to focus on anti-social behaviour.

TC – problem last year was they finished work at 4-5pm and did not have enough powers to enforce.

Action Point TC will follow up with relevant directors within Lambeth Council.

Paddling pool not in a condition for reopening – will be the first project to be worked on (commence in approx. one month's time). Last year some patch repairs completed. Costly to maintain in its current state – has to be emptied and cleaned twice a week.

TLE

Grass cutting map being finalised

Action Point IR to send to RP

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Thank you, Ian, Kevin and Tony

Minutes of last meeting - Approved.

1. **Matters arising** – no additional items.
2. **New proposals**

Action Point SM will pass names to Lambeth who will assign project managers. It is hoped that planning will start within a month.

3. **Working group updates**

TLE

RP pollinator action plan has been circulated – habitats for pollinators and fledglings. No impediment to access etc.

Action Point CCMAC to review and comment

Planting in woodlands – email has been sent from Iain Boulton reporting that this will take place 22 and 23rd April

4. **Member Group updates**

Bandstand Beds

SY reported that they are coping with restricted numbers, painting shipping container to blend in.

Feast day and Bandstand Beds festival on Windmill Drive being planned – stalls from local companies, Vauxhall city farm (goats) 26th September

Clapham Society (CS)

In next couple of months, the CS sending questionnaire matters relating to Common – hopeful that a bigger body of people will contribute to common specific activities.

Friends

Started tidying up bowling greens – planted planters and greens with grass seed.

5. **AOB**

The bandstand has been cleared of tributes / flowers (Sarah Everard) – enabled by an impressive number of volunteers from Friends and the Clapham Society. Cards being sent to family, potted plants to local charities flowers to be composted by Wandsworth
Will be consulting family about a permanent tribute e.g. planting a tree with composted flowers etc

Action Point SM to put this to IR and KC.

NH – 3 Composting bays are to be placed in the green waste site, on hard standing. Should commence over the summer.

Lighting – to be discussed at a fuller meeting. Could also form part of ‘Access working group’

JR, JK and **SM** are meeting TfL and a local resident who is keen to pull together a plan to paint a mural on the bare wall at the exit to Clapham Common Tube Station. Both Lambeth Council and TfL are supportive in principle.

AS raised questions about YAM carnival / August bank holiday Monday events – information is lacking at the moment, also reported that 300+ objections to proposed events – Events will be discussed at next meeting.

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End of meeting

Minutes completed by Shelagh Muchmore.