

Clapham Common Management Advisory Committee (CCMAC)

Thursday 3rd June 2021 at 7pm

Zoom meeting

Minutes

Present: Simon Millson (Chair – SM), Shelagh Muchmore (Secretary - SMu), Cllr Linda Bray (LB), Cllr Nigel Haselden (NH), Cllr Tim Briggs (TB), Andrew Summers (Clapham Society AS), Martin Pratt (Clapham Society MP), Gareth James (Friends of Clapham Common), Jeremy Keates (This is Clapham JK), Raffaele Principe (RP), Helen O'Malley (HOM),

Apologies – David Dandridge, Adrian Darley

Guests: Kevin Crook (Lambeth Parks and Leisure Services)

1. Updates from Lambeth Council - Kevin Crook

Capital Investment

Capital Programme – the final report is not finalised yet but funding will not be impacted Project Manager has been appointed – Hanna Radlowska.

The project mandate for Capital Studio has been completed. It is estimated that it will be another month before report is signed off then a little wait for budget codes are allocated.

SM noted that there has been some 'comms' activity – e.g. the 'paddling pool project' has already been communicated via Love Lambeth.

Small amount of funding left over from the main playground will be spent in the Battersea Rise playground to repair equipment. Storeroom near Spinney – commissioned a building surveyor to look at commercial opportunities, e.g. refreshment kiosk run by council.

Toilet block near Battersea Woods – no update – a number of proposals have been received, but still awaiting completion of a conditions survey.

Megans

Finalising changes to lease – Megans want to invest in Phase 3 electricity (£250k) and so want more security around lease. They have right to move into a new facility (if that goes ahead) near pond with a similar footprint / amount of space etc.

Power supply – could this be used for ice cream vans?

Action Point - KC will look into this.

Litter

AS raised the 'litter situation' which was particularly bad on Saturday and Sunday mornings. Problems will continue throughout the summer unless something different is done – not enough bins and not emptied frequently enough.

KC reported that there were no resources / funding for additional litter collection. Shift working at weekends has been introduced, now working 7am to 8pm.

Other ways to address

- reinforce message e.g. signs 'take rubbish home' will go back up,
- enforcement activity to be stepped up
- Bins need to be placed more strategically – SM has raised this with Ian Ross.

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Action Point - KC and SM to review and raise again and to provide CCMAC with costing to improve situation on Fridays and bank holidays (not treated as weekend so no additional shifts).

Events site

Going to remove 80% of fencing by 18th June. Fertilisation is due but may be put back to September. Small area around skate park will remain fenced.

NH asked about communication with residents on Windmill Drive about developments.

Action Point - KC to ensure they are communicated with. Tony Crombie is main contact.

JR reported that the local police have been in contact with these residents.

Ice cream vans – concern that they are running constantly next to playground – need to be electric, fines for being in wrong place not a deterrent for ice cream vans.

KC reported that the council does not license these.

Action Point - KC to raise with enforcement officers - photos and licence plates would be useful.

Whilst we await the commencement of new projects e.g. ‘access’, hazardous issues will be dealt with, less serious areas will be on hold until capital is released.

NH has met with planner re Windmill Drive – funds from transport planners may be forthcoming.

Thank you, Kevin

Minutes of last meeting:

Point of clarification:

OP confirmed that 56 development days are permitted and there has been an application for an additional 28 standard permitted developments dates per year.

‘development days’

These are days when events can take place.

1. Matters arising

Ergonomist’s inspection of ‘Events’ site

SM has followed up and will do so again.

Action point - SM

Next meeting

It was agreed that the next meeting will be a ‘face to face’ meeting (as long as Covid restrictions permit). This will be held on July 3rd, venue TBA. It was proposed that this be more like a planning meeting with a review of strategy and recurrent issues.

Annual meeting

SM proposes this be postponed until February 2022 – this was agreed.

Bandstand concerts

SM reported that the Summer Programme is almost finalised - commences on 3rd July every Sat and Sun and 7/8 August – need volunteers as wardens – 2 is ideal.

Action Point - all to let SM know if you can volunteer for any of these.

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Master Plan

HOM raised the point that this was due for review – it was agreed that this would be discussed at the next meeting.

LB reported that Cllr Sonia Winifred has agreed to come to the next CCMAC meeting.

Action Point - LB to follow up to confirm this with her.

2. Working group updates

Sports

AD reported (via email) – Park Run programme will begin on June 26th. The original route that did cross grassy areas of the Common has been re-routed over tarmac paths, the bridle path and the existing Northside path.

TLE

AD reported via email - Butterfly Conservation launched their 4 year Big City Butterflies project in time for half term and to celebrate they have hidden Butterfly sculptures around London including one in Bandstand Beds and one at the edge of the wildflower meadow. If the public find them they can enter a prize draw by uploading an image of them via a QR code link that will be on laminates around the area. David Beldon at The Spinney is also happy to publicise the project.

RP reported that planting in Battersea Woods has been postponed – need fencing – will happen in autumn. Scrub land work will happen between now and Autumn.

Friends

GJ reported that they are working on 3 projects – ‘Wild Clapham’

- Relining of small pond and a new viewing platform – funding available and this is almost finalised
- Scrubland (in ‘dog walkers area’) is on target for October – create corridors for wildlife – looking at 15-20 small islands. Plants for these are being grown at the moment
- Regeneration of Battersea Woods – these have suffered compaction – low on biodiversity. Friends are trying to improve bio-diversity

Green Waste site

NH reported there has been a huge amount of clearance in the green waste site – functional interior and bio-diverse exterior. Interior requires access for vehicles – timber kerbing was too close to hedge and will be in a new position.

Go fund me page is live – aim to raise money e.g. compost bins

Playground

JR reported that Clapham Common Playground won a PiPA (Plan inclusive Play Areas) Gold Award for its inclusive new design and play equipment. PiPA Gold Accredited sites must score an overall 95% to 100% on the Inclusive Play six-point Checklist. Huge thanks to Caroline Streeks (Lambeth).

3. Members update

Clapham Society

150 responses to member survey – will share in due course – fairly representative of concerns and good positive feedback of local residents.

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Action Point - AS to share results with CCMAC

Bandstand Beds

Busy time of year – beds around Pear Tree Café have been reinstated – planted up with sunflowers, courgettes, herbs

New initiate with 'frog life' / early onset dementia groups – garden sessions

Veolia app rejected – compost on green waste site – looking at other funding e.g. Go fund me page.

AOB

- HOM – can we include reference about the Vigil and events surrounding the tragic death of Sarah Everard? This to be a brief historic note to establish what happened and when. HOM to draft something and send to group – SM confirmed that a tree will be planted
- JR Art at Clapham Common Tube (wall covered in graffiti – aim to get local artists to create art. Council and TFL involved – very positive responses so far. This will be covered in next meeting.
- Access sub-committee – waiting confirmation from KC about project start – need to wait for approach from project manager.

Next meeting face to face July 3rd venue to be decided.

Minutes completed by Shelagh Muchmore.