

**Clapham Common Management Advisory Committee (CCMAC)**  
**7pm Thursday 13 January 2022**  
**Meeting by Zoom**

**Minutes**

**Present:** Simon Millson (Chair – SM), Shelagh Muchmore (Secretary - SMu), Adrian Darley (Treasurer - AD), Cllr Linda Bray (LB), Cllr Tim Briggs (TB), Cllr Nigel Haselden (NH), Cllr Joanna Reynolds (JR), Andrew Summers (Clapham Society - AS), Gareth James (Friends of Clapham Common - GJ), Helen O'Malley (HOM), Krishna Siva (KS), and Paul Stephenson (PS).

**Apologies** – Andrew Besso (Bandstand Beds)

**Guests:** Kevin Crook (KC), Ian Ross (IR), Lara Mifsud-Bonici (LM), Lambeth Council

**1. Update from Lambeth Council**

**Secretary of State submission** (paper distributed prior to meeting)

A few errors in the document which will be tidied up.

There will be two applications made;

- Moonwalk (there are no oppositions for Moonwalk and this will also include the application for Luna Cinema).
- Summer events – Festival Republic - will be dealt separately

The application needs to be advertised and submitted by end of January – public enquiry in May decision expected before August Bank Holiday.

2021 application will be left live – public enquiry will take place in May for this – even though the event has taken place. Lambeth want to avoid negative perceptions and do the 'right thing'.

GJ asked about public enquiry for 2021 event.

NH - we are the only borough to test this – only 1 previous app to Sec of State– Hackney as part of the Olympics – was dealt with quickly and approved.

AS asked about the public enquiry process

KC has not been involved before – barrister has been appointed to represent Council - Inspector will hear all input and make decision re consent.

JR raised issue of the impact on funding - reduction of PIL - if event is not allowed to go ahead.

KC responded - if contract goes ahead the PIL formula to be reviewed to provide more funding for common. Currently 22% and looking to increase to 30% of income generated.

Footprint of site needs to be contained and not impact pathways – this would go some way to mitigate concerns / impact of this event.

HOM should we use this to provide more detailed information e.g. which pathways will be effected etc? Need to ensure space is not constantly expanded and all land taken for event is actually needed and used.

NH Loss of diagonal path caused a lot of concern. We have a role to provide a cultural activity Policy answers a number of concerns and highlights benefits.

**Action point HOM to forward comments to KC.**

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GJ reported that the 'Friends' will provide a written response by 24/1 – useful if a meeting could be arranged between Lambeth and the Friends and Clapham Society.

**Action Point KC, GJ and AS to meet - CCMAC is the umbrella.**

AS need to ensure that the Council can demonstrate that the Common is benefitting from these events - should we push for an even higher % of income.

KC reported that the Events team do have an income target – not allowed to make a profit from events.

**Action point KC will send docs about legal cases about profit making from open space.**

**Ian Ross**

Welcome to Lara who will focus on Clapham Common and Brockwell Park.

**General updates:**

- Bins on order (shortage nationally)
- Bollards being replaced where needed - IR to inform SM of date.
- Benches – superseded by the legacy will – looking at condition of existing benches.
- Safer streets work ongoing. CCTV meeting will be rearranged with IR, LM and SM.
- Putt in the Park on hold at moment awaiting planning decision
- Basketball court completed
- Looking at installing defibrillators that are accessible by the public
- Serco (new driver) drove onto Common as did supplier to Pear Tree Cafe – have been dealt with to avoid future occurrences.

NH - we need wheelchair access alongside benches – bigger paving footprint. Lara has this in hand – Lambeth will not be asking donor to fund and this will probably come from PIL

AD what is happening to the toilet block – conditioning report etc?

KC responded that there is a lot / variety of interest. 80-90k worth of work to get it into a 'fit' condition. Wanted to invest to attract higher rent but no longer have funds/capital so project on hold – 2-3 weeks. If no capital available will move forward. Potential £30k rent per annum.

Litter in Battersea Woods – solutions for this needs to be addressed by the Council, engage with local groups etc.

**Action Point IR will review and action**

KS can opening times for toilets near tennis courts be extended?

IR has asked that they be one of the last parts to be locked – problem with vandalism – asked for a mobile camera head of public protection has contacted the police. There would be additional cost for this.

**Action point IR will advise on opening times.**

TB - area behind Clapham Common tube very grim – BID spent money a couple of years ago to improve. Can this be an item which will be reviewed regularly? Agreed.

GJ - Do we have timescales for cameras around bowling green? IR and SM will visit as part of Safer Streets initiative. LM reported that several schools have been approached re the behaviour and she has sent details to Public Protection for assistance with this problem.

Thank you KC, IR and LMB

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**2. Approval of minutes**

Need to add Paul Stephens comments.

**Action Point SM will re-issue.**

**3. Matters arising**

Battersea Woods and litter – GJ – Friends have been trying to clean the area and Wild Clapham looking to do some regeneration work in the area.

Looking to start a 'Leave no Trace' campaign to encourage the night-time users to keep area in better condition. GJ thinking of engaging with LGBT groups to promote this. LGBT forum SM and LB have attended – GJ to be invited to next meeting

**4. Working Group updates**

**Water Play Working Group – update from LB**

An on-site meeting with Ustigate (one of the principal Companies who install water features). They have made various suggestions re-design reviewed with Lambeth's Project Manager who will be preparing the invitation to tender.

Engaging community in March will form part of the process – LB has asked David Beldon to assist – has suggested we could use the Spinney for an exhibition and will go onto Lambeth website.

Will not be in place until 2023 – needs to be communicated to manage expectations.

**Access group**

Group have met several times – benches and lighting being reviewed. Hope to commence work on paths in next few months.

**Action point NH Will provide more detail.**

Signage is being reviewed, detail to be defined

**Long Pond Café feasibility**

Looking to place a contact with consultants in March.

**5. Member group updates**

**TLE**

John Mackie, GJ, JR and AD did 'walk around' – police recommendations: areas of concerns – reviewed requirements for lighting and CCTV.

Growth around trees a concern.

Recommended that the lions share of budget should go on CCTV and lighting. No need to 'strip' out the Common (reduce height to aid visibility). The focus is on areas that have been quoted in crime statistics. Spinney and the Depot is main area for CCTV – problems with using CCTV on Wandsworth side of Common – other areas basketball courts and further down into Old Town.

**Wild Clapham**

Some of the final tress went in today looking to find disease resistant American Ash.

Pond was due to be completed.

**Action Point GJ to chase and report back.**

Bulb planting has taken place

**6. AOB**

No annual Meeting in February – holding a date for March. Need to advertise it 28 days prior to meeting.

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Boundary changes may impact CCMAC membership. There will be 3 wards which will be relevant to the Common rather than the 2 existing. This will need an amendment to the Constitution.

**Action Point SM to meet with Councillors to review.**

Wandsworth Councillors have not engaged in the past and have written to say they do not want active involvement – happy to leave it to the Friends and other groups – they have been included in the constitution in the past.

**Action Point TB will raise with colleague from Wandsworth**

Windmill Drive has its own report – March decision report due.

**Action point NH to send details**

7. **Next Meeting** - Thursday 3 February (in place of postponed annual meeting)

Minutes completed by Shelagh Muchmore.