

# **Clapham Common Management Advisory Committee (CCMAC)**

**7pm Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2022**

**Meeting held at Omnibus Theatre, Clapham**

## **Minutes**

**Present:** Simon Millson (Chair – SM), Shelagh Muchmore (Secretary - SMu), Adrian Darley (Treasurer - AD), Gareth James (Friends of CC GJ), Cllr Linda Bray (LB), Krishna Siva (KS), Cllr Alison Inglis-Jones, Al-J,) Andrew Summers (Clapham Society – AS), Helen O’Malley (HOM)

**Apologies** – Joanna Reynolds, Bandstand Beds, Lambeth Council

1. Following recent elections Cllrs Nigel Haseldon, Tim Briggs and Joanna Reynolds lost. Joanna Reynolds remains as a member CCMAC as a community representative. Cllr Linda Bray was re-elected.  
New Cllr members are Alison Inglis-Jones (Labour) and Ben Curtis (Liberal Democrat).
2. **Approval of minutes** – Approved

## **3. Matters Arising**

### **Lighting**

Lamp columns should be installed before Jubilee celebrations – 37 new lights in addition to the what is already in place.

## **4. Annual Meeting**

SM proposes a postponement for various reasons: Chief Executive only just appointed, council officers cannot attend July 7<sup>th</sup>, MP can't make it, new cabinet members have just been appointed. Benefits would be to use the hiatus to look at the strategic plan, major events, and member groups.

Election of Community Reps to CCMAC an outstanding issue.

Agreed to postpone to February 2023.

## **5. Accounts – AD presented**

There are few incomings and outgoings. Time lag of monies in e.g. Bandstand Concerts paid back after 9 months.

Ongoing running costs include:

- Website - £250 re-write, hosting c£100
- Insurance – for events approx. £100 pa
- Concerts costs (performers) - approx. £250 pre group, PA hire £200 total costs just under £2k which will be repaid by Lambeth
- Memorial tree for Sarah Everard £200

Total spend is £2430

Income - £500 (film crews), 2019 concert payments £2500

Bank balance – just over £6000

## **Questions:**

Income from Fairground – is any allocated to PIL? This will be raised with Lambeth at next meeting.

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## **6. Events**

- New team in place at Lambeth Council
- Notice delivered locally re events for 2022. To be responded to by 14<sup>th</sup> June.  
**Action point – CCMAC objections/reply will be circulated.**  
**Action point SM to check if members of CCMAC on distribution list.**
- GJ - Useful to ascertain if the major events for next year are similar to those that were planned for this year e.g. same footprint, number of attendees, number of days. Events 'site' is approx. 7.5 hectares and the fence around the site is greater than 10% of the Common.
- Useful to set the scene that this will be repeatedly objected to – should the footprint be reduced?
- HOM – can we also get a better understanding of financial aspects of the Common? SM reported that an overview budget is being prepared by Lambeth Council.

## **7. New strategic plan for Clapham Common**

This will be a topic for July meeting with Lambeth Council.

"What is the purpose of Clapham Common in the local community?"

Items members would like to be included: sports facilities, climate and ecological concerns, play facilities, well-being/health of population.

A survey of residents should form part of the process.

## **8. Wild Clapham - motion to be a member of CCMAC**

Wild Clapham started 9 months ago when it became a working group of CCMAC with CCMAC members: AD, LB, GJ. Excellent working relationships with Lambeth Parks, Operations team etc. Three main projects so far – introduced scrub, 70 trees, and created the wild flower meadow.

Wild Clapham focus is delivering Lambeth's biodiversity and pollinator action plans – finance projects separately from Friends. Want to achieve charitable status, raise funds for ecology / biodiversity projects.

Separate from Friends of Clapham Common and Clapham Society.

In order for this to be considered a proposal to the AGM is required which will then be considered for approval. Will be done at next AGM (February 2023).

Bandstand were unable to be present at the meeting and sent in a written comment to be minuted. Comment below (\*).

## **9. Working Group updates**

### **• Water Play – LB**

Meeting 16<sup>th</sup> May of the Master Plan Delivery Group inc officers from Lambeth. Main discussion was position of plant room and toilet block. Planning (Lambeth) objected to siting these in location of existing equipment block – blocked view to church, new site within existing footprint has been proposed and recently agreed by Planning.

New wider entrance between the containers, the existing plant block will be demolished and concrete base removed.

Containers – hope to have a green roof, clad with plants/brick etc.

Splashpad to be blue.

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Toilet block 3 cubicles inc. 1 accessible toilet (bid for funding underway), request for photographs of paddling pool in use – please forward to LB / SM.

Bid for design and build will go out to tender.

- TLE and Wild Clapham**

Part of PIL money on bird boxes – Ian Boulton procured – 2 years ago. 14 (10 blue tits – 4 grey tits) of the 40 boxes are being used (unusual that they are used in Year 1) so very successful.

Magpie and crow population predators so bird boxes protect small birds. AD to follow up with Iain Boulton on additional boxes to be installed later this year.

### **Action point AD to distribute map, details etc.**

- Access**

Waiting for costs for paths.

## **10. Member group updates**

### **Bandstand Beds – update provided by email**

*'We are busy organising Common People which launches CCMAC's Summer Concerts on the Bandstand on Saturday 4 June.'*

CCMAC Gazebo will be on site 12-5pm need additional volunteers.

### **Clapham Society**

No update – will circulate results of survey.

### **Friends of Clapham Common**

Internal changes will be discussed in greater detail at next meeting – re-branded recently – new logo to be circulated.

### **Wild Claham update from GJ**

Meeting with proposed and meeting with John Macky for new tree sites / species. Taking off wire cages around new trees – create a more natural landscape.

Fallen Sycamore on Westside – some trunks are being moved to scrublands.  
Proposal to extend naturalised areas been forwarded by Lambeth.

## **11. AOB**

Love Lambeth notices include Basketball improvement.

Lambeth meeting with Unicef – Programme 'Child Friendly Lambeth'.

Programme of children's activities set.

KS met with Ian Ross and Dan Hughes (Sports) re tennis courts. Licensing scheme for coaches raised to £1000 pa and court fees have increased to £10.

Lighting for tennis courts – IR reviewing.

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Ian Boulton meeting with Woodland Trust to come up with a plan to 're-wild' Battersea woods.

Wildflower seeding benefitting from recent rain.

Marshalls needed for Bandstand Concerts – reply to SM.

**12. Next Meeting**

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> July - Zoom

**Minutes completed by Shelagh Muchmore.**

\* Comment from Bandstand Beds provided by email as no representative from Bandstand Beds could attend:

*Wild Clapham's CCMAC member proposal was discussed at BBA's recent trustees (cc'd) meeting.*

*A constant observation of the CCMAC membership is that the committee lacks sufficient proportionate diversity, and is therefore not truly representative of the local community and users of the Common.*

*Wild Clapham has been borne out of The Clapham Society and the Friends of Clapham Common, both already members of CCMAC.*

*At our meeting, BBA trustees felt the addition of Wild Clapham as a member could give a similar crowd of people more voting power on CCMAC.*

*Therefore, perhaps Wild Clapham should be a subgroup of CCMAC rather than a member, or merge with the existing Trees, Landscapes & Ecology (TLE) working group?*

*CCMAC has not held an Annual Open Meeting since before the Covid pandemic. The time of service for the majority of elected community representatives on CCMAC has long expired.*

*Following the recent local elections a change of councillors on the committee is also due to happen.*

*Therefore, would it not be more democratic for the Wild Clapham proposal to be a matter for consideration and discussion at CCMAC's next Annual Open Meeting?"*