

Clapham Common Management Advisory Committee (CCMAC)

Minutes of meeting on Thursday 2 March 2023, 1900 - 2030 The Depot SW4

Attendees:

Simon Millson (Chair)	<i>Community Representatives</i>
Adrian Darley	Phil Carey (PC)
Cllr Alison Inglis-Jones (AIJ)	Nikki Marsh (NM)
Gareth James (GJ – Friends of Clapham Common)	Michael Mooney (MM)
	Joanna Reynolds (JR)

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Ian Ross (IR)

Apologies: Cllr Linda Bray, Cllr Ben Curtis, Jeremy Keates, Krishna Siva, Andrew Summers (Clapham Society), Bandstand Beds

The minutes of the 5 January meeting and of the Annual Meeting were approved, and all matters arising were picked up in the agenda for this meeting. The Chair reported that the video he produced with Best of Clapham following the Annual Meeting has now had more than 35k views.

1. **New members:** PC, NM and MM introduced themselves. It was noted that CCMAC could co-opt one or two further Community Representatives to meet the target complement of ten; a key aim in doing so should be to increase diversity, in terms of ethnicity and age.
2. **Election of CCMAC officers:** Simon Millson was approved to continue as Chair, and Adrian Darley as Treasurer. Joanna Reynolds was appointed Vice-Chair, and Phil Carey's offer to become Secretary was accepted.
3. **National Council for Voluntary Organisations update:** the Chair confirmed that CCMAC has now joined the National Council for Voluntary Organisations (NCVO). CCMAC should set up a new Governance Working Group to put in place improved procedures for grievances, safeguarding and other aspects of good governance (eg defining what diversity means for CCMAC); it should draw on templates provided by NCVO and propose policies for adoption.
4. **Ongoing Clapham Common works update:** IR reported that bulk bins had been refurbished and footpath resurfacing begun. A new 3-phase power supply will be dug shortly under Rookery Road to Megans on the Common, enabling it to cease using a diesel generator. A CCTV camera has been installed on Windmill Drive, with another to be added to one of the basketball floodlights (once 24-hour power supply can be secured); they will be used for collecting evidence of possible offences, not live

monitoring. IR agreed to the suggestion that signing for the cameras should specify they belong to Lambeth Council.

Other points raised by members:

- Barbed wire on the roof of the Boat House is preventing the Clapham Society from dealing with graffiti. IR explained that it is needed to prevent access as the roof is rotten, and the disputed ownership of the Boat House is holding up a long-term solution.
- Lambeth Landscape's policy on its vans driving on the Common itself: GJ will forward to IR video evidence of LL drivers rejecting a challenge to this practice.

Action GJ, then IR

- The need for clarification on responsibility for litter collection on peripheral parts of the Common (eg along South Side). **Action IR to clarify**
- The need for more 'Fast Flow Stations', which are essential infrastructure for Friends of Clapham Common (FoCC) volunteers in watering trees during dry weather.

Action Lara Mifsud-Bonici (LMB) to report for Lambeth at next meeting

- Unsightly 'no parking' barriers at the restricted access northern end of West Side are being looked into by LMB. **Action LMB to report on at the next meeting**
- There had been problems keeping the two gates along Windmill Drive locked.

Action IR agreed to share combination lock with Chair and AIJ

5. **Bowling green development:** IR reported that KKP sports consultancy had been engaged to examine options for sports use of the green further away from West Side. Lambeth was seeing strong demand for installing a Padel Tennis court, but CCMAC raised significant concerns around the environmental sustainability of the materials it would need, and the noise and aesthetic impacts of the perspex screens.
6. **Pavilion development:** IR reported that the party shortlisted by Lambeth to run the café was not now responding to contact, so the Council is considering taking on the operation in-house (as per the kiosk at the main Playground)
7. **"Six Acre Wood":** GJ presented a proposal led by FoCC to plant a horseshoe-shaped area at the western edge of the main events site; this would increase tree canopy on the Common to closer to the norm for London open spaces, a necessary response to the climate emergency, and also serve in practice to cap the events site at 13.5 acres, preventing it spreading beyond the paved SW to NE right of way. CCMAC expressed its support for the proposal; and IR indicated a favourable initial response from the Parks perspective at Lambeth, but needs to discuss with Kevin Crook at Lambeth. **Action IR to report back**
8. **Composition of Working Groups:** following discussion, the new CCMAC members joined some of the Working Groups, and some other revisions were made to membership. The result, including the new time-limited Governance group, is now as shown on the [website](#).

9. Working group updates: JR reported on the Access group's concern that some of its input to Lambeth on the reconfiguration of Windmill Drive has been ignored; the group is insisting on further consultation on elements such as removal of parking spaces for disabled and other drivers. The meeting lined up for 10 March will need broader attendance. **Action IR and AIJ to arrange**

10. Member Group updates: FoCC are working with LGBT groups to carry out volunteer litter clearance in Battersea Woods and seeking funding for new bins. The Clapham Society's top current concern are the unacceptable proposals for redevelopment of the Lambeth Academy site.

11. AOB: next meeting may need to be moved from current 6 April date to avoid the Easter weekend. **Action: Chair**

Minutes drafted by Phil Carey, Secretary