

Minutes Wandsworth Common MAC

Date	Monday Mar 18, 2019	Time	19.00 – 22.00	Venue	Skylark Café
Attendees				Apologies	Did not attend
<u>Officers</u> George Meakin (Chair) Chris Metcalfe (Deputy Chair & Treasurer) Richard Fox (Secretary)		Lewis More O’Ferrall David Kirk Tom Pollak Derek Wright	Susy Lloyd Emily Jennings Harvey Heath Ben White	Julia Bott (Friends Co-Chair) Charlie Oppenheim Rosemary Birchall Justin Harris	Stuart Hill
<u>Invited</u> Insp Stephen Biggs, Parks & Events Police Simon Ingyon, ED, Enable Parks & Leisure					
No.	Item	Discussion			Action
1	Introduction & apologies	Apologies and absences as noted above.			
2	Minutes of previous MAC & matters arising	<p>The Jan 7 minutes were agreed.</p> <p><u>Matters arising:</u></p> <p>Chicanes at the junction of Lyford/Sandgate – no discussion in the absence of RB</p> <p>TP noted the mess left by gas pipe works in this area of the Common. Enable had been informed and SI would follow up</p> <p>Jaggard Way – this would not now be taken to planning committee until Apr 28</p> <p>Bellevue/Trinity Rd/Burntwood Lane junction work – Nick O’Donnell (WBC) had assured key stakeholders (Wandsworth Society, MAC and FoWC) that ‘matters will not be progressed to any irreversible state prior to further engagement’.</p>			<p>GM to ask RB for an update</p> <p>SI to follow up</p>
3	Police report	<p>SB’s report had been circulated in advance.</p> <p>The introduction of FPNs was now expected in April. The fine would be £55, reduced if paid within 14 days.</p> <p>SB confirmed that Parks and Events Police would organize dog control and anti-litter campaigns in the summer (June to August). SI circulated proposed new signs about ‘dogs in the lake’ which were approved. 10 locations were discussed and approved</p> <p>SB confirmed that private dog owners and not just dog walkers, needed a license to walk more than 4 and a maximum of 6 dogs on the Common. Action could theoretically be taken against groups of private individuals if more than 6 dogs were together at any one time, but discretion was needed.</p> <p>SB said that the travelers injunction discussed at the last MAC had now been approved</p>			<p>SB/SI to liaise on a date and inform the MAC/Friends in good time to organize</p>

4	<p>Enable report</p>	<p>The Parks report was circulated in advance with a separate note on dredging the lake. It was agreed the latter contained very useful information as this was something mentioned in the MMP</p> <p>Sports bookings: SI said that idverde, in collaboration with Parks Police, planned to step up policing of pitch use and personal trainer ID over the summer, with a view to introducing a better system from September.</p> <p>GM said that the MAC’s input to both the MMP and the management contract retendering had stressed the need to address this.</p> <p>Amphibian pool: LMO noted the poor state of repair of the surrounding fence. SI to follow up</p> <p>Softball: H&S assessments were circulated. Concern was nevertheless expressed again at the playing of softball on Bellevue Fields and the rugby field, near to passers by. RF noted the suggestion in the MMP to move some of this to King George’s Park</p> <p>Playground refurbishment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • St Marks – tenders had come in over budget. However, Jo Shearer was looking at the possibility of covering the shortfall from underspend on other WLF/CIL projects. Thanks were expressed for her efforts. • Chivalry Road – work to start after Easter • Both projects should be completed by the end of July in time for the summer holidays • Windmill – nothing to report <p>Japanese knotweed: CM asked how Enable intended to tackle the problem, identified in the MMP. SI said they would be contacting landowners and agreeing a plan of action</p>	<p>SI to follow up</p>
	<p>MMP</p>	<p>GM said that comments on the latest draft had been submitted by the WG and a meeting with Jo Shearer and others was being arranged (April 23 since agreed). The report was impressive, comprehensive and included virtually all of the WG’s original submission. It just needed better prioritisations and costings before it could be truly described as a Plan. Once finalised it would become the focus of the MAC’s monitoring and advice.</p>	
7	<p>Neal’s Lodge</p>	<p>GM reported on the Feb 21 site visit and subsequent discussion with Paul Martin (WBC CEO), Ishbel Murray (Contract Manager) and Peter Tiernan (Property & Contract Manager). Members of the MAC and FoWC were pleased by the tone of the meeting which was cordial and constructive. WBC accepted the legal ruling and had no plans for the building. They were open to ideas for community use and are not planning to put any plans out to competitive tender. The idea of finding a small budget for a 2-3 month stakeholder consultation was progressing. This would mark the next stage of the project. Finding the right individual to take the project forward was critical. CO was working on a preliminary feasibility plan.</p>	<p>SI to liaise with GM & FoWC on consultation plan</p>

8	APM election rules	<p>SL explained the proposed new rules for elections to the MAC drafted by the WG (SL, GM, CM, LMO, DW). They were consistent with the existing Constitution but designed to introduce more predictability of tenure, make space for new members, while keeping the MAC to a more manageable and effective 14-16 people.</p> <p>The main change was the introduction of fixed 3-year term limits, renewable 3 times. All existing MAC members would be eligible to stand in the 2019 elections, with the new rules starting from the 2020 APM. Efforts would be made to attract new members before each APM and explain what it meant to be on the MAC, notably a willingness to attend meetings and be involved in the MAC's work between meetings.</p> <p>The new rules were generally felt to be an improvement and were approved by a majority of those present. Two absent members – RB and JB – had also indicated their support. It was further agreed that member tenure would be counted as starting from 2013.</p> <p>A few members registered their opposition to the changes, in particular the setting of term limits, the idea that members should expect to be involved in the MAC's work between meetings, and the suggestion of designating specific roles/expertise. They felt that the MAC worked well as it was, had not prevented the recruitment of effective individuals and allowed the retention of historical perspective.</p>	RF to post amended rules and other papers on the website
5	Friends report	<p>RF noted events not yet on the website, including a meeting with Council leader Ravi Govindia as part of the Council's outreach efforts to community groups; a forthcoming meeting with Enable to formalise a working relation with Friends groups; and the AGM on May 10th.</p>	
6	Leisure & Culture Management contract retender	<p>GM noted that the MAC and Friends together had completed their input to the process. The next stage was the publication of tender documents in a few weeks' time. Only then would we know how successful our input had been.</p>	
10	AOB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was suggested that the MAC be allowed to have a permanent flier in Urbis boards to advertise their existence and role • The MAC agreed that GM should submit an objection, on the basis of the negative impact on views from the Common, to the proposed mobile telephone mast on Trinity Fields, on the corner of Burntwood and Sandgate Lanes. Application no. 2019/0691 	<p>GM to discuss with SI</p> <p>GM to draft objection</p>
	Next meeting	<p>The next MAC meeting is Monday May 20th, 7pm, Skylark</p>	