



Waterlow Park Trust

Advisory Group meeting 19th December 2017 2.0 pm Lauderdale House

Present: Ben Cook (BC) (Lux), Gabi Howard (GH) (Camden LA), Ian Henghes (IH) (Highgate Neighbourhood Forum), Katherine Ives (KI) (Lauderdale House), Pippa Rothenberg (PR) (Highgate Society), Sue Tatum (ST) (Chair), Catharine Wells (CW) (Dartmouth Park Neighbourhood Forum), Eileen Willmott (EW) (Dartmouth Park Conservation Area),

Apologies: Ceridwen Roberts (CR) (Friends of Waterlow Park), Richard Shipman (RS) (Friends of Waterlow Park),

Issue	Action
Rotating secretary	IH agreed to take minutes for this meeting
Communicating with TAG members: A new email address will be forwarded to all members of TAG	Use to contact all members tag@waterlowparktrust.org.uk
1. Matters Arising	CR actions deferred to the next meeting. KI breakfast meetings to be arranged 2018 PR to coordinate a strategy group involving LH /LUX etc.
2. ST presented her paper 'Tag reporting' previously circulated. This proposed formal reports at each meeting from FOWP, Camden LA, and for and 'development/ innovation' proposals.	This was agreed
3. Report from Camden - GH is working on audit report on activities in the Park for the Charity Commission. The financial aspect is not very detailed.	GH to upload charity commission report to Google Drive. Comments on the document (available from Thurs) to be made before 5th Jan
Re Camden Park finances RS and AW were working on apportionment of grounds maintenance contract. Hard to	RS & AW - Indicative Financial Park Income &

<p>identify the specific cost for Waterlow Park from Camden Accounting. Depot is an example. ST observed finance coming to the park involves both via Camden including from Filming etc as well as via Friends. It would be useful to have an overall picture of all sources.</p> <p>Re ASB (Communications protocol) now ready to go.</p> <p>Play area climbing frame.</p> <p>Tennis courts refurbished. Work to support the 'wall' between upper and lower courts to commence January using beige coloured stones</p>	<p>Expenditure to go on Google Drive once reviewed.</p> <p>GH to continue Andrew's work on ascertaining the Park's financial situation especially costs for the depot, business rates, rental income from external use of Park space etc,</p> <p>GH to roll out protocol and confirm with TAG</p> <p>GH will circulate information on proposed replacement works</p>
<p>4. Summary Report from FoWP</p> <p>These reports to be provided ahead of each TAG meeting.</p> <p>FOWP Barbecues Proposal: ST circulated Camden's data on Barbecues in its Parks from 30th April to 8th July. (No records were kept beyond this date.) This highlighted that Waterlow Park had by far the greatest number of safety incidents.</p> <p>FOWP Barbecues Paper - 'A Way Forward' highlights the fact that the introduction of Barbecues was a pilot but no full assessment or review has taken place since. The current information is inadequate to make informed assessments. CW asked how Councillors can be expected to meaningfully review BBQ policy without good data.</p> <p>IH suggested that TAG needs to talk with FoWP Chair and Shona (who has researched the barbecue possibilities) about TAG concerns. There are still potentially unanswered questions, e.g. on the nature of any public feedback. FoWP should consult further and liaise with Camden, including practicalities such as enforcement, and resubmit any proposal to TAG.</p> <p>KI said that damage might be mitigated with better facilities in place. CW made the point that as a heritage park permanent brick</p>	<p>No member of FOWP committee was present to speak on the report.</p> <p>ST to brief FoWP on TAG's concerns and to explore how to move forwards, including proposals for how the proposals can be effectively enforced.</p>

<p>constructions might not be acceptable. Also, that there was very limited flat ground in the Park leading to potentially competing usage. There needs to be a 'balance' between different users (those who wish to use the flat area for games with those using for barbecues.) Air quality and safety close to children's play areas is also important. CW also highlighted that the original reservations expressed by FoWP on BBQs are proving correct.</p> <p>ST to lead a discussion about approval of such issues. It was felt that subject to Camden policy TAG should be able to take FoWP advice and be the decision making party in such matters.</p> <p>FOWP Drinking Fountains. FOWP propose installing/ reinstalling drinking fountains in the Park. A short report on drinking water fountains in neighbouring boroughs was considered. It also highlighted issues to be considered in terms of cost, especially keeping them clean and location. This was welcomed and to be encouraged if possible. However, TAG would need to know that both the installation and running costs can be funded and justified. GH said maintenance is costly.</p>	<p>GH to explore as to whether BBQs can reasonably be banned in a Camden managed park.</p> <p>FoWP to provide more detailed information on fountain type, location details and costs (including the required regular on-going maintenance).</p>
<p>5. Lauderdale House update - KI reported on plans for improving the side entrance of the house. The proposal will widen the traffic space to enable vehicles to turn round (so they do not need to reverse onto Highgate Hill), include bike stands, tidy bin area, enhancing the current planting at the front and building a raised planted area adjacent to the building.</p>	<p>Agreed that plans should be implemented when possible.</p>
<p>Item 7 on the agenda was moved forward.</p> <p>7. Report from the Signage Group. PR circulated a paper. The group felt that current signage was adequate with the exception at certain points in the park where paths diverged and it became unclear which direction to take for e.g. Toilets, Cafe & Lauderdale House, & the Cemeteries. Finger post signage at these identified points was proposed. The signage would be such that additional directions could added as necessary.</p> <p>The present (and new, as appropriate) signage to include the WPT motif. This would be located above the Camden Logo using sticky labels.</p> <p>A costed proposal to be put to TAG for transmission to Camden and the WP Trustee.</p>	<p>PR Specifics required. Precise locations / spec for finger posts. Cemetery to be approached. Cost to be identified and source of funding.</p>

<p>BC mentioned that LUX would like the current Waterlow Park Centre Banners removed.</p>	<p>BC to circulate tag@waterlowparktrust.org.uk with his proposal for new banners. This should include costs.</p>
<p>6. BC and KI reported on a Central St Martins weekend display of the work of 150 foundation students: last Fri-Sun in Jan. There will be sculptures in the park, paintings in Lauderdale House and videos/media in LUX. TAG welcomed this exciting initiative.</p> <p>Nikki Eazer, along with the College, has been very involved in the carrying out of risk assessments. There will be a map showing the trail. Promotion via LH and LUX networks; also Love Camden and Local press.</p> <p>TAG Waterlow Park Carbon Neutral Project: BC reported that Power Up North London are being consulted re the installation of solar power panels on the Park Centre building. These would be largely hidden given the roof slopes backward. GH is happy for BC to lead and liaise. She suggested that he should work with Ben Pearce re feasibility and planning constraints.</p>	<p>BC: to submit final information to TAG as soon as available.</p> <p>TAG: to notify local groups; put on website?</p> <p>BC to provide notes / feasibility study to TAG when appropriate.</p>
<p>8. Trees and Views Working Party Report. Camden could not approve some of the proposals as they did not comply with Camden policy. IH said that it was important that the specific context of Waterlow Park Trust be recognised, enabling policy variations to be considered in the future. Enhancing the profile and status of TAG was an imperative. In the longer term FoWP should be taking a lead on Trees and Views once the working party dissolves. GH said that Camden should make sure that all communication relating to the park is sent to the Chairs of both TAG and FoWP as a matter of course.</p>	<p>GH to ensure that Camden always sends (or copies) all Park related communications to chair@waterlowparktrust.org.uk (TAG) and chair@waterlowpark.org.uk (FoWP). The Chairs will then be responsible for ensuring that messages are appropriately disseminated.</p>
<p>9 TAG Code of Conduct. A draft Code of Conduct taken from the Cemetery Code of Conduct had been circulated. .</p>	<p>All TAG members: the paper to be put on Google Drive and comments sent to IH by the end of 2017.</p>
<p>10. AOB Ice conditions - gritting in park should be checked to ensure it is being done in the most dangerous / steepest areas. GH said normally there is no gritting but some was undertaken in Waterlow Park.</p>	<p>FoWP requested to do a quick 'danger spots' map of the Park for Camden and supply to GH</p>

<p>There was a serious incident in the park recently which required police and ambulance and involved the park closing. GH will email tag@waterlowparktrust.org.uk in future as part of the implementation of the communications protocol.</p> <p>Standing reports should be available for all future TAG meetings from FoWP / Camden and also Lauderdale & LUX to report as/when appropriate.</p> <p>EW raised the issue of the terrapins which kill baby ducks. Jennifer Wood from City of London will 'export' the terrapins to the Barbican if they are a problem.</p> <p>GH informed TAG that Oliver Lewis is leaving Camden LA. She will let us know if there is any replacement.</p>	<p>FoWP/ GH/ KI/ LUX provide reports ahead of future TAG meetings</p> <p>No decision reached on this matter. For FOWP to consider</p>
<p>11. Date of Next Meeting</p> <p>All TAG members are asked to complete the Doodle Polls regarding their availability for the next two meetings:</p> <p>Spring 2018 (13 / 14 March likely) https://doodle.com/poll/zkdfntnff6eqbnet</p> <p>Summer 2018 (6 / 12 June likely) https://doodle.com/poll/sr3rxghddf42usug</p>	<p>ALL who have not already done so please complete Doodle polls.</p>