



Waterlow Park Trust

Advisory Group meeting 29th Nov 2018

Present: Ben Cook (BC) (LUX), Ian Henghes (IH) (Highgate Neighbourhood Forum), Gabi Howard (GH) (Camden LA), Katherine Ives (KI) (Lauderdale House), Fiona Murphy (FM) (FOWP), Sue Tatum (ST) (Chair), Catharine Wells (CW) (Dartmouth Park Neighbourhood Forum), Eileen Willmott (EW) (Dartmouth Park Conservation Area Committee), Gareth Harrison Poole, (Camden, Head of Green Spaces), .

Apologies: Pippa Rothenberg (PR) (Highgate Society), Richard Shipman (RS) (FOWP),

Issue	Action
<p>1. Introductions Those present introduced themselves to Gareth Harrison Poole (GHP), Head of Green Spaces, Camden LA. Gareth previously worked in the Parks division at Plymouth LA for 15 years</p>	<p>The Chair welcomed Gareth Harrison-Poole</p>
<p>2. Minutes of the last meeting & matters arising IH offered to minute this meeting replacing CW, who will minute the next meeting</p> <p>2.1 Channing School Development ST re item 4 Channing development. She received an invitation letter listing two information meetings. However, there was no one there when she went. As the building will be underground the key concern is any impact on the water table impact.</p> <p>2.2 TAG Code of Conduct The final version was signed by those present. Camden have taken the forms for scanning. Paper copies to be returned and held by Chair of TAG.</p> <p>Two members have yet to sign.</p>	<p>CW to check with Highgate Society re planning application and water table</p> <p>Paper copies to be returned and held by Chair of TAG.</p> <p>ST Those not present to be processed through the Chair as soon as possible.</p>

<p>2.3 KI mentioned that a section of the last minutes was a bit misleading.</p>	<p>KI to redraft and give to ST so minutes may be finalised</p>
<p>3. STANDING REPORTS:</p> <p>3.1 Lauderdale House: Oral Presentation KI reported on Lauderdale’s own signage proposals which are moving forward in liaison with local interested parties. This relates to the signage within the footprint of Lauderdale.</p> <p>She is in contact with Denis Maloney at Camden re the drainage problem on the northern approach to the House. Water can leak into the conservatory with heavy rain.</p> <p>KI thanked FoWP gardeners re their work around the tea lawn</p> <p>3.2 LUX: Oral Presentation Ben reported that he nothing additional to report. The Carbon Neutral project is considered as a separate agenda item</p> <p>3.3 Friends of Waterlow Park: Written (pre-circulated report)</p> <p>FM reported that in addition to items included in her report which was circulated, she has discovered that the Mayor of London is currently offering grant funding for 100 fountains. The closing date for applications is Dec. 7th.</p> <p>GHP reported that Camden are applying to the Mayor’s funding on behalf of Waterlow Park having prioritised the Park on the basis of our interest. FM passed details about proposals as developed by FoWP to GHP. Bottle refill points and automatic drinking fountains are proposed. GHP reported that they will be wheelchair accessible. There is no need to precisely identify the locations in the application, these will be determined at a later stage depending upon need and ease of installation.</p> <p>KI asked that if possible there be dog fillers at the foot of each fountain. Lauderdale gets a lot of requests for water in the summer and would appreciate a fountain nearby. GHP asked if LH is</p>	<p>KI to continue to liaise with the TAG Signage Group re Lauderdale’s signage proposals</p> <p>Camden to report back to TAG / FoWP re progress of grant application and any reference.</p> <p>Camden will undertake further consultations in due course on locations and other facilities.</p> <p>GH to ensure that TAG & all relevant Park bodies are</p>

<p>part of the 'refill' bring a bottle movement. LH replied that they have a fountain in the courtyard but it is not yet adapted to fill bottles and with a current annual footfall of 60,000 this isn't unrealistic at present.</p> <p>ST asked that TAG be consulted prior to Camden considering any new initiatives in accordance with the mandate setting up TAG. This will ensure that TAG is fully informed and aware of all implications, removes confusion and unnecessary duplication.</p> <p>CW asked re who would be paying for maintenance of any petanque pitch. GHP said clubs normally take responsibility for maintenance. Court usage will potentially be chargeable in which case revenue could be used for maintenance. GHP said this cost is normally minimal. Joe Lewis is familiar with these issues. GH said that it is proposed that it be volunteer managed.</p> <p>A defibrillator has been proposed. Grants are available. They need to be wall mounted. KI said an easily accessible location would be an outside wall with the instructions. There are issues if LH is asked to monitor.</p>	<p>informed re proposed submissions for funding associated with the Park</p> <p>Camden to use best endeavours re timely consultation with TAG /FoWP as appropriate.</p> <p>FoWP progress further with Camden FoWP will oversee and ensure that somebody has primary responsibility for maintenance. KI and FM to speak about next steps</p>
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4. STANDING REPORTS:

Written Presentations previously circulated

4.1 TAG CHAIR's report (circulated in advance);

There were no questions

**4.2 Camden Council Reports:
Communications Protocol for Reporting
Anti-Social Behaviour in Waterlow Park**

Camden Update Paper: 27th November 2018

LUX Solar Panels: GH said the lawyers are checking on the legal issue given the lease specifications.

CW asked if there were any objections to the planning application. GHP said there were none. ST said that buildings are part of the Trust, and that progress should not be blocked because of lease issues. GHP said Camden are committed to finding a way through.

CW said alternative business models might be a solution if there is a current legal block to do with shares. IH said that the local transition groups and the Highgate Society and Neighbourhood Forum are in favour in principal. The legal concern for Camden is that the park is held in Trust. Power Up North London's lawyers think any block is only with the Open Spaces Act.

BBQs

The meeting considered the proposal from FOWP for zoned BBQ areas considered at a previous TAG meeting. The proposal shows 3 possible zoned areas: Zone 1: main lawn in front of Lauderdale House, Zone 2: turning circle area to the west side of the middle pond, Zone 3: grass area to the west side of the lower pond (excluding the play area).

FM mentioned that FOWP had some money and might be able to fund some 'permanent' barbecue structures which would reduce the number of 'on floor' barbecues that have significantly affected the grass.

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Camden Council to keep LUX & TAG informed and to explore alternative ways forward.

FM to present to next FOWP meeting for discussion

GH reported that Camden were assuming, and had favoured, Zone 1. ST reported that TAG & FOWP had both separately selected Zones 2 & 3. She had argued strongly for those areas in her recent meeting with Camden.

IH clarified why TAG had not been in favour of Zone 1. This was due to the 'bowl' nature of the area resulting in the exaggeration of smoke and smells. leading to a vast number of complaints from those who like to sit on the benches surrounding that area. KI also stated that she would not be happy with Zone 1 given the previous unsatisfactory situation reported to an earlier TAG meeting regarding the use of Lauderdale House toilets etc.

There is also concern about enforcing zoning. ST said that barbecues require monitoring whether zoned or not. How they can be managed given the cutbacks resulting in only one Ranger for all Camden Parks needs to be worked through. ST said this would obtain regardless of zoning. She had discussed with FOWP concerning the possible use of volunteers etc.

CW asked that Camden consult with English Heritage regarding barbecues and their specification regarding possibility any permanent BBQ structures. CW also said that the cost /maintenance of barbecues in general must be factored in.

ST said that as there was no specific Waterlow Park budget then it was difficult to ascertain the additional costs. ST suggested that, with FOWP, we should try to ascertain the associated costs.

IH asked what the process was regarding the formal approval of barbecues zones. GHP said that Councillor Harrison is the decision maker. He will likely make a decision 'in the round' wishing to be consistent with other Camden open spaces.

FOWP Chair, TAG Chair to meet to discuss the monitoring situation and then to meet with GH to discuss with Camden.

GH to explore with English Heritage

Meeting above (FOWP, TAG, Camden) should try to ascertain the associated barbecue management costs

GH to inform TAG as soon as an outcome is known.

<p>KI proposed a motion for a vote: “That barbecues in Waterlow Park only be allowed in zones 2 & 3 for 2019 and be reviewed at the end of the season”.</p> <p>ST said that a group should be set up to look at supervision, signage, bins, etc going forward.</p>	<p>The vote was carried (6 for with 2 abstentions))</p> <p>Meeting FOWP/TAG/Camden to discuss as per action set out above.</p>
<p>5. Signage</p> <p>CW presented in the absence of the Working Group Chair, Pippa Rothenberg. She reported that Joe Lewis has been very helpful. The working party is looking forward to seeing the proposals for the overlay to the current signboards. Timetable is spring.</p> <p>FM asked if Rangers could ensure that only A5 notices are put up on the temporary sign board - not A4. GH said there should be no commercial notices for private businesses.</p> <p>Finger-post signs are not currently within Joe’s remit but he provided useful advice. CW reported that plans are well advanced. Sites have been agreed. Wood posts cost between £100 and £500 each. CW has spoken to Highgate Neighbourhood Forum re funding. Waterlow Park is seen as a priority area by the Neighbourhood Forum and it is possible that some CIL funds may be available from that source. Timescale is that finger-post signs are to be installed by the end of spring. (March /June) The TAG meeting offered support for this initiative. GHP asked that there be provision for maintenance in the plan</p>	<p>Joe sending designs in the new year which CW will circulate.</p> <p>CW to continue to ensure that both neighbourhood forums and the Highgate Society are kept informed as well as other interested parties (CAACs?)</p>
<p>6. Carbon Neutral Project</p> <p>BC reported on the appetite in this area for a carbon reduction project of this kind. BC also sees it as a good intersection between culture and green spaces. LUX networks with different interest groups in this area. There are different ideas which might come into play such as a wayfinding project, perhaps</p>	

<p>involving dogs / GPS / Cameras. Also a digital network in the park.</p> <p>BC is working with Parks for London on ideas. Health and wellbeing, education about climate change and articulating the intrinsic value of green spaces and culture is all part of the project. GHP supported the initiative on behalf of Camden. BC is in conversation with other local groups. CW talked about bringing together various initiatives into an event next year perhaps in conjunction with the Highgate Festival.</p>	<p>BC to continue his research work with relevant colleagues. Proposals for a formal Supervisory group to be set up to include relevant experts.</p>
<p>AOB FM checked that Art in the park planning was continuing.</p> <p>The next TAG meeting will be in Feb.</p>	