

# **DRA**

# Advisory Group meeting 10<sup>th</sup> January 2023

**Present**: April Cameron (AC) (Friends of Waterlow Park (FoWP)), Ben Cook (BC) (LUX), lan Henghes (IH) (Chair), Gabi Howard (GH) (Camden LA), Katherine Ives (KI) (Lauderdale House), Fiona Murphy (FM) FoWP, Pippa Rothenberg (PR) (Highgate Society), Eileen Willmott (EW) (Dartmouth Park Conservation Area Committee) (Interim Dartmouth Park Neighbourhood Forum), via Zoom, Minute taker for this meeting

## Apologies:

Issue	Action
Chair preamble We are sad to lose Carole Stewart as the Camden trustee for the Park. She was excellent in the role, we extend our thanks to her. We are delighted to welcome Oliver Jones to the role.	
1. Matters arising Park data Report on Incidents - IH attempting to link with the Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT)	IH to progress
Defibrillator	KI To progress in Feb.
Signage	PR to progress and GH to assist.
Drinking Fountains Discussed by FM and GH. more info re cost and any tap siting is required. Not all water from taps is drinkable. IH: Years ago a water tap by tennis courts was Removed	FM progressing
Missing benches AC: more work needed on ownership of existing benches	
Minutes from the 7th September approved.	
2. Tracker Issues will now be treated as projects. Before adding a new project/issue check that there is not already a row dealing with the matter,otherwise there will be replication.	IH: to combine the two tabs on the Tracker 'projects' and 'issues' into the 'projects' tab.

'Notes' from the 'Groups' tab also removed as to do with projects/issues.

The only two relevant tabs are now 'Groups' and 'Projects. Projects the first tab as 'Groups' will only have little change.

Only April, Fiona, Gabi and Ian can edit the Tracker at present. Others must contact them if changes needed. TAG /FoWP Committee /TCV / Camden /iDverde should have access to the shared area which is separate from the main TAG folders.

### 3. Chairs Report, Verbal

To be effective as TAG, we have to work well with Camden and for this communication needs to be clear. IH and GH have undertaken an 'oversight audit' which was circulated to TAG ahead of this meeting.

IH was asked by Haringey Neighbourhood Forum (HNF) to respond to Haringey's Green Space Programme. The documents are held on a central website. Useful policy background documents.

The proposal from the Trees and Views Group in October 2021 to maintain the view of St Paul's was approved by Camden Green Spaces. There will have to be a Public Consultation before any work can be carried out. An information board with a QR code, info and mock-up image will be placed at the proposed viewpoint.

Audit to go on the Tracker as a project

The Consultation will run from Mid March to late May 2023, with a questionnaire to follow. FoWP to solicit feedback. A summary report provided to TAG and FoWP to be made available online approx 6 weeks after consultation ends.

# 4. Additional Updates

#### Camden

Basketball - At research stage, discussion internal to TAG at present. Has cost implications as would remove bookable tennis at times.

Defibrillator - will need to inform Camden's Conservation Planner of siting.

#### Lauderdale House

At research stage, but A quiet warm space to be set up on Tuesdays and Sundays, supported by Camden Ward Councillors Cost of Living grants.

A discussion around the 'Garden for the Gardenless' promenade funded by the Arts Council. Its Research and Development grant - possibly deferred until September 2024 to give more time to prepare.

GH / KI to progress

Discussion around 'The Wild Escape' Trail and Workshops.

Easter Trail planned for April 9th.

Problems with the cleaning the York Stone paving around the House to be discussed with the Head Gardener. AC suggested diluted vinegar and a stiff broom, but very labour intensive..

Operations manager to discuss with Head Gardener.

#### **FoWP**

A memorial rose bush or bench sought to honour Dr Christine Farrell, a former co-chair of FoWP who died recently.

FoWP has made a contribution of £2.4K towards the cost of conserving and cleaning the statuary.

The Petanque Court will be re-surfaced to form a smoother pitch.

Thames Water provided application guide for a drinking Water Fountain. FoWP to contribute towards cost, but supply and maintenance will have to be a park cost.

### LUX

Lux are in the final stages of re-negotiating their lease with Camden. The zero carbon policy for LUX was discussed

#### 5. Code of Conduct

The revised Code of Conduct was discussed.

The relationship to others to be respected and the roles of volunteer and membership of TAG are separate.

PR to 'tweak' two paragraphs of V2.0 of the Code of Conduct. Then TAG e-vote to approve.

#### 6. Consultations Guidelines

New draft guidelines were discussed.

Final consultation materials must be approved by TAG. TAG will vote on the conclusion of the consultation and the Trustee then reviews the vote and will ratify or reject it. Consultations should not take more than 6 months.

IH to consult further with Camden re guidelines and when ready seek approval from TAG members.

The Waterlow Park Trees and Views Group has a specific brief for a consultation which will need developing into consultation materials. (see Section 3),

IH to further develop with FoWP and Camden

## 7. A.O.B.

There was a discussion about how TAG might respond to questions and complaints in order to ensure clarity.

IH to raise with our new Trustee