



Hampstead Heath Sports Advisory Forum

Parliament Hill meeting room

10 September 2018, 6.30pm

Members:

Richard Sumray (Chairman)	RS	Hampstead Heath Consultative Committee
Karina Dostalova	KD	Chairman of the Hampstead Heath, Highgate Wood & Queen's Park Committee
Marc Hutchinson	MH	Hampstead Heath Winter Swimming Club, H&HS
Natasha Cendrowicz	NC	Highgate Harriers
Joseph Lowe	JL	Highgate Harriers
Jude Williams	JW	Parliament Hill Lido Users Group
Richard Caylor	RC	Parliament Hill Bowls Club
Derek Mennell	DM	Parliament Hill Bowls Club
Simon Taylor	ST	Hampstead Rugby Football Club
Sandy Nairn	SN	Hampstead Heath Croquet Club
Phil Cordingly	PC	Hampstead Heath Croquet Club
Rudolf Benjamin	RB	Parliament Hill Tennis Coach

Officers:

Bob Warnock	BW	Superintendent of Hampstead Heath, City of London
Declan Gallagher	DG	Operational Services Manager, City of London
Paul Maskell	PM	Leisure and Events Manager, City of London
Richard Gentry	RG	Queen's Park & Constabulary Manger, City of London
Lucy Gannon	LG	Project Support Officer, City of London
Kate Radusin (notes)	KR	PA to Superintendent of Hampstead Heath, City of London

ITEM		ACTION
1.	Apologies Nigel Robinson, Richard Priestly, Paul Jeal, John Carrier, Katrina Weinstein, Rick Weinstein, Eleanor Kennedy, Brian Prestley, Sue Kirby, Anne Fairweather, David Walton, Nicky Mayhew.	
2.	Minutes of the previous meeting (5 February 2018) & Matters Arising <u>Track Café:</u> ST confirmed that HRFC would take the lead on the lease. DG/ST will meet to progress. <u>Tennis online survey:</u> Work to engage with tennis users via an online survey to help develop the Vision for Tennis has been delayed due to the busy summer. Work will progress over the autumn/winter season. <u>Events Policy:</u> BW confirmed that the Events Policy had been signed of by the Hampstead Heath, Highgate Wood & Queen's Park Committee on 5 September 2018.	DG/ST RG

3.	Minutes of the Track Forum & Swimming Forum	
	<p><u>Swimming Forum minutes:</u> There followed a discussion around queue management and summer usage at the Lido. JW confirmed that communications between CoL and the PHLUG has been very good and enabled the PHLUG Chair to contact Members and advise of early closures. BW confirmed that a review of the 2018 season would take place at the next Swimming Forum meeting.</p> <p>JL queried if an additional evening session at the Lido could be added. BW confirmed that an additional evening swim had been added for the 2018 summer programme.</p> <p>BW noted there was a knock-on effect at the Bathing Ponds, when the Lido was closed early due to reaching capacity. There were occasions of members of the public swimming in the Model Bathing Pond, which presents a significant safety issue.</p> <p>Following a review of the 2018 season at the next Swimming Forum meeting, consideration will be given to developing a hot weather policy for managing the Bathing Ponds. Following discussion at the Spring 2019 Swimming Forum, BW will report back to the Sports Forum.</p> <p>Lido 80th Birthday – JW gave a summary of the event, which had been a great success. Consideration would be given to repeating the event for a future year.</p> <p>TAGS swimming – A session has been confirmed for the Mixed Pond.</p> <p>The Mixed Pond end of summer season party will be held on 23 September.</p> <p><u>Parliament Hill Track Forum minutes:</u> DG further works are required to repair the track surface, however, additional surveying is required before a way forward can be agreed. It is likely a full resurface will be required in 2/3 years' time.</p>	PM
4.	Management Plan	
	<p>LG provided an update on the Management Plan, and there followed a discussion around how success can and will be measured.</p> <p>The discussion then turned to consider how the successes of the This Girl Campaign could be measured.</p> <p>It was discussed that a measure could include increased participation in sports activities by girls in 2018, and the number of female participants retained over a number of seasons.</p> <p>There also followed a discussion around perceived barriers to participation, and how role models can increase participation. It was noted that outdoor/natural swimming had recently increased in popularity due to increase public awareness and social media coverage. JW suggested that Club websites could be used to promote participation. ST will consider putting a bio video on the HRFC website which shows how female members</p>	ST

	got into the sport and what they get out of it, as this could help to inspire participation.	
5.	Sports Licensing	
	<p>DG the Open Spaces Department is working to produce a standardised forum to cover Sports Licencing. The form is applicable to sports activities involving up to 500 participants and spectators. SN noted that the form was straightforward. JL noted that electronic payments should be included as a payment option. NC suggested a note could be added to prompt event organisers to arrange cancellation insurance for their event.</p> <p>BW thanked the group for their feedback and support and confirmed that the Sports Licence will work in partnership with the Events Licence and will include personal and group training.</p>	
6.	Fees & Charges 2019/20	
	<p>There was broad support for the proposed fees and charges. It was noted that the Swimming Charges would be discussed with the Swimming Forum in October. There was not support for increasing the Tennis Season Ticket charge by more than the cost of living. BW noted this fee would be reconsidered in-line with the groups comments.</p>	BW
7.	This Girl Can	
	<p>There followed a discussion around the theme and after much deliberation there was support to continue with the This Girl Can theme as a five year programme. PM will confirm the details of the This Girl Can week for 2019.</p>	PM
8.	Updates	
	<p>In addition to the update circulated ahead of the meeting, the following updates were provided at the meeting:</p> <p><u>Duathlon:</u> PM there were seven waves at this years event. ST noted there was lots of public interest and that it had been a great event.</p> <p><u>GIAG:</u> PM in the round the event had been very successful. Volleyball was included for the first year and proved popular. Consideration will be given to the 2019 event date.</p>	PM
9.	Upcoming events	
	<p>Members were updated on the following up-coming sports events:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • London Youth Games and Greater London Cross Country – 17 November 11am (Parliament Hill). • Christmas Day Swim, Highgate Men's Pond. (PM noted that a diving start would not be included as part of the 2018 event). 	
10.	AOB	
	<p>RC provided a short update on Bowls. Five new members had recently joined (of which three where female). 14 out of 16 games played this season have been won and there are three fixtures remaining.</p>	

	<p>RG electric key pads have been installed at the Tennis courts at Golders Hill Park and Queen's Park. Funding for Parliament Hill needs to be identified.</p> <p>PC gave an update on Croquet Club, which is celebrating its 10th anniversary this year. Members were invited to a all day drop in event on 29 September to celebrate the milestone. It is hoped the event will also raise the profile of the club. The Club currently has 30 members, and 85% of members are now able to play at Parliament Hill, there was previously a 50/50 split between Parliament Hill and Golders Hill Park. Two members of the Club played in the Croquet World championships in February.</p> <p>NC Highgate Harriers opening meeting on Wednesday, which marks the end of the Athletics season. Night of 10m Personal Bests – 2019 event will be held on the 6 July 2019.</p>	
11.	Dates for 2019 meetings	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monday 4 February 2019, 6.30pm Parliament Hill meeting room • Monday 13 May 2019, 6.30pm Parliament Hill meeting room • Monday 16 September 2019, 6.30pm Parliament Hill meeting room 	