



## Hampstead Heath Sports & Wellbeing Forum

Thursday 15 December 2022, 6.30pm

Parliament Hill Meeting Room

### Attending

Alderman Gregory Jones	GJ	(Chair) Deputy Chairman Hampstead Heath Management Committee
Richard Sumray	RS	Hampstead Heath Consultative Committee
David Walton	DW	Hampstead Heath Consultative Committee
Emma Rae	ER	Parliament Hill Fields Lido
Mary Powell	MP	Kenwood Ladies' Bathing Pond
Chris Piesold	CP	Licensed Activity - Winter Swimming Club
Joseph Lowe	JL	Athletics
Sandy Nairne	SN	Licensed Activity - Croquet
John Carrier	JC	Target groups and underrepresented groups
Felicity Moyer	FM	Mixed Bathing Pond
Ella Mitchell	EM	Rugby
Richard Caylor	RC	Bowls
Brian Prestley	BR	Bowls
Mike Smith	MS	Highgate Men's Bathing Pond
Karin Oleinikova	KO	Heath Hands
Colin Houston	CH	Heath Hands
Paul Maskell	PM	Officer from Hampstead Heath
Declan Gallagher	DG	Officer from Hampstead Heath
Kate Radusin	KR	(Note taker) Officer from Hampstead Heath

### Apologies

William Upton	WU	Chair, Hampstead Heath Management Committee
Stefania Horne	SH	Assistant Director, Hampstead Heath
Rudolf Benjamin	RB	Tennis coaching
Marc Hutchinson	MH	Licensed Activity - Winter Swimming Club
Robert Gibbs	RG	Angling
Dr Frankie Blackmore	FB	Target groups and underrepresented groups
Jane Myatt, GP	JM	Target groups and underrepresented groups
Cindy Galvin	CG	Trustee representing Heath Hands
Debbie Bush	DB	Pro-Active Camden (PAC).
Mike Sands	MS	Mixed Bathing Pond
Paul Jeal	PJ	Officer from Hampstead Heath
Anandi Shah	AS	Licensed Activity - ParkRun
Ray Booth	RB	Mental Health

## Meeting Action Points & notes

### Outstanding Actions from the last meeting (28.09.2022) & matters arising

#### *2023 Meeting Dates –*

- ACTION – Meeting dates to be circulated. The location of upcoming meetings is to be confirmed. A meeting will be held at Guildhall (possibly during winter 2023).

### Capital Project Updates

#### *Swimming –*

Tender evaluation is being undertaken. **ACTION – COL to circulate update to Stakeholders in accordance with comms plan.**

Officers would work to provide a swimming provision of some sorts during the works to maintain a level of access.

#### *Athletics Track –*

A Stakeholder meeting took place in late November, with a further meeting to be arranged in early January 2023 to look again at the specification of the project.

Remedial works will need to be undertaken in spring 2023 to ensure the night of 10K event can take place. The main resurfacing works will commence in July 2023. A small number of school sports days will be impacted by the works. Alternative provision will be made where possible to enable the sports days to go ahead elsewhere at Parliament Hill and schools are being kept updated. It is not yet clear yet if planning permission will be required for the works. The major elements of the project relate to resurfacing and the floodlights.

Thanks were recorded for Members and Officers who had supported the Capital Funding application process and award.

### Fees & Charges

GJ outlined the proposals for a 5% increase for sports and leisure charges. There was general support for an increase of 5% which is well below inflation and in line with a number of London boroughs.

MS and MP asked if further information could be provided to show the link between increased staff wages/costs and the inflation increase proposed.

JL noted that RPI is currently 14%, so 5% is a generous offer. It was suggested that considerations could be given to allowing public swimming when the Lido is privately hired during the evenings/weekends.

MS asked if consideration could be given to extending the free morning swim time to midday, so people can use free travel to get to the ponds.

MP asked if a direct debit for season tickets (monthly or quarterly) could be made available to make them more affordable and for a free 6 month pass for refugees to be considered.

ER asked if an hourly rate only at the Lido car park be considered alongside more secure bike parking at the Lido.

GJ highlighted that notes from this forum will be part of the HHCC meeting as part of the discussion of the fees and charges. The meeting is scheduled for the 16 January 2023.

EM appreciate 5% being below inflation, however this will impact on the Club and asked if a season block booking rate could be considered.

RS highlighted the importance of benchmarking and that a thorough review of the fees and charge could be carried out in 2023/24.

#### PAC Updates

PM read out the following updates from DB:

*We've submitted an Expression of Interest to the Football Foundation for Playzone funding. We'll find out in the new year if we've been successful and invited to submit full application to develop Playzone projects. Playzones will see the development of (small) multi-sport local recreational pitches. The application will be developed by a consortium including PAC and Arsenal in the Community and other Camden community partners to ensure that the project has community engagement and 'ownership' at the heart of the application.*

*Update in relation to children's weight data (linked to a long term study) - This refers to results of the Camden Health Related Behaviour Questionnaire undertaken end of last year/beginning of this year. Survey was undertaken by 50% Camden primary and secondary schools. 1300 primary and 1300 secondary pupils completed the survey, which is higher than 2017 survey and gives good representation. Figures relating to the levels of physical activity participation levels are lower than in previous years. PAC has prioritised our immediate response on Teen Girls. We have initial projects taking place including a pilot project with year 5 girls in a primary school focused on using mental health specialist to help sports coaches develop resilience and enable participants to have positive experiences which will increase the likelihood of the girls choosing to participate in activities in the future. We're working with sports clubs and organisation to invite them to deliver taster sessions in the projects. Will provide further updates as this progresses.*

**ACTION – Heath Clubs to get in touch with DB if they have girls specific activities and wish to be part of any the pilots.**

KO confirmed a Community Grant has been secured by Heath Hands to develop family walks and potentially women only walks.

ER if there is new research data, this is very useful for getting funding for sport England.

### Update on recent events

PM provided an update on the London Youth Games. All 32 London boroughs were represented with 2,000 young runners taking part in the event.

The South of England Cross Country will not be held on the Heath in 2023, however the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Middlesex will be held on the Heath on 21 January 2023.

### AOB

#### **ACTION – COL to provide an update on the Parliament Hill Masterplan in early 2023.**

RC raised concerns around changes to the parking bays on the public highway (Highgate Road) from the London Borough of Camden and the impact this may have on fixtures.

PM suggested that local schools may be approached regards potential for car parking.

CH provided an update on Camden's weekly health walk, 'Walking for Health', which takes place each Monday. From January 2023 Heath Hands will take over the running of the weekly walks.

DG works to the Cricket pitches at Parliament Hill and the Heath Extension will be undertaken before the next season.

GJ noted the opportunity for Freedom of the City nominations for sporting figures.