



Hampstead Heath Sports Advisory Forum

Parliament Hill meeting room

9th February 2015, 6.30pm

Members:

Richard Sumray (Chairman)	RS	HHCC (London Council for Sports and Recreation)
Nigel Robinson	NR	Camden Council (Head of Sport & Physical Activity)
Marc Hutchison	MH	Hampstead Heath Winter Swimming Club, H & HS
Simon Taylor	ST	Hampstead Rugby Club
Natasha Cendrowicz	NC	Highgate Harriers
David Bedford	DB	Representing Athletics on Hampstead Heath
Dave Walton	DW	London Heathside Athletics

In attendance:

Jeremy Simons	JLS	Chairman of the Hampstead Heath, Highgate Wood and Queen's Park Committee
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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
Paul Jeal	PJ	Senior Swimming Supervisor
Kate Radusin (notes)	KR	PA to Superintendent of Hampstead Heath, City of London

ITEM		ACTION
1.	Apologies	
	Virginia Rounding, Richard Priestley, John Carrier and Rudolph Benjamin.	
2.	Minutes of the previous meeting (22.9.14) and matters arising	
	Accepted. BW gave an update on the Service Base Review, sports feasibility study. DG is currently drafting an Opportunity Outline and an Organisational Impact Assessment. Working in parallel to this, consultants have been approached for quotations to undertake a feasibility study.	DG
3.	Swimming Issues	
	<u>Swimming rep on the Sports Advisory Forum</u> PM confirmed 2 candidates had been put forward. A vote will be held at the next Swimming forum meeting (2.3.15) to confirm the appointment of one or both candidates. Agreed that the Sports Forum will accept the decision of the Swimming Forum. <u>Ladies' Pond closure as part of the HHPP</u> A meeting is scheduled (8am on 10.2.15) and reps from Mixed/Men's/Ladies' Pond, the Winter Swimming Club and CoL will attend. CoL has set out H&S parameters, and outlined the changes to timings/lightings which will need to be implemented. Arrangements to be agreed and in place by November 2015, when the Men's Pond will be de-silted.	

<p>4.</p>	<p>Lido</p> <p><u>Lido boundary wall</u> The build design has been agreed, with works expected to start in March – for the facility to re-open in April. The fencing/planting options will be discussed at the Lido user group meeting (21.2.15), and information will also be taken to the Swimming forum meeting (2.3.15). AWP Café works – schedule has slipped by 8 days due to the weather – the Contractors are endeavouring to make up the slippage and finish on time.</p> <p><u>Update on investigations into the water loss of water at the Lido</u> Investigations are on-going. Leaks from the balance tank have been ruled out, and further CCTV investigations into the pipework under the pool lining will take place. City Surveyors are looking into warranties.</p> <p><u>Temporary Pool in Camden</u> NR provided details of a proposal to install a 25m temporary heated pool at LSU for the summer. It was agreed that this would not conflict with the Lido and that there would be advantages to mutual advertising. NR/PM will discuss further.</p> <p><u>Hypothermia issues</u> PJ updated the group – this is becoming an issue at the Lido, with swimmers 'pushing themselves to the limit'. PJ has had to issue a member of the public with a warning, due to the frequency of incidences occurring where an ambulance had to be called to treat them.</p> <p>PM/PJ will compose a standard letter to keep on file which can be issued to swimmers, and will consider the best method to record evidence of 'repeat offenders' behaviour. Leaflets giving information about Hypothermia will also be sourced to hand out.</p>	<p>NR/PM</p> <p>PM/PJ</p>
<p>5.</p>	<p>Update on the Bowls Club and Croquet Club</p> <p>Agreed that DG will invite both Clubs to present at the next meeting. Neither of the Clubs have managed to meet KPI 4 – increasing membership by 25%.</p> <p>NR will pass information to PM/DG regarding 'exercise on referral' and community exercise programmes in Camden.</p>	<p>DG</p> <p>NR</p>
<p>6.</p>	<p>Update on Mid-Sumer Trail run</p> <p>PM/DB have met with organisers (the Armoury) and will have input regarding the routes. PM in discussions with Park Run regards giving up a Saturday run for the Trail run. Highgate Harriers have agreed to provide coaching and assist with stewards on the day. PM will agree the route with the organisers.</p>	<p>PM</p>
<p>7.</p>	<p>Update on 2015 Hampstead Heath diary publication</p> <p>40k copies issued in 2014. Agreed that members of the forum will provide PM with update information/contact details for their related groups/sports by the end of February. NR will provide PM with details of where the 2015 diary can be made available to the public in Camden.</p>	<p>ALL</p> <p>NR</p>
<p>8.</p>	<p>Update on Events</p> <p><u>London Youth Games/London Cross Country Championships 15.11.14</u> Record number of entrants and Boroughs entering.</p>	

	<p><u>Phish outdoor Swimming championships 17th January 2015</u> Very successful, second year of the event. 200 swimmers participated. Will hold again in 2016.</p> <p><u>English National Cross Country Championships 21st February 2015</u> 8,797 Athletes have entered – highest number of entrants since 1995. First race 11am, last race 3pm. PM will send JLS the invitation list for Camden.</p> <p><u>Highgate Harriers Night of 10,000 m 'personal bests' 16th May 2015</u> Event will be used as the British and English National Championships and as the GB trials for European team Athletics Cup.</p> <p><u>Lord Mayor's City Dip. 10th -11th July 2015</u> Event raised £2k last year – PM arranging for a Sherriff to attend. Teams entering will be given prioritised entry for the Duathalon.</p> <p><u>Give it a go 12th July 2015</u> Members of the forum to put anyone wanting to participate in touch with PM.</p>	<p>PM</p> <p>ALL</p>
9.	Any Other Business	
	<p>3rd Rugby pitch approved by Hampstead Heath, Highgate Wood and Queen's Park Committee. ST has met with CoL staff to discuss arrangements when the ground conditions improve. A grant has been secured for the posts.</p> <p>Agreed monthly email updates will be circulated by CoL.</p> <p>DW would like a Heath Extension cross country event to be considered. Concerns were raised regarding the suitability of this location. Agreed that DW/PM/DG would discuss further at a separate meeting.</p> <p>Athletics Track H&S improvements funded by Rugby Club. ST will pass information and quotes to DG. NC will feedback to the Highgate Harriers regards the proposals.</p> <p>Green Gym – Agreed that HH will be considered as a location, and NR will arrange a desk-top analysis of suitability. NR/PM /DG will discuss arrangements further.</p> <p>PH Tennis courts 8/9/10 currently closed due to aggregate issues. DG/PM meeting with specialists w/c 16.2.15 to discuss.</p>	<p>BW/PM</p> <p>DW/PM/DG</p> <p>ST/DG NC</p> <p>NR/PM/DG</p> <p>DG/PM</p>
10.	Date of the next meetings	
	<p><u>Next meeting</u> 11th May 2015, 6.30pm, Parliament Hill Meeting Room.</p> <p><u>Proposed dates for upcoming meetings</u> 14th September 2015, 6.30pm, Parliament Hill Meeting Room. 25th January 2016, 6.30pm, Parliament Hill Meeting Room.</p>	