



Hampstead Heath Sports Advisory Forum

Parliament Hill meeting room

14th September 2015, 6.30pm

Members:

Richard Sumray (Chairman)	RS	HHCC (London Council for Sports and Recreation)
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
John Carrier	DC	Camden CCG
Rudolf Benjamin	RB	HH Tennis Coach

In attendance:

Virginia Rounding	VR	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
Richard Gentry	RG	Queen's Park and Constabulary 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	
	Richard Priestley; Nigel Robinson; Marc Hutchinson; Jacki Reason, Jo Levy	
2.	Minutes of the previous meeting (11.5.15) and matters arising	
	<p><u>Heath Extension Cross Country event</u> –DW/DG to meet to further discuss. Important that any route not impact upon existing sporting pitches.</p> <p><u>Outdoor gym</u> – The Superintendent advised that the London Borough of Camden's application for funding had been reduced by 50%, so they would be focussing on their own sites rather than the Heath. The Superintendent and his staff would continue to maintain a close relationship with the LBC to identify other opportunities in the future. NR has offered to assist the City to investigate other grants funding opportunities.</p> <p>Monthly catch up emails to be circulated to the forum in-between meetings.</p>	<p>DW/DG</p> <p>BW/DG</p>
3.	Sports & Physical Activity framework	
	<p>Well received by the group. Feedback was provided and DG will update the framework. Comments received included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Changing 'get fit' to 'exercise'. -Incorporating 'fun' -Sporting Excellence 	DG

4.	<p>Proposed Partnership with the Lawn Tennis Association</p> <p>RG provided an overview of the LTA proposed partnership. The LTA are funding a consultant to talk to existing users of the Open Spaces tennis facilities to gather feedback on their requirements. A concern that an 'on-line only' booking system could put off users without access to smart-phones/internet. The forum will have an opportunity to give further feedback as the proposal progresses and Officers make it clear to users the various bundles of support being offered by the LTA .</p>	
5.	<p>Review Benchmarking & Proposed Sports Charges 2016/17</p> <p>BW confirmed that the new proposed charges for 2016/17 would be worked-up, for consideration by the group, following more detailed analysis of the benchmarking exercise and consideration of current to usage.</p> <p>BW confirmed that Ponds charges would not be reviewed before the completion of the Ponds Project.</p>	BW/DG
6.	<p>Swimming update</p>	
	<p>i- <u>Update on Ladies pond closure/new building arrangements for 2015/16.</u> Pre-fabricated options to reduce the onsite build times are being considered.</p> <p>ii- <u>Ponds Project update</u> A link for the online blog will be circulated to the forum. The schedule for moving swimming during the construction phase will be circulated to the group.</p> <p>iii- <u>Update on Lido boundary wall, fence and Additional Works Programme</u> DG circulated the proposed palisading replacement design, which was well received by the forum. The design is in keeping with the stainless steel finish currently used at the facility. Approval from the Lido Users Group and LBC Listed Building Consent (LBC) are being sought.</p> <p>Re-building of the eastern and restoration of the western boundary walls are due to commence in early October 2015</p> <p>Native external planting will complement the design and add additional security.</p> <p>All works are expected to be completed by the start of the 2016 opening season.</p> <p>The doors at the rear of the facility into the café and classroom will be completed after the summer 2015 season. There has been some associated revenue loss at the café due to the works.</p> <p>iv- <u>Update on Lido summer programme</u> Income is approx. 20% down on last year, which is equivalent to approx. 10,000 swims, due to the poor weather over the summer. Of the 8 hot</p>	KR

	<p>weekends that are required there have been only 3 which has resulted in an overall loss of income.</p> <p>The ponds have had a reasonable season, donation box incomes (not including ticket machine takings) are £4k at the Ladies' Pond, and £3.5k at the Mixed Pond.</p> <p>DW access route to the Men's Pond? BW property review currently underway, however this project remains aspirational currently. PJ there are alternatives on offer (Ladies', Mixed and Lido) however the Men's is not ideal, as designed with steps throughout the facility.</p> <p>v- <u>Update on investigations into the loss of water at the Lido</u> Original contractor who installed the steel liner is now on board. A six inch hairline split has been located in the liner, this has been temporarily sealed and staff are monitoring the effect this has on water loss. Further tests to the four deep outlets which it is believed are leaking are to be carried out. This may now be achievable without draining down the pool.</p>	
7.	Update on Events	
	<p>i- <u>Highgate Harriers Night of the 10,000m 'personal bests' 16th May 2015</u> The event was very well received. Planning for a 2016 event are already underway. It is likely the event will be a trial for the Olympic 10,000m.</p> <p>ii- <u>Lord Mayors City Dip</u> Unfortunately the Lord Mayor did not attend. £600 was raised for the Lord Mayor's charity.</p> <p>iii- <u>Give it a go</u> Well attended event with approx. 3,000 people visiting the event and participating.</p> <p>iv- <u>17th Duathlon</u> 160 participants took part in 32 teams. The winning team was Swiss Cottage with a combined time of 1h 45m 35sec. The event raised £746 for the Lord Mayor's charity.</p> <p>v- <u>Mid-summer trail run 19th September 2015</u> 150 adults will be taking part, with 60 signed up for the dash.</p>	
8.	Any Other Business	
	DG/ST to discuss shower facilities at the Heath Extension.	DG/ST
9.	Date of the next meeting	
	<p>25th January 2016, 6.30pm, Parliament Hill Meeting Room.</p> <p>16th May 2016, 6.30pm, Parliament Hill Meeting Room.</p> <p>19th September 2016, 6.30pm, Parliament Hill Meeting Room.</p>	

