



## Hampstead Heath Sports Advisory Forum

### Parliament Hill meeting room

22 May 2017, 6.30pm

#### Members:

Richard Sumray (Chairman)	RS	Hampstead Heath Consultative Committee
Simon Taylor	ST	Hampstead Rugby Club
Marc Hutchinson	MH	Hampstead Heath Winter Swimming Club, H & HS
Joseph Lowe	JL	Highgate Harriers
Graham Norris	GN	Highgate Harriers
Natasha Cendrowicz	NC	Highgate Harriers
Eleanor Kennedy	EK	Parliament Hill Lido Users Group
John Carrier	JC	Camden CCG
Katrina Dostalova	KD	Chairman of the Hampstead Heath, Highgate Wood & Queen's Park Committee

#### 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 Manager, City of London
Paul Jeal	PJ	Senior Supervisor, Swimming Facilities, City of London
Lucy Gannon	LG	Projects & Management Support Officer, City of London
Kate Radusin (notes)	KR	PA to Superintendent of Hampstead Heath, City of London

ITEM		ACTION
1.	<b>Apologies</b>	
	David Walton, Richard Priestly, Rudolf Benjamin, Nigel Robinson, Jeff Gooding.	
2.	<b>Minutes of the previous meeting (6 February 2017) &amp; Matters Arising.</b>	
	Minutes of the last meeting were agreed.  <u>Hampstead Rugby Club &amp; Highgate Harriers to co-ordinate sessions at the Track with the Bowls and Croquet Clubs</u> – Action is outstanding from the previous meeting.  <u>Track Programmed works update</u> – DG confirmed that the works were completed in time for Highgate Harriers Open Athletics Meeting on 6 April. An alternative venue had been sought, but was not required.	GN / ST
3.	<b>Update on fundraising in memory of Glyn Roberts</b>	
	PJ £7,000 raised so far for the British Heart Foundation, through a combination sponsorship and gift aid. PJ & a lifeguard took part in the London Marathon, and EK walked a Highlands trail. There will also be a concert held at the Parliament Hill Bandstand on 9 July. Thanks were given to those who have been involved in raising money.	PM

	<p>PM to send out information about the upcoming 'Swim Serpentine' event in September.</p> <p><u>Eddie Carey</u> – Eddie was a long standing member of staff, and was based at the Athletics Track. Very sadly he passed away over the Easter period. Money has been donated to the Alzheimer's Society in lieu of flowers, by staff. DG gave thanks to Hampstead Rugby Club &amp; Highgate Harriers for their sentiments.</p>	
<b>4.</b>	<b>Heath Vision</b>	
	<p>LG is undertaking a project to update the 10 year management plan. The current plan runs to 2017, and the new plan will run from 2018 -2027.</p> <p>A summary of the current management plan will be circulated.</p> <p>The online survey went live today, and closes at midnight on 19 June. the survey can be accessed using the link: <a href="http://www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/heathvision">www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/heathvision</a> Please share this with the groups that your represent.</p> <p>JL requested that paper copies of the survey are made available at the Athletics Track, along with a poster for the display board.</p> <p>There followed a group discussion about the key themes included in the current plan, and the themes that should be included and added to the new plan. Key themes to consider in the new plan: Physical wellbeing &amp; health, mental wellbeing, the balance of sport vs conservation (compaction issues), increased use of the open space by local schools without on-site facilities, increased visitor numbers due to improved transport links, conflicts of interest across user groups due to increased usage of the open space.</p> <p>JL consider a refurbishment strategy for the Athletics Track for the next 10 years.</p> <p>ST currently the plan focuses on traditional sports, consider expanding this to cover basketball, rounders, squash etc.</p> <p>PM is leading 'A history of sports and events on the Heath' on 24 June, 11am-1pm, starting at the Parliament Hill Bandstand. The walk is free, and can be rebooked by phoning 020 7332 3847.</p> <p>LG and JC left the meeting.</p>	<p><b>KR</b></p> <p><b>ALL</b></p> <p><b>LG</b></p>
<b>5.</b>	<b>Review of Heath Extension Cross Country Pilot</b>	
	<p>ST no issues caused by the run for Rugby, only 1 fixture had to be moved.</p> <p>The group was supportive of the event continuing with 1 fixture each year. The event will be discussed by the Hampstead Heath Consultative Committee on 19 June, with a recommendation that the event is added to the Heaths Events Calendar for future years.</p>	<b>BW</b>
<b>6.</b>	<b>Parliament Hill Track</b>	

	<p><u>Clubs usage report</u> – DG following discussions, a draft final report has been received by Officers; this will be circulated to the Clubs in early June.</p> <p>BW the next phase of work will include data capture to inform usage.</p>	<b>DG</b>
<b>7.</b>	<b>Tennis</b>	
	<p><u>Tennis Regulations</u> – RG the current regulations have been updated to incorporate the new ClubSpark booking process. It is requested that members of the forum review the new draft regulations and provide comments/feedback to RG by the end of June.</p> <p>RS suggested the removal of 'voluntary' to the no smoking on court rule. There is also some duplication in relation to the ClubSpark booking process information given.</p>	<b>ALL</b>  <b>RG</b>
<b>8.</b>	<b>Updates</b>	
	<p><u>Sports Programme</u> – DG 9 work streams have been identified. The Board will be meeting 6 times a year.</p> <p>RS need to ensure that 'sports development' is included. Consideration should be given as to how to introduce new sports, and how to make better use of underutilised sports areas/facilities.</p> <p><u>The Night of the 10,000 metres</u> – Thanks were read out from Richard Priestley. Excellent work put in by Highgate Harriers and CoL. GN very successful event, which the Athletics Community have really embraced. There was a good turnout for the school relays, with a team travelling from Leicestershire to take part. It is hoped it can be expanded to be a national event for future years. Credit to the staff at the Athletics Track, the site was cleared very quickly following the event. This year the event was sponsored by the London Marathon amongst others, and any profit will be put towards developing future events.</p> <p>Further consideration could be given to improving the catering provision and PA system for next year.</p> <p><u>19<sup>th</sup> Heath Duathlon (3 September)</u> – PM will raise for discussion at the next Swimming Forum meeting. We are looking for volunteers to help run the event.</p>	<b>PM</b>
<b>9.</b>	<b>Lido</b>	
	<p><u>Leak</u> – PJ the location of the leak has been narrowed down to outlet pipework. Small scale ground excavations will take place in October to investigate further. It is hoped excavations will only need to go down 1.5m. If further excavations are required, the pool may need to be partially drained down.</p> <p><u>Café</u> – New provider 'Hoxton Beach' have been operational since the start of the summer season. Feedback received so far has been very positive.</p> <p><u>Sauna</u> – 78 season tickets have been sold, and usage has increased since last year. 872 pay as you go tickets have been sold. So far just under £6,000 has been raised, which is double the income from last year. There is a great community feel about the facility.</p>	

	<p><u>Summer arrangements</u> – The followed a short discussion regarding the possibility of opening the evening lane swimming sessions earlier. PJ confirmed time was needed following the day session for staff to undertake cleaning before commencing the evening lane swimming sessions.</p>	
<b>10.</b>	<b>Any Other Business</b>	
	<p><u>Give it a Go!</u> – Event will take place on 16 July, in partnership with Camden Council and the Mayhew Animal Home.</p> <p>Thanks were recorded for David Bedford, who has stood down from the Forum. David has been a long standing member, and has strongly supported long distance running on the Heath.</p>	
<b>11.</b>	<b>Date of the next meetings</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 11 September 2017, 6.30pm</li> </ul>	