



Hampstead Heath Sports Advisory Forum

Parliament Hill meeting room

11 September 2017, 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
Joseph Lowe	JL	Highgate Harriers
Natasha Cendrowicz	NC	Highgate Harriers
Jude Williams	EK	Parliament Hill Lido Users Group
John Carrier	JC	Camden CCG
Derek Mennell	DM	Parliament Hill Bowls Club
Rudolf Benjamin	RB	HH Tennis Coach
Katrina Weinstein	KW	Hampstead Heath Croquet Club
Rick Weinstein	RW	Hampstead Heath Croquet Club
David Walton	DW	London Heathside Athletics
Debbie Bush	DB	Camden Council (Sports & Physical Activity)

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
Paul Jeal	PJ	Senior Supervisor, Swimming Facilities, City of London
Kate Radusin (notes)	KR	PA to Superintendent of Hampstead Heath, City of London

ITEM		ACTION
1.	Apologies	
	Nigel Robinson, Eleanor Kennedy, Anne Fairweather, Graham Norris, Richard Priestly, Simon Taylor.	
2.	Minutes of the previous meeting (22 May 2017) & Matters Arising	
	<p><u>Heath Extension Cross Country Pilot</u> – Event was agreed by HHCC in June and HHHWQPC in July. PM to address concerns raised by DW about not responding to e-mails as a result of which this event is not on the fixture list for 2018. The Forum would want future fixtures to be scheduled.</p> <p><u>Clubs usage report</u> – first meeting of Parliament Hill Athletic Track Forum held last week. Next stage is to put booking forms online and to facilitate the transfer of the existing clubs to the new arrangements.</p> <p><u>Tennis Regulations</u> – Agreed by HHHWQPC in July. Copies are available on Club Spark. RG confirmed that 'voluntary' has been removed from the no smoking court rule.</p> <p><u>Draft minutes of Swimming Facilities Forum meeting (11 July 2017)</u> – The draft minutes were received for information. JC advised that safeguarding should</p>	

	<p>be strongly considered in relation to item 6 (request to remove the men's pond changing area partition).</p> <p><u>Suspension of fishing at Hampstead Heath Ponds</u> – BW confirmed that fishing is currently suspended across all ponds due to a suspected outbreak of Koi Herpesvirus (KHV) at the Model Boating Pond. The Ranger Team Supervisor has liaised with the Fish Health Inspectorate (FHI) and Environment Agency and is currently awaiting test results to confirm the outbreak. The long term implications are yet to be confirmed by the FHI.</p>	
<p>3.</p>	<p>Fees & Charges</p>	
	<p><u>Sports fees & charges for 2018/19</u> – BW the proposed sports fees & charges have been broadly increased by 2.6% based on the Consumer Price Index (CPI). The fees for Bowls and Croquet have been increased by 50p following discussion with the Clubs.</p> <p>There followed a discussion about the Lido, and ways to increase income generation through increased usage. Suggestions put forward by the group included: opening later to the public on additional days of the week during the summer months, opening a lane for public swimming on evenings booked for clubs, allowing children to swim during the evening sessions. PJ will prepare options for the Lido to be considered at the spring meeting.</p> <p>PJ confirmed that the season ticket price for the sauna would be reviewed. The facility is now open for use for an additional month.</p> <p>RB suggested that 'peak' and 'off-peak' hours be considered for tennis court bookings, as this may stimulate usage. JC Waterlow Park courts closure, is it impacting on CoL court? PM confirmed that mid-week usage had increased as a result.</p> <p>BW the fees for the bathing ponds have not been increased since they were introduced as a 'self-policing' charge in 2005, following a decision by the Hampstead Heath Management Committee. There followed a discussion in relation to the income generated by the three bathing facilities. The target for income generation following the introduction of the charges in 2005 was £80k. The combined income of the three facilities was £24k in 2014/15. £11k has been raised so far this financial year, which is one of the best years.</p> <p>MH commented that there were a range of practical issues which had not been addressed by CoL, such as the unreliability of the ticket machines and updating the signage.</p> <p>During the discussion several Members of the Forum commented that they were unclear, following visits to the facilities, if they should or were required to pay.</p> <p>RS closed the discussion suggesting the fees & charges at the ponds are held at the current rates while the Superintendent discusses a range of practical issues with the Swimming Forum, before reporting back to the Sports Advisory Forum.</p> <p>RW confirmed that the members and non-members fees for Croquet are no longer suitable and need to be reviewed. The fees for non-members may be</p>	<p>PJ</p> <p>RG</p> <p>BW</p>

	<p>increased next year to re-address the imbalance.</p> <p>Overall it was considered that the sports fees & charges proposed for 2018/19 were fair.</p>	
4.	Proposed Events in 2018	
	<p>PM outlined the proposed 'flagship events' for the 2018/19 events programme.</p> <p>JW consider linking events to national awareness weeks, i.e. mental health awareness week? DB Camden are trying to align where possible to increase participation.</p> <p>There followed a discussion around the best means to encourage uptake of sports and exercise. DB Camden is trailing family membership offers.</p> <p>RS suggested consideration be given to developing an overarching theme for the events programme. The themes could change annually to link to other national and local initiatives. PM would look at this.</p>	PM
5.	Updates	
	<p><u>Trim trail</u> – PM gave an update on the engagement and consultation with users of the facility. Users preferred wooden equipment, and suggested increases signage around the use of the facility (no dogs, no children) and interpretations for how to use individual pieces of equipment. The installation of a water fountain was suggested.</p> <p><u>19th Heath Duathlon (3 September)</u> – PM 250 participants took part this year, this year's event saw the highest number of teams entering and competitors taking part.</p> <p><u>London Youth Games & Greater London Cross Country Championships (18 November)</u> – PM only 7 Boroughs have signed up so far. Further are expected as we near the date of the event.</p> <p><u>Christmas Day Swim</u> – PM the same race arrangements as 2016 will be in place this year. Everyone taking part will be required to sign a waiver.</p>	
6.	AOB	
	<p>Highgate Harriers Night of the 10,000m Personal Bests 2018 event – date set for 19 May 2018. The event will be the British trials for the European Athletics Championships.</p> <p>DB Camden Active March, working with London Sport. Events are scheduled between now and March 2018. Liaise with PM to get involved.</p>	ALL
7.	Proposed dates for 2018 meetings	
	<p>The following dates were agreed for meetings in 2018:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monday 5 February 2018, 6.30pm Parliament Hill meeting room • Monday 14 May 2018, 6.30pm Parliament Hill meeting room • Monday 17 September 2018, 6.30 Parliament Hill meeting room 	