



## Hampstead Heath Sports Advisory Forum

### Parliament Hill meeting room

14 May 2018, 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
Natasha Cendrowicz	NC	Highgate Harriers
Eleanor Kennedy	EK	Parliament Hill Lido Users Group
Brian Prestley	BP	Parliament Hill Bowls Club
Derek Mennell	DM	Parliament Hill Bowls Club
Simon Taylor	ST	Hampstead Rugby Football Club
Sue Kirby	SK	Hampstead Heath Croquet Club
David Walton	DW	London Heathside Athletics
Anne Fairweather	AF	Deputy 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
Kate Radusin (notes)	KR	PA to Superintendent of Hampstead Heath, City of London

#### Also attending:

Nina Graveson-Bridge	NGB	Community Business Manager, Lawn Tennis Association
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ITEM		ACTION
1.	<b>Apologies</b>	
	Nigel Robinson, Richard Priestly, Paul Jeal, Rudolf Benjamin, John Carrier, Joseph Lowe, Katrina Weinstein, Rick Weinstein.	
2.	<b>Minutes of the previous meeting (5 February 2018) &amp; Matters Arising</b>	
	<p><u>Heath Extension Cross Country Pilot</u> – 2019 fixture date agreed (16 February 2019).</p> <p>DG/ST to meet to discuss use of the Heath Extension building for tea/coffee provision during Rugby matches.</p>	<b>DG/ST</b>
3.	<b>Minutes of the Track Forum &amp; Swimming Forum</b>	
	<p><u>Parliament Hill Track Forum minutes:</u> DG &amp; ST will meet to discuss the Track Café licencing before feeding back to the Track and Sports Forums.</p> <p><u>Swimming Forum minutes:</u> BW confirmed that signage for the facility entrances was being progressed with input from the Swimming Forum. BW</p>	

	Access proposals at the Men's Pond are being discussed with swimmers and the user groups. BW Mixed Pond de-silting has been completed, MH noted that he had heard good feedback from swimmers.	
<b>4.</b>	<b>Tennis – Long Term Planning LTA</b>	
	<p>The Forum received a presentation on the LTAs long term strategy for promoting tennis.</p> <p><u>Draft Vision for Tennis</u> – There followed a discussion around the current usage of the tennis courts and how this can be grown. PM noted that there is a lot more that can be done to facilitate disabled players using the courts. ST consider women only hours (as is popular with other sports, notably swimming). BP noted that the courts always looked well used (when observed from the Bowls green at Parliament Hill). NGB the next steps in determining if you have an 'effective operation' may be to review the current usage and monitor which times are less well used, so that they can be promoted. RG the general direction will be to create an increased awareness of tennis through promotion and community engagement.</p> <p>RS consider how other sports can tie in. Children could be playing tennis while parents/carers take part in another sport or activity.</p> <p>RG conformed that the upcoming court resurfacing works would be like for like, but Officers will consider the opportunity to improve the offer in future. NGB notes that 4 mini-tennis courts can be fitted into 1 full size adult court.</p> <p>There followed a discussion about a local tennis club (the Globe) based in Belsize Park. The club has been declared an 'asset of community value' and is set up to be fully inclusive, with many younger and physically disabled players using the club.</p> <p>BP noted that there were many disabled people playing Bowls, and that it was not usual within the sport.</p> <p><u>Next steps</u> – Officers will seek to engage with tennis users via an online survey to help develop the Vision for Tennis aims.</p>	<b>RG</b>
<b>5.</b>	<b>Events Policy Part 1 &amp; Part 2</b>	
	<p>BW provided an updated policy. Part 1 is applicable to all Open Spaces sites. Part 2 (Site Specific Policy) will be applicable to Hampstead Heath only and has been discussed with the Hampstead Heath Consultative Committee and an Advisory Group (made up Officers, and reps from the Hampstead Heath Consultative and Management Committees).</p> <p>NC gave feedback on section 4.B Frequency and timing in relation to the Cross-country events listed. The English National Cross Country Championships takes place in the South every three years, and not every other year as stated.</p> <p>RS commented that in Table 1: Event Scale, it was not clear if it was the timing or duration that was applicable or whether it was both?</p>	

	<p><i>Post meeting clarification: it is the scale of the event (i.e. the daily number of attendants expected) and/or the duration of the event which will determine the route of approval and how long is required to get approval.</i></p> <p>There followed a discussion about Parkrun, as this weekly event currently has less than 500 participants it falls outside of the Policy. RS noted that if events occur on a weekly basis, it is not appropriate for the applications to be made 8 weeks in advance. Can a rolling approval be considered?</p> <p>A table showing the changes made to Part 2 will be compiled and will highlight sections/wording which has been updated.</p> <p>Further comments and feedback from members of the Forum are welcomed by the end of the month.</p>	<p><b>BW/PM</b></p> <p><b>BW</b></p> <p><b>ALL</b></p>
<b>6.</b>	<b>Updates</b>	
	<p><u>This Girl Can</u> – PM activities have been planned for the weekends of 9-10 June (Athletics, Tennis &amp; Bowls) and 16-17 June (Rugby &amp; British Military Fitness). ST the Rugby will be using their 'inner warrior' format which has worked well in local schools. ST is in talks with Camden in relation to a Tag-Rugby taster session on Wednesday 13 June. PM Heath Hands have also arranged a Nature Conservation session. RS important to create a legacy. Consideration should be given to a joint theme with Camden (for 2019). AF noted that Facebook would be a good way to promote the 'This Girl Can' events on the Heath, as it can be targeted to certain demographics (i.e. women living locally).</p> <p><u>Highgate Harriers Night of the 10,000m Personal Bests 2018 event (19 May 2018)</u> – Seb Coe will be attending and event plans are in-hand. At 5pm there will be flyover by 2 Typhoon Jets. The event will be the British trials for the European Athletics Championships.</p> <p><u>Give it a Go (15 July 2018)</u> – the Mayhew (dogs charity) will be attending and the Open Spaces Learning Team are providing support on the day. There will be Croquet sessions at Golders Hill Park between 2-5pm. The Parliament Hill Bowls Club will also be putting on sessions for adults and children at Parliament Hill.</p> <p><u>Trim trail</u> – 3 new pieces of wooden equipment have been installed which focus on upper body strength training. The new equipment has been well used and received by users. PM thanked Camden Council for the grant that funded the new equipment.</p> <p><u>Swimming facilities</u> – The Sauna has been very busy, and income is up on last year. PM the addition of the sauna means more users are swimming longer into the winter season. An additional late evening swimming evening has been added to the summer schedule. Lane swimming will now be available on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday evenings. PM will contact TAG swimming to discuss sessions for the 2018 summer season.</p>	<p><b>PM</b></p>

	<p>EK noted that tickets for the upcoming summer solstice event organised by the Parliament Hill Lido User Group at the Lido were only available to Season Ticket holders.</p> <p>Rugby – ST the men currently have 5 teams. The first team missed out on the title by 1 point and the second and third teams have also performed very well this season. The ladies' first team won their league and the second team came runner up in their league. The first team have decided to stay in their league to consolidate. 260 children attended the last Saturday training session of the year.</p> <p><u>Sports Framework</u> – DG confirmed that data collection from the Clubs has started.</p>	
<b>7.</b>	<b>AOB</b>	
	<p><u>National Cross-Country Championships (24 February)</u> – PM the event went well. Participant numbers were the highest they had been since the last time the event was hosted on the Heath. PM confirmed that he was still following up on the proposal to make Parliament Hill the home of Cross-Country Running. The National Cross-Country Management Committee will be discussing the proposal next week. BW confirmed that the National Cross-Country Management Committee were also surveying runners in relation to the distances run by the men and ladies, and if they should be equal.</p> <p><u>Croquet</u> – a short note was circulated to the group and will be circulated with the minutes of the meeting.</p> <p>EK asked if signage could be put up at the Lido to show the amount of electricity generated by the new PV installation. PM will consider how this may be displayed.</p> <p>PM confirmed that the Lido hallway decorations will be going ahead. The City Surveyors Department are currently sourcing a new paint, which should be more peel resistant.</p> <p>PM signage has been ordered which celebrates the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Lido.</p> <p><u>2019 meeting dates</u> – proposals for the 2019 meeting dates will be circulated ahead of the next meeting in September.</p>	<p><b>PM</b></p> <p><b>KR</b></p>
<b>8.</b>	<b>Date of the next meeting</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Monday 10 September 2018, 6.30pm Parliament Hill meeting room</li> </ul>	