

<b>Tooting Commons Management Advisory Committee</b>
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**Minutes of the Meeting of 7 September 2020, 7.00 pm via video conference**

**Members Present:**

**Matthew Billson**  
**Kirsten Botting**  
**Leonie Cooper**  
**Clare Fraser**  
**Ruth de Grey**  
**Anthony Gilmour (vice Chair)**  
**Oli Griffiths (Chair)**  
**Mike Morley-Fletcher**  
**Elisabeth Powell**  
**Hannah Stanislaus (Secretary)**  
**Nabi Toktas**

**In Attendance:**

**Ian Mitchell, Managing Director,**  
**Enable Leisure and Culture**

**Apologies Received:**

**Joanna Knight**  
**Mark Shotton**  
**Adam Smith**  
**Robert Broadhurst**  
**Mike Squires**  
**Matthew Hamlyn**  
**Jenny Thewlis**  
**Peter Ramell, Chair, Friends of Tooting**  
**Common**  
**Mark Jordan**

**Apologies received after the meeting:**

**Tom Mytton**  
**Sarah McDermott**  
**Donald MacDonald**  
**Mark Bery**

	<b>Actions</b>
<p><b>1. Acceptance of Apologies.</b> The apologies were accepted.</p> <p><b>2. Minutes of previous Meetings.</b> The minutes for the TCMAC meeting on 27 July 2020 were accepted.</p> <p><b>3. Declarations of Interest</b> Liz and Anthony declared that they are trustees of the Woodfield Project Leonie declared that she is a Wandsworth councillor and London Assembly member for Merton and Wandsworth</p> <p><b>4. Enable Parks Report</b>  <b>i) Policing</b>            Ian Mitchell reported on the joint Police and Enable ten-day operation to reduce antisocial behaviour in Graveney Woods.</p> <p>Some cyclists were clearly aware that they were not allowed to cycle on the pedestrian paths and tried to avoid the Parks Police by setting off 'cross country', this action led to some fixed penalty notices (FPN) being issued.</p>	

<p>As before the approach was focused on education with 106 written warnings and 15 fixed penalty notices. There was significant ‘negative feedback’ from some cyclists, but the overall view was that it had been successful.</p> <p>This action is much appreciated by the MAC and others, as noted by Leonie.</p> <p>A number of informal music events were also stopped before they started.</p> <p><b>ii) Parks</b></p> <p>Hannah raised the issue of the worn surface of the playground, and noted that it could represent a trip hazard.</p> <p>Leonie noted that the berm at the edge of the acid grassland near the entrance to the athletics track is becoming overgrown with brambles.</p> <p>Liz reported that the plaque by the black poplar tree celebrating a royal jubilee had been pulled from the ground and she had delivered it to the Enable Wandsworth office, and asked Enable to reinstate it very securely.</p> <p>There appears to be very limited understanding that cycling on the grass is forbidden, so Enable is looking at increasing signage at major entrances to the Commons.</p> <p>Ian will take a look at these issues and report back.</p> <p>The Police and Parks reports are attached.</p> <p><b>5. Impact of Low Traffic Neighbourhoods on the Commons</b></p> <p>The LTNs appear to have had only a modest direct impact on the Commons, with Ruth noting substantial tailbacks on Garrards Road and a resulting impact on air quality, and Matthew describing the impact as ‘minimal’.</p> <p>There are a number of traffic monitoring strips on the roads – which can track cycle traffic but none on the paths across the Commons, Ian confirmed.</p> <p>Clare pointed out that Councillors had not been consulted on the original ‘false start’ Tooting Commons LTN, as the Council had moved fast to implement the plans to meet a Government deadline for funding support.</p> <p>Leonie noted the high level of correspondence to Councillors on the issue – mostly relating to the A24 and many from Lambeth residents. The LTN trials are planned to run for six months and MAC members and others are</p>	<p>Ian to report back</p>
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urged to provide feedback through the official URL [www.wandsworth.gov.uk/consultations](http://www.wandsworth.gov.uk/consultations).

#### 6. Funfair on the Commons and Covid-19 impact

The funfair on the Commons was undertaken with a full risk assessment and Closely monitored by Enable to ensure compliance. Hannah and others noted the care that was being taken by the operators to be COVID-secure. In response to Mark Bery's request a copy of the risk register is attached.

Ian will provide a list of upcoming events on the Commons on a continuing basis, although no funfairs or similar events are planned for the rest of the year.

#### 7. Managing the Triangle Development

Kirsten pointed out that as local stakeholders we have a right to ask the developers (PFC) for updates on their progress or meetings as appropriate. We should go straight to the Chief Executive in order to get a response. Developers are usually keen to avoid adverse publicity. The intention is to coordinate the response with other stakeholders and FOTC.

Anthony wondered whether Enable and WBC had considered mitigation measures for the floodlighting – such as planting trees around them; Kirsten suggested that these could be silver birch. Ian noted that modern floodlights tended to be shorter than previously and so this could be feasible. He will talk to those responsible for a similar mitigation scheme at Wimbledon Park and to the Enable Biodiversity Manager Valerie and report back.

Kirsten offered to draft a note to the developers and to help with the liaison.

Clare will share the PFC contact details and WBC are already chasing them for meetings.

The letter to the Secretary of State will be submitted this week and shared once it has been sent.

#### 8. Subcommittee business.

##### i Publicity

Ian offered training for those engaged in social media. Hannah, Kirsten and Oli will work on developing a more active profile for the MAC.

##### ii Planning

Liz felt the darkness of the night skies over the Commons are being

Ina to provide calendar of planned events

Kirsten to draft note to developers

Clare to share PFC contact details

threatened by an increase in garden lighting. This is of particular concern in that the Commons are the darkest area close in to central London, Matthew has written a paper on this see attached.

Leonie suggested that Gary Humphries or John Locker may be appropriate people at the Council to approach on this, but noted that the Government's relaxation of permitted development meant that such changes are unlikely to fall under their remit.

There is a need to identify what Planning applications are in train that are likely to affect the Commons. On the Wandsworth side this has been undertaken by Mike Squires, and we very much hope that he will feel able to continue to offer this service.

Ruth kindly offered to keep a 'watching brief' on Lambeth Planning applications and suggested that Mark Bery might be able to help.

Anthony will help with the drafting of responses to planning applications and similar issues.

Oli to ask Mike if he will continue to monitor for Planning for Wandsworth and Mark Bery for Lambeth

**Next meetings:**

19 October 2020  
 30 November 2020  
 11 January 2021  
 22 February 2021  
 6 April 2021  
 17 May 2021  
 28 June 2021