

FOLP Meeting Notes

4th November 2019

1. **Apologies**

Christian Laflamme, Phillip Inglesand, Ben Linton, Julia Barfield, Paulette (Gaskill Street)

2. **Attendees**

Carl Kowsky (CK), Blake Gilchrist (BG), Jeff Hale (JH), Hamish Adamson (HA), Nickie Bell (NB), Sophie Lobel (SL), Trevor Ndikonwa (TN), Caroline Streaks (CS), Claire Jostins (CJ), Hussein Hussein (HH), Ida Turner (IT), Linda Suggate (LS), Florence Daguerre de Hueaux (FH)

3. **Latest crime figures**

No update received from Larkhall Police

4. **Update on Lambeth “Health and Safety scheme” works** (Caroline Streaks)

£175k from S106. £20k management fees. CS will provide FOLP with a more detailed financial breakdown in due course.

a. **Wooden Boundary fence**

* Replaced fire damaged fencing near Courland Grove entrance

* Status: Completed.

* Budget £6k, came in £4.3k.

b. **Landscaping around Cafe area**

* To alleviate anti-social behaviour, make more welcoming and improving for forthcoming new cafe tenants. Needed some extra drainage.

* Status: Ongoing, due for completion in two weeks.

* Budget £40k. Came in just under.

c. **Changing rooms refurb**

* To redevelop changing rooms side of pavillion building in conjunction with GLL (sports management contractors).

* Status: Not started, expected to begin January 2020

* Budget: £95k Funded from Sports S106 allocation.

* Will include full-length windows for community room/area. CS has requested roller shutters to protect windows.

* FOLP asked about access policy for toilets - LS suggested FOLP Partnership Board review toilets access.

* SL/TN expressed possible concerns about cafe toilets being used by non-customers if no public access to changing room loos.

* Hussein Hussein from Streatham Football club expressed possible concerns over ongoing access to facilities and potential cost implications. He is part of volunteering initiative to train and coach young people. This has been very successful and numbers of attendees has grown significantly over the last few years. FOLP expressed broad support for these type of initiatives but were not in position to advise directly on issues raised. CS advised HH to continue discussions he has started with Rodney Craig (Lambeth sports).

d. **Tree works**

- * Survey was commissioned to look at tree health, what cutbacks are needed (e.g. around lights etc).
- * Budget: £2.5k (survey only). Current costs £2.7k.
- * Status: Survey completed but works not yet started.
- * Project has been brought in house, CS managing with AJ.
- * Costs for works not yet finalised. CS advised costs will be covered from savings in other parks maintenance areas. However, Lambeth are behind on tree work due to limited in-house specialist resources. CS will chase and update FOLP.

e. **Improved lighting**

- * To improve lighting around the park but doesn't include changing room area or Southville entrance as these will be dealt with under separate initiatives.
- * Budget: £7k. £5.5k has now been spent on a single new lighting column near table tennis area (?).
- * LS: Was survey done to ascertain priorities? CS: No, but did walkabout with lighting company and CK to assess needs.

f. **Under 5s playground area**

- * Budget: £5k was allocated for resurfacing but this was done as part of in-house maintenance instead.
- * Suggestion that this money could be used on adding baby-changing facility to changing room redevelopment

g. **Priory Grove entrance brick wall.**

- * KC is still pursuing enquiry with Crown Estate about area behind wall
- * CS has been asked to get quotes for knocking down wall, pending outcome of above
- * CK suggested bricks from wall could be reused if demolition goes ahead

h. **Pampas grass**

- * LS asked for an update on progress.
- * Rob Allen (Lambeth) has come back with a quote for removal - £771. Original estimate was £4k, so much cheaper than expected.
- * However, lack of progress on next steps.
- * CS to chase Rob.

i. **Lambeth Council - New employee called Ian Ross**

- * Sits somewhere between Kevin Crook and Jude.
- * CS to provide further info

j. **3G football pitch**

- * CS advised 3g pitch will be closed for redevelopment for a period starting in November. However, this is not part of CS managed works. Project is being overseen by Lara Mifsud-Bonici, Lambeth sports and leisure.

5. **Redevelopment of Lambeth College**

Eta Mullana from CTRA raised concerns about proposed height of the development, asked if FOLP members could support their efforts and petition.

6. **FOLP Partnership Board.** FOLP have submitted list of minor queries to Kevin Crook but Lambeth would like to push forward with board creation. Gaskell Estate TRA have provided nominations but still awaiting from SETA and Oasis. CK to continue chasing.
7. **Russian Vine.**
LS written to Rob Allan. Very concerned about lack of response. LS to follow up directly KC.
8. **FOLP weeding volunteering initiative**
LS need to set up new schedule for weeding sessions for Wandsworth Road and Priory Grove. LS to circulate possible dates for Ben to send around.
9. **Park cleanup.**
Nothing to report. Jan to update.
10. Community payback.
Ben not present.
11. **PIL money**
Some money left over. Wildflower seeding/planting in Spring. Plants being ordered now to spend money before expiry.
12. **Greener city**
Nickie Bell. Fund wasn't viable due to timeframes and requirements around matched funding. NB suggested she and few others set up small working group to get ideas about playground improvements to formulate a plan/vision to bring back to FOLP for funding exploration.
13. **Membership**
Queries about how to join. Need to improve.
Action: CL to liaise with Ben about chasing outstanding member payments.
Suggestion to add donation button on website.
14. **AGM**
 - * BG highlighted a few areas for possible improvement
 - * Suggestion to schedule a Special General Meeting for Monday 13th Jan to discuss/vote on proposed amendments to the constitution. Then agree a date for AGM in March
 - * BG to circulate proposed changes by email for FOLP committee to review.
15. **AOB**
 - * LS concerned about person planting random stuff in park as Lambeth have instructed they don't want people planting random stuff in parks. FOLP approached but can't speak English, communication proving difficult.
 - * LS raised question about junior Cricket query that came via Ben.
 - * Mary Milner requested if FOLP can send PDF for "Long Night Moon" event to FOLP mailing list. CK to ask BL to circulate via FOLP mailing list.
 - * NB asked about One O CLock Club. FOLP to request update from Lambeth and Streatham Youth and Community Trust (SYCT).
 - * Hussein said he and his group of volunteers would be happy to help with FOLP weeding/planting volunteer work. FOLP to follow up directly.

Next meeting: **Special General Meeting on 13th January 2020.**

