

**Boggart Hole Clough & David Lewis Rec. Stakeholder Meeting**

**16 June 2018 Action Points**

**Whitemoss Centre, Charlestown**

**Attendees**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Group / Organisation</b>
Jon Atkin	North Area Parks Manager (MCC)
Paul Rosenbloom	North Area Parks (MCC)
Chris FitzGerald	Sport Strategy Team (MCC)
John Biggs	Whitemoss Centre
Pat Ash	Blackley & North Manchester AC
Barbara Snelson	Blackley & North Manchester AC
Peter Milner	Friends of Boggart Hole Clough
Karen Galston	Friends of Boggart Hole Clough

**Apologies**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Group / Organisation</b>
Sue Blaylock	Simply Cycling
Julia Mottershead	King William IV Angling Society
Duncan Mottershead	King William IV Angling Society
Stephen Bennett	Boggart Hole Clough Lakeside Café
Barbara Bailey	Boggart Hole Clough Lakeside Café
Colin McLaren	Moston Juniors Football Club
Margaret Dolan	North Manchester Fitness
Stephen Holt	Parkmount Residents Association
John Doohan	Local Resident
Chris Cooper	Local Resident
Josephine Quayle	Local Resident
Mildred Lloyd	Local Resident
Steve Lestrangle	Local Resident

**Suggested Topics raised by members of the meeting for discussion**

- Track Lighting Improvements

**David Lewis Memorial renovation update**

Jon Atkin (North Area Parks Manager) confirmed that the refurb on the monument was a very basic procedure: general clean of the monument and minor pointing works. Further works to be discussed between North Area Parks Team and the Public Realms Team who sanctioned the works.

### **David Lewis tree planting proposal**

Paul Rosenbloom (North Area Parks) confirmed that the Neighbourhoods Team (Manchester City Council) have proposed a tree plant at the David Lewis Recreation Ground. This was suggested due to funding that the Neighbourhoods Team have been granted to improve the green spaces of the area.

It was confirmed that a meeting would soon be taking place with Manchester City Council's Arbor Team on site to discuss which trees would best suit the area and where they should be situated.

Some issues were raised suggesting that the money would be better spent on additional bins for the David Lewis Recreation Ground given certain incidents back in November 2017 when some of the bins were emptied over the paths. References were also made regarding bins that had been burnt out in the past.

Whilst these issues have been taken on board by the North Area Parks Team, as had been explained before and during the meeting on the 16 June 2018, the monies granted to the Neighbourhoods Team for re-investment on the site had been granted for the purchase and planting of additional trees and not additional bins.

Upon questioning from members of the meeting, it was confirmed by the North Area Parks Team that the stakeholders would be made aware of the upcoming date of the site meeting with Manchester City Council's Arbor Team.

### **Key Performance Indicator (KPI) collation**

Paul Rosenbloom (North Area Parks) reiterated to all present the need for key performance indicator information to be provided to the North Area Parks Team.

It was explained that the data collected was used to show the number of activities going on around the site (voluntary, organised activities, sporting events etc.): this in turn could aid in supporting groups with funding applications for equipment, site improvements and the like as the data collected shows that the site is being well used for a range of activities.

### **Lakeside Café**

Jon Atkin (North Area Parks Manager) confirmed that the procurement committee would convene on the 18 June 2018 to collaborate on / verify the paperwork for the upcoming tender process for the Lakeside Café in Boggart Hole Clough.

It was also verified that the application process would be open to everyone who wishes to put their name forward and that the successful applicant would be in place by the 01 September 2018.

### **Lake Improvement work: confirmation / update on Phase 1 of the works**

Jon Atkin (North Area Parks Manager) confirmed that Phase 1 of the lake improvement works (removal of some of the fallen down trees and branches in the water) had been a success and confirmed that Phase 2 would likely commence in October / November 2018 once the breeding season was over etc.

Concerns were raised and documentation provided courtesy of Peter Milner (Friends of Boggart Hole Clough) regarding damage caused to habitat around the lake due to the works carried out: copies of Mr. Milner's correspondence will be attached to the Action Points as and when issued.

It was reiterated that the works have / will be carried out for the long term improvements of the lake as per the advice of the Manchester Ecology Unit.

Jon Atkin (North Area Parks Manager) and Paul Rosenbloom (North Area Parks) will be meeting at the lakeside with all concerned parties to discuss their main issues on the afternoon of the 22 June 2018.

### **Track and Great Run Local updates – Chris FitzGerald (Sport Strategy Team, Manchester City Council)**

Following on from previous discussions at the last meeting on the 20 January 2018 regarding the athletics track and facilities at Boggart Hole Clough, Chris FitzGerald (Sport Strategy Team) confirmed that there would have to be further meetings between the North Area Parks Team and the Sports Strategy Team to determine how any improvements could be funded in the future.

Jon Atkin (North Area Parks Manager) confirmed that they would meet to discuss track improvements.

John Biggs (Whitemoss Centre) cited that there are certain funding streams through Greater Manchester Police that could be looked into: it was confirmed that, with the support and knowledge that Mr. Biggs, this would be considered going forward.

It was also confirmed that Blackley and North Manchester AC would follow up on / provide confirmation of funds that they had provided in the past for reparation works on the track lighting.

Chris FitzGerald (Sports Strategy Team) confirmed that 'Great Run Local' sessions were in the works to be activated at Boggart Hole Clough. Chris confirmed that the organisers had visited the site to determine suitable routes (starting with a 2k route which can be expanded).

It was confirmed that further meetings would take place with the North Area Parks Team, Sports Strategy Team and 'Great Run Local Team' to get the sessions up and running around the park.

## **Park Plan Update**

Jon Atkin (North Area Parks Manager) confirmed that park plans were going to be developed for flagship parks around the city as part of the new 'Parks Strategy' structure.

Jon confirmed that a provisional parks plan was being constructed for Boggart Hole Clough at present to trial run the current set up and that, upon completion of the said, all staff would then be provided with the necessary training to complete a parks plan once the final version had been confirmed by Parks Management.

It was cited that there would be various aspects of a park structure that would be included in the parks plan process: site assessments, site improvements, how the improvements would be made, who would be making the improvements, the costs involved as well as how the park plan will be implemented and monitored.

Jon also confirmed for all present that the relevant stakeholder groups would be involved with the parks planning process.

It was verified for all present that the parks planning process would be implemented imminently once all parks staff had been provided with the necessary training.

## **Suggested Topics**

**Track Lighting:** It was confirmed that this would have to be treated as a priority issue given the concerns raised by members of the group and track users alike. It was agreed that funding would have to be looked into given that the main contractors (AMEY) have not budgeted on their £18-20,000 estimate for the works to be completed.

It was at this point that Jon Atkin (North Area Parks Manager) stated that, if the group were constituted, then various funding streams could / would be made available to the group via an application process for them to get additional funding for the site.

## **Any Other Business**

Following on from the above, Jon Atkin (North Area Parks Manager) reiterated the need for the group to become a constituted unit.

Further discussions would need to be had on the matter over the coming weeks / months leading to the next stakeholder meeting to determine who would be interested in being involved. The roles that would need to be filled for a constituted group are as follows:

- Chair
- Secretary
- Treasurer

Volunteers for the aforementioned committee roles should make themselves known so that it can be discussed, decided on and verified by the rest of the stakeholder group.

**Date of the next meeting**

- Provisionally pencilled in for 10:30AM on the 08 September 2018 (venue TBC).