

Minutes

Camden Town Farm
Reference Group Meeting
Camden Civic Centre

Wednesday 20th March 2024



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MEETING DETAILS

Date: 20/3/2024

Location: Camden Civic Centre

Time: 7:00 pm

Meeting opened:

7:03 pm. Meeting closed 9:11 pm

Chairperson:

David Buckley

Minute taker:

Kieran Berryman: Camden Council (ex officio)

Acknowledgement of Country:

Acknowledgement read by Chairperson

ATTENDANCE

Present:

- David Buckley, community member
- Nicolet Westerhof, community member
- Tony Biffin, community member
- Sandy Davies, community member
- Jeff Ferrif, community member
- Sarah Cleaton, community member
- Colin Packer, Camden Community Garden
- Councillor Cindy Cagney, Camden Council
- Kieran Berryman, TLCP (Team Leader – Camden Precinct Team), Camden Council (ex officio liaison officer)

Apologies and Absences:

- Councillor Eva Campbell, Camden Council
- Kerrie Flynn, community member (via video link)
- Debby Dewbery, community member
- Hayley Neville, Manager Economic Development and Activation, Camden Council

Visitors:

- Nil

Motion: That the apologies be noted and leaves of absence granted

Moved: Sandy Davies, **Seconded:** Tony Biffin

Motion Carried

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- Nil

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

Motion: That the minutes are a true and accurate reflection of the previous meeting.

Moved: Sandy Davies, **Seconded:** Nicolet Westerhof

Motion Carried

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING (not contained in action log)

- Nil

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Report presented as tabled and attached as a year in review.

Motion: That the Chairperson's report be accepted.

Moved: Jeff Ferrif, **Seconded:** Tony Biffin

Motion Carried

AGENDA ITEMS

Nil

STANDING ITEMS

Councillor Updates

Cr. Cindy Cagney :

- Camden Show was well run
 - Looking forward to walkway being completed and enjoying the new public art trail
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CTF Calendar and Events update – TL Kieran Berryman

- Construction of new walkway slightly overtime and due for completion end of April.
- Official opening will be advised when date is known.
- School of Rock Macarthur cancelled booking.

Motion: That CTF RG endorse School of Rock Macarthur event.

Moved: Jeff Ferrif, **Seconded:** Sandy Davies

Motion Carried

Agricultural Operations Working Group – contained in Chairperson report

- Plan for seeding oats and NPK fertilising ASAP
 - Yards need reconfig now that show has been held.
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Camden Community Gardens update – Col Packer

- Some items stolen from gardens, hoses, trolley, produce
- Some success at Camden Show with large pumpkins
- Lot's of working bees being held.
- Some new members and a waiting list for garden plots

Motion: That in light of recent equipment thefts at CTF that CCTV that was damaged in 23022 floods be reinstated ASAP.

Moved: Cr. Cindy Cagney, **Seconded:** Jeff Ferrif

Motion Carried

<i>New Action</i> : (24-003): TL Kieran Berryman to prioritise CCTV restoration.

ACTION LOG/PROJECTS

19-014 Farm flood evacuation plan : No action. WIP

21-021 Install safety bollards at walkway entrance. : Bollards ordered. Will be installed ASAP.

22-001 CTF Walkway Extension project: Construction progressing. Completion April 2024.

22-013 Cattle yard redevelopment : TL Kieran Berryman to arrange relocation of ramp & crush. Working bee to be planned.

23-001 Introduce Bull : Preg testing completed. 24 of 29 pregnancy.

23-007 Markets Recycling Bin : Recycling bin installed. TL KB to monitor.

23-009 Walkway POI Signage content : Final draft of sign images tabled. Wheat to be beardless and smaller Merino preferred.

24-001 Winter Feed : TL Kieran Berryman to coordinate sowing of Oats & NPK in Western & Central Lucerne

24-002 Biosecurity plan enforcement : Plan being circulated with Council Rangers. TL Kieran Berryman to meet to discuss.

GENERAL BUSINESS

- David Buckley
 - Camden Show did not run a trade section this year due to alligator weed growth near Onslow cattle sheds.
 - Suggests that Councils Precinct team could have a more formal role in administering the Cattle sheds.
 - Questions what happened to grant received by Council for repairs to cattle shed (

Motion: That given the close association of the Onslow Cattle Sheds with the Camden Town Farm that Council provide advice on the status of any grants relating to Crown Lands and Show Grounds for the repair or restoration of the Onslow cattle shed. .

Moved: Cr. Cindy Cagney, **Seconded:** Jeff Ferrif

Motion Carried

<p>New Action : (24-004): TL Kieran Berryman to seek information from within Council re: grants.</p>

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Current Actions

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19-014 2019	CCSO/355 Committee Develop a CTF flood evacuation plan for livestock	TL Kieran Berryman	<p>20/7/22 – Task transferred from 355 Committee</p> <p>17/8/22 – Meeting held with Farms Ops. Volunteers. CCSO team documenting process and flood triggers to implement plan. WIP</p> <p>22/12/22 – 15/3/2023 Flood evac plan developed. CCSO will finalise and circulate.</p> <p>19/4/23 - TL KB including Community Gardens notification in planning.</p> <p>17/5/23 - Final step is to identify suitable/contracted off farm emergency location for herd. EOI will be required. TL to progress.</p> <p>19/7/23 – 20/9/23 No Action. TL KB to progress.</p> <p>14/12/23 – 21/2/24 Draft agistment conditions circulated to Farms Ops sub committee. Draft agreement being developed including an annual retainer.</p> <p>20/3/24 – No action</p>
19-032 2019	CCSO/355 Committee Indigenous Garden project	TL Kieran Berryman	<p>20/7/22 – Task transferred from 355 Committee</p> <p>17/8/22 – Small project to be run to develop scope. CCSO team to coordinate scoping.</p> <p>15/2/23 – 15/3/23 Look to reactivate works. Look into leverage Clontarf programme for indigenous students in schools. Consider including in new masterplan.</p> <p>19/4/23 - TL KB to meet with Allen Powell to discuss his ideas and report back. including in new masterplan.</p> <p>17/5/23 - TL Kieran Berryman met with Allen Powell. Bedding mulch from livestock show to be spread in Indigenous Garden yard. TL Kieran Berryman to coordinate.</p> <p>19/7/23 - No Action. TL KB to progress.</p> <p>23/8/23 - Garden to be included in the new CTF masterplan.</p>
19-045	CCSO/355 Committee COWA flooring treatment	TL Kieran Berryman	<p>20/7/22 – Task transferred from 355 Committee</p> <p>17/8/22 – Included in scope of WestInvest grant application. CCSO to monitor.</p> <p>23/8/23 – To be included in scope of Masterplan</p>



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19-062 2019	CCSO/355 Committee Electronic gates for walkway	TL Kieran Berryman	20/7/22 – Task transferred from 355 Committee 17/8/22 – Included in scope of WestInvest grant application. CCSO to monitor. 23/8/23 – To be included in scope of Masterplan
19-073 2019	CCSO/355 Committee Design info signage for CTF public access area on Toilet Block 1.	TL Kieran Berryman	20/7/22 – Task transferred from 355 Committee 17/8/22 – Small project to be run to develop and design new signage for TB1. CCSO team to coordinate content and design. 23/8/23 – Included in PSLP walkway project public art 20/9/23 - Mural to be design as part of walkway project ON HOLD
21-018 2021	CCSO/355 Committee LLS ephemeral wetlands project	TL Kieran Berryman	20/7/22 – Task transferred from 355 Committee 17/8/22 – Small project to be run to develop scope. CCSO team to coordinate scoping. ON HOLD
21-021 2021	CCSO/355 Committee Install safety bollards at walkway entrance.	TL Kieran Berryman	20/7/22 – Task transferred from 355 Committee 17/8/22 – Small project to be run to procure and install bollards. CCSO team to coordinate works. 23/8/23 – 21/2/24 - Meeting to be arranged with Macarthur signs. TL to monitor. 20/3/24 - Bollards ordered. Will be installed ASAP.



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<p>22-001 17/8/2022</p>	<p>CCSO. Council proposal to extend walkway within CTF. Request for CTF RG to review proposed route.</p>	<p>TL Kieran Berryman</p>	<p>20/7/22 - CCSO to coordinate an onsite walk and fencing inspection with Reference Group members for 10am 31/7/2022. Completed</p> <p>17/8/22 – Walk completed. Recommendation made on preferred route. WIP</p> <p>21/9/22 - Ref. Grp. Feedback provided to project team. Final route, public art, surface treatments and project deliverables still being finalised. CCSO will continue to liaise with project team and provide updates</p> <p>19/10/22 CCSO will continue to liaise with project team and provide updates to Ref. Grp.</p> <p>16/11/22 - Public Art being proposed for Walkway will be consulted. CCSO will continue to liaise with project team and provide updates to Ref. Grp.</p> <p>21/12/22 - Public Art will be consulted with Ref. Grp in new year. CCSO will continue to liaise.</p> <p>15/2/23 - Final Route being finalised. Woody weed removal works will commence around 1st March. Construction proper will commence later in 2023.</p> <p>15/3/23 – Project progressing. CTF Ref. Grp to provide content of for signs.</p> <p>19/4/23 Final Route being finalised. Woody weed removal works will commence soon. Construction proper will commence later in 2023.</p> <p>17/5/23 - Final route finalised. Woody weed removal works completed. Fences damaged. TL Kieran Berryman will coordinate fence repairs. Construction proper will commence later in 2023.</p> <p>19/7/23 - TL KB to take recommendations of Ref. Grp to Council Management for advice, action and response regarding public art.</p> <p>23/8/23 – Sarah Cleaton to meet with Cultural Activation staff to review public art proposals. Walkway construction starting next week.</p> <p>20/9/23 – Construction started.</p> <p>14/12/23 – 21/2/23 Construction progressing. Completion March 2024.</p> <p>20/3/24 - Construction progressing. Completion April 2024.</p>



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22-013 19/10/2022	Tony Biffin Relocation and improvements to cattle yards	TL Kieran Berryman	<p>19/10/22 - CCSO to submit Ref. Grp. recommendation for shale pad and yards relocation to Council for consideration</p> <p>16/11/22 – 15/2/23 Discussions held with Council construction team. Planning for pad and materials commenced.</p> <p>19/4/23 - Progressing with quotes obtained from Council contractors.</p> <p>17/5/23 - Additional quotes being sought.</p> <p>19/7/23 - TRN selected as supplier. Works to start in next few weeks. TL to progress.</p> <p>23/8/23 - Hardstand pad installed. Yard design underway. New crush to be ordered per specs from Farm Ops sub committee.</p> <p>20/9/23 - New crush selected and ordered. Concrete pad for crush, ramp and drafting gate to be ordered.</p> <p>14/12/23 - New crush delivered. Slab installed. New drafting gate ordered. Will complete install in new year.</p> <p>21/2/24 - Yards to be relocated following Camden Show</p> <p>20/3/24 - TL Kieran Berryman to arrange relocation of ramp & crush. Working bee to be planned.</p>
23-001 15/2/23	David Buckley Procurement of a bull	David Buckley & TL Kieran Berryman	<p>15/2/23 - TL to coordinate procurement of a bull by 31st March.</p> <p>15/3/23 - TL to work with Chairperson to procure a bull by 1st May 2023</p> <p>19/4/23 - TL KB to coordinate procurement of a bull on or around start of December. On Hold</p> <p>20/9/23 - David Buckley & TL KB to coordinate procurement of a bull on or around start of November 2023.</p> <p>14/12/23 - Bull on farm with heifers 12/12/23. 3-4 yr old experienced Limosin. Quiet natured. Doing his thing. All heifers with heat pads applied and most marked already. TL KB to monitor and reapply pads up to 12/3/24.</p> <p>21/2/24 - TL KB to coordinate preg testing of herd in week following Camden Show.</p> <p>20/3/24 - Preg testing completed. 24 of 29 pregnancy.</p>



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23-007 19/5/23	Tony Biffin Installing recycled bin near TB1	TL Kieran Berryman	19/7/23 - TL KB to arrange installation of recycling bin near TB1. 23/8/23 - Council waste dept advise recycling bins in public spaces are ineffective. TL to look for bin cover and new location. 20/9/23 – 21/2/24 - TL KB to source a recycling bin that can be installed and removed each day. 20/3/24 - Recycling bin installed. TL KB to monitor.
23-009 20/9/23	TL Kieran Berryman Walkway POI Signage content	TL Kieran Berryman & Ref. Grp. members	20/9/23 - TL KB to distribute POI labels and content requirements for Ref Grp members to volunteer to compose. 14/12/23 - TL circulated content to Ref. Grp members. Content to be reviewed by End of Jan 2024. TL to speak to John & Julie Wrigley to review interpretive signage content when drafted. 21/2/23 - Kieran Berryman spoke with John & Julie Wrigley and incorporated their input. 20/3/24 - Final draft of sign images tabled. Wheat to be beardless and smaller Merino preferred.
24-001 21/2/24	TL Kieran Berryman CTF Winter Feed	TL Kieran Berryman	21/2/24 - TL KB to coordinate sourcing of contractor for sowing winter feed. 20/3/24 - TL Kieran Berryman to coordinate sowing of Oats & NPK in Western & Central Lucerne
24-002 21/2/24	Tony Biffin Biosecurity plan enforcement	TL Kieran Berryman	21/2/24 - TL KB to liaise with Precinct Team and Council Rangers re: biosecurity plan and future farm access. 20/3/24 - Plan being circulated with Council Rangers. TL Kieran Berryman to meet to discuss.
24-003 20/3/24	Col Packer CCTV restoration	TL Kieran Berryman	20/3/24 - TL Kieran Berryman to prioritise CCTV restoration
24-004 20/3/24	David Buckely Repairs to Onslow cattle sheds	TL Kieran Berryman	20/3/24 - TL Kieran Berryman to seek information from within Council re: grants.



Closed Actions : Closed actions will be removed (hidden) from the current log active at the subsequent meeting

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Chairperson's Report

20 March 2024

Welcome and thank you for your continued interest in the future of the CTF and your attendance.

Well, it didn't rain during Camden Show, however "it" made up for it with a nice 15 to 20 mm drop just after the show.

The Show was a great success considering the events of the last few years. The lack of rain and mud meant for two days the public was able to thoroughly enjoy the events etc, including the fireworks. Numbers were down a bit in the dairy and beef rings, with no entries for the trade cattle section, however hopefully next year bring new hope and numbers.

Considering the extremely dry winter till November, the season has "stormed" away with almost perfectly timed shower/rain events. However, let's not get too excited as winter is just around the corner.

Cattle are looking great, and the paddocks are holding up. The livestock and rotational grazing operations is working well considering the work on the walkway.

This year going forward.

As you are aware, *"Public Consultation commenced for the new 2024 CTF master plan"*.
Hopefully, you had a chance to complete the public online survey.

Finished projects.

- the flooring of the hay barn
- completion of the installation of new water troughs
- the near completion of the walkway and installation of the art projects
- probable repair of the irrigation pump

Future projects

As "we" move forward future projects will include.

- the complete completion of the walkway and installation of the art projects
- installation of the new cattle crush and yards
- the flooring of the Farm View pavilion
- the development of the indigenous garden
- irrigation of the eastern, central, and western lucerne paddocks using irrigation pods.

Please be mindful of the need to be courteous and respectful during the meeting and to direct your comments via the chair. Please be aware of commercial in confidence.

Thank you.

David Buckley

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