

# Minutes

Camden Town Farm  
Reference Group Meeting  
Camden Civic Centre

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2023



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## MEETING DETAILS

**Date:** 20/9/2023

**Location:** Camden Civic Centre

**Time:** 7:00 pm

**Meeting opened:**

7:07 pm. Meeting closed 9:00 pm

**Chairperson:**

David Buckley

**Minute taker:**

Kieran Berryman: Camden Council (ex officio)

**Acknowledgement of Country:**

Acknowledgement read by Chairperson

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## ATTENDANCE

### Present:

- David Buckley, community member
- Jeff Ferrif, community member
- Tony Biffin, community member
- Kerrie Flynn, community member (via video link)
- Sarah Cleaton, community member
- Colin Packer, Camden Community Garden
- Councillor Eva Campbell, Camden Council
- Debby Dewbery, community member
- Kieran Berryman, TLCP (Team Leader – Camden Precinct Team), Camden Council (ex officio liaison officer)

### Apologies and Absences:

- Sandy Davies, community member
- Nicolet Westerhof, community member
- Councillor Cindy Cagney, Camden Council

### Visitors:

- Hayley Neville, Manager Economic Development and Activation, Camden Council
- Phillipa Percy, Coordinator Cultural Activation, Camden Council

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

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

***Motion Carried***

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## DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- Tony Biffin declared his membership of the Ayrshire Society who have recently hired the Farm for an event.

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## PRESENTATION OF FINAL OPTIONS OF TOWN FARM WALKWAY PUBLIC ART

### Hayley Neville & Philippa Percy Roger on behalf of Cultural Activation Team

- Slide show presented
- Range of options selected from proposed art works and presented to the Reference Group.
  - Seating
  - Interpretive Signage
  - Gateway entry
  - Sculptures
  - Pathway embellishment
  - Murals

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## CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

- Nil

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

**Moved:** Sarah Cleaton, **Seconded:** Jeff Ferrif

***Motion Carried***

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

- Soil test results to be sent out to all Ref. Grp members
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## CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Report presented as tabled and attached.

**Motion:** That the Chairperson's report be accepted.

**Moved:** Jeff Ferrif, **Seconded:** Cr. Eva Campbell

*Motion Carried*

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## AGENDA ITEMS

Nil

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## STANDING ITEMS

### Councillor Updates

#### Cr. Eva Campbell :

- UnLock Camden
    - was a great success and activities held at CTF and at other locations were all well attended.
    - The Honey Sippers performing duo were well received and supported.
    - Many thanks to Averil and Macarthur Growers PL for their support and involvement on the day.
    - Potential to include Camden Saleyards in future events.
  - Community Gardens pathway repairs
    - Notice of motion to Council by Cr Cindy Cagney for \$40,000 from Ward Funds was carried by Council.
    - Cr. Campbell voted against the motion on the principal that Ward Funds are not intended to be used for this type of purpose, however, expressed that she is not opposed to the repairs being undertaken or the use of other Council funds being used for the repairs.
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### CTF Calendar and Events update – TL Kieran Berryman

- Half a dozen bookings and enquiries for remainder of 2023
  - Taste festival in late September.
  - Construction of new walkway is underway.
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## **Agricultural Operations Working Group – contained in Chairperson report**

- Precinct team conducting Cattle Body Condition Scoring
  - Precinct team recording when herd is relocated between paddocks with a checklist of required and optional checks
  - New crush selected and ordered.
  - Concrete pad for crush, ramp and drafting gate to be ordered
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## **Camden Community Gardens update – Col Packer**

- Great working bee getting things tidy
  - 2-3 plots still to be recovered and ready for use.
  - Thanks to Cr. Cagney for her support in getting pathway repairs.
  - Platypus shape of gardens will be reinstated.
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## ACTION LOG/PROJECTS

**19-014 Farm flood evacuation plan** : No update. Identify suitable/contracted off farm emergency location for herd. EOI will be required. TL to progress.

**19-032 Indigenous Garden** : Garden to be included in the new CTF masterplan. HOLD

**19-073 TB1 Signage** : Mural to be design as part of walkway project

**21-021 Install safety bollards at walkway entrance.** : TL to speak to Macarthur Signs.

**22-001 CTF Walkway Extension project:** Construction started.

**22-011 Annual recognition of Miss Davies:** Event held, tree planted. Closed

**22-013 Cattle yard redevelopment** : New crush selected and ordered. Concrete pad for crush, ramp and drafting gate to be ordered.

**23-001 Introduce Bull** : David Buckley & TL KB to coordinate procurement of a bull on or around start of November 2023.

**23-003 Community Garden pathways** : Notice of motion to Council by Cr Cagney. TL will monitor progress

**23-007 Markets Recycling Bin** : TL KB to source a recycling bin that can be installed and removed each day.

**23-008 Condition Scoring and Movement records** : Apps developed and being used by precinct team.

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## GENERAL BUSINESS

- Information required for new Point of Interest (POI) signage around walkway based on previous Committee discussions.
- Ref. Grp members to be asked to collect and compose initial information.

<p><b>New Action :</b> (23-009): TL KB to distribute POI labels and content requirements for Ref Grp members to volunteer to compose.</p>
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**Meeting Closed 9:00pm**



## Current Actions

Action # & Start Date	Initiator & Action/Project Description	Who Actioning	Action/Project Log & Status
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>
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>
19-062 2019	CCSO/355 Committee Electronic gates for walkway	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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19-073 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
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.
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 – 20/9/23 - Meeting to be arranged with Macarthur signs. TL to monitor.





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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>



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<p>22-013 19/10/2022</p>	<p>Tony Biffin Relocation and improvements to cattle yards</p>	<p>TL Kieran Berryman</p>	<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>23-001 15/2/23</p>	<p>David Buckley Procurement of a bull</p>	<p>David Buckley &amp; TL Kieran Berryman</p>	<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 &amp; TL KB to coordinate procurement of a bull on or around start of November 2023.</p>
<p>23-003 15/3/23</p>	<p>Col Packer Community Garden pathway</p>	<p>TL Kieran Berryman</p>	<p>15/3/23 - TL to investigate condition of gardens pathway, take photos and report back.</p> <p>19/4/23 - TL KB and contractor have looked at pathways and repairs are relatively expensive. Looking at options.</p> <p>17/5/23 – No Update</p> <p>19/7/23 - Meeting being held with Gardens and Cr. Cagney.</p> <p>23/8/23 - Notice of motion to Council by Cr Cagney. TL will monitor progress</p> <p>20/9/23 - Notice of motion to Council by Cr Cagney. TL will monitor progress</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 - TL KB to source a recycling bin that can be installed and removed each day.
23-008 23/8/23	David Buckley & Tony Biffin Cattle Body Condition Scoring and Herd movement records vid Buckley & Tony Biffin	TL Kieran Berryman	23/8/23 - TL KB to coordinate development of mobile Apps for Cattle Body Condition Scoring and Herd movement records 20/9/23 - Apps developed and being used by precinct team.
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.



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

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22-011 21/9/2022	CCSO Annual recognition of Miss Davies	TL Kieran Berryman	<p>21/9/22 - CCSO to compile suggestions and ideas from ref. Grp for further discussion at next meeting</p> <p>19/10/22 - CCSO to submit Ref. Grp. recommendation for annual Miss Davies event at CTF to Council for consideration</p> <p>16/11/22 - Council Events team happy to help with project. Coordinate with Unlock Camden. Ref. Grp members to consider previously proposed ideas for more detailed discussion at next meeting.</p> <p>22/12/22 - CCSO to coordinate CTF members attendance at Heritage Committee meeting in new year to discuss including CTF and Miss Davies in "Unlock Camden" event.</p> <p>15/2/23 - Cr. Cagney spoke to Councils Heritage Committee and they have invited a delegation from the CTF Ref. Grp to their April meeting to discuss including CTF in the Unlock Camden programme.</p> <p>15/3/23 - No Update. CTF ref Grp members to be invited to April Heritage Advisory Committee meeting</p> <p>19/4/23 - Council Events Team to include CTF in UnLock Camden 2023. TL KB to monitor.</p> <p>17/5/23 - David Buckley attended Heritage Advisory Committee and discussed options. TL KB to monitor.</p> <p>19/7/23 - Council Events Team to include CTF in Unlock Camden 2023. TL KB to monitor.</p> <p>23/8/23 – Ref Grp to man stall at event. Brochures to be developed and handed out. Tree planting to be arranged near new cattle yards,</p> <p>20/9/23 - Event held, tree planted. Closed</p>

# Camden Town Farm Reference Group Meeting No 13

Camden Civic Centre

## Chairperson's Report

20th September 2023

Welcome.

Thank you for your continued interest in the future of the C T F and attendance at this meeting.

Well, spring has certainly sprung and moved straight onto summer January temperatures. Apparently, according to the BOM and media machines, this is the first El Nino event in eight years, and so, if my memory serves me correctly, it may mean dry dams, dust storms, expensive trucked in fodder and no worthwhile rain till late February. Wait, that reminds me that, in this area, that was the situation in 2019 till February 2020.

Anyhow the usual strategies may need to come into place.

As noted last meeting most fences have been reinstalled and/or repaired, soil tests have been taken, paddocks have been slashed, the cattle yard pad is ready, the walkway is re-operational, the hay shed is being prepared for the storage of the side-by-side Kubota utility and the draft management plan has been updated following a meeting of the Farm Operations subcommittee.

### **Moving Forward Future Projects**

include the continuation of the walkway, the flooring of the hay barn, the flooring of the Farm View pavilion, the development of the indigenous garden, the construction of the cattle yards, repairs to and operation of the river pump and .....

### **Walkway Art Processes**

Following on from last meeting there will be further opportunity to discuss Miss Davies Walkway public art detailed concepts after a presentation by Hayley and Phillipa.

### **Unlock Camden event!**

Yes, big tick to all, as the Reference group goals from the August meeting were put into play on the day.

Thank you to Tony, Jeff, Colin, and stylist Sarah for (hu)manning the display.

There was a farm banner, brochures galore, community gardens info, a guessing (the weight of a bale of lucerne hay) competition, a kissing booth, and no poo lotto.

There was also an excellent opening ceremony, in particular inspirational speeches, and an amazing interpretive dance by Elizabeth MacArthur first nations students. This was followed by a tree planting ceremony, at the site of the new cattle yards pad, by mayor Cagney and invited guests.

I would also like to acknowledge the hard work of council staff in bringing this event together, particularly Phillipa and Kieran.

Mobile Cattle Body Condition Scoring and Herd Movement records App (MCBCSHM) is now available, and road tested.

The 44 page Urban Forest Strategy paper makes very interesting reading with a vision to 2050 and tree canopy %'s of 15% in 2019 to 25% by 2024, 40% by 2036 and I assume, by extrapolation, 70% by 2050

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 around quotes, invoices, and commercial matters. Thank you.

David Buckley

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