

DRAFT MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF

Brockwell Lido Users Committee

7:00pm on Tuesday 2nd June 2025

at the home of a Committee member and via Teams

In attendance: Ben Longman (Chair); Robin McIver; Marc Meryon; Margie Patrick;
Carole Stagg

1. Apologies for absence

Ian Matthews; Stephen Trowell; Tina McKenzie O'Neill

2. Application to create a charitable Community Benefit Society for the future management of the Lido

The Chair pointed out that this special meeting had been arranged specifically to consider the draft application to the Financial Conduct Authority (FCA)

He reminded the meeting that the previous meeting had discussed the challenges and strategies for managing the Lido discussed. Key points of that discussed included the need for a broader community involvement, with at least 10-15 people actively engaged and the need to leverage local councillors, including a newly elected Green Councillor, to apply political pressure on Lambeth Council.

The previous meeting had also discussed the assumed financial position of Fusion Lifestyle, which manages the Lido, in light of their continuing failure to submit their 2023/4 accounts and the need for investment in infrastructure.

The meeting had then discussed the possibility of forming a community benefit organisation to strengthen their voice and potentially merge with other community groups for greater impact.

Marc Meryon took members through the online application form for a Community Investment vehicle, answered questions and highlighted key issues for the Committee going forward. Following a wide ranging discussion, it was agreed that the Chair and Marc Meryon between them would:

- i. reach out to the local Councillors (Deepak and others) in order to arrange a meeting and discuss Lambeth's position and potential support.
- ii. communicate with the BLU membership about the Committees efforts to develop a proactive campaign to address the issues with the Lido's management and operations.
- iii. Finalize the draft for the charitable community benefit society and circulate it for review.
- iv. Identify and onboard individuals with relevant skills and experience (e.g., social media, communications) to support the campaign efforts.
- v. Explore opportunities to collaborate with other community groups and individuals who have been raising concerns about the Lido.