

Dulwich Society Executive 521st Meeting Monday 7th January 7.30pm at St Barnabas Centre – Minutes

Attendees: Ian McInnes (IMcI), Sue Badman (SB), Diana McInnes (DM), Alastair Hanton (AIH), Kenneth Wolfe (KW), Patsy Bramble (PB), Colin Niven (CN), Brian Green (BG), David Beamish (DB), Bernard Nurse (BN), Jeremy Prescott (JP), David Roberts (DR), Angela Wilkes (AW), Adrian Hill (AdH)

(Executive Reports previously circulated by Ian McInnes (Chair), Diana McInnes (Membership), Bernard Nurse (Local History), Finance (Russell Lloyd), Licensing (Patsy Bramble), Traffic & Transport (Alastair Hanton), David Roberts (Planning & Architecture))

Apologies: David Roberts, Russell Lloyd

Declarations of Interest

See Appendix 1.

Minutes of Previous Meeting: The Minutes were agreed and signed.

Matters Arising not covered elsewhere:

IMcI reported that the proposed “Guidance for Garden Designers” was not being taken further.

The December talk by Michael Logue was postponed. He has offered to rearrange the talk and it was suggested we leave it until later in the year.

DS Matters and Events

- a) **Rosebery Lodge.** IMcI and SB met with local councillors and told them we will likely relinquish the lease at the end of May 2019. The councillors agreed to talk to the U3A and council officers. The ideal would be for Rosebery Lodge to be returned to the Council and for the Society to use the Lodge as and when required. We will have to rehouse several items including the post cart, archival material, pictures and (restored) chair. **Action: IMcI will follow up with councillors to see whether they have made any progress.**
- b) **Public Meeting – 12th January 2019 “Getting Around Dulwich”** The meeting has been heavily promoted to RAs, residents and via social media. SB will produce an agenda for the meeting based on the flyer and bring copies to the meeting. IMcI is arranging a projector, screen and microphones, and we have asked the councillors about recording the meeting. We will issue a note of the outcome of the meeting. Executive members to arrive at 2pm to assist with setting up.
The CPZ question is one of the hot topics and new schemes are being consulted on which will squeeze the parking in the Village yet further. BG reported that the traders had undertaken a short survey of the parking in front of the north Dulwich Village parade. Of the 19 spaces, 9 were occupied all day and consequently there was insufficient turnover to support the traders.
- c) **Celebration of the 200th Quarterly Journal** – BG informed the committee that he wanted to host a modest gathering to celebrate the 200th edition of the Society Journal. This will be solely for the distributors and contributors, and as well as marking the 200th Journal, the purpose of the party was to thank all those who had contributed to the production and distribution of the journal over the years. The plan is to hold the party at Bell House (on a Feb/March date to be fixed), there will be wine and nibbles and a short speech about the journal. It was agreed to hold and fund the party. **Action: BG to arrange a date at Bell**

House, SB to issue invitations to BG/IMCl's list of distributors/contributors and IMCl to arrange wine/nibbles.

- d) **AGM – date and agenda.** SB confirmed with the committee that the date of 7th May was still convenient. All can attend except DB who had already sent his apologies. A draft agenda had been circulated prior to the meeting. A major change is that individual Chairs of Sub-Committees will no longer be required to provide an oral report at the meeting. Individual sub-committee reports are still required for publication on the web site. Members' questions will be taken at the end of the meeting. IMCl is working on finding a speaker for the meeting but if this isn't possible BG and IMCl will put together a slide show on a topic of local interest. **Action: SB to send the final version of the agenda to BG by 20 Jan for publication in the journal.**
- e) **Other events** – there is no decision on a Members' party. It is unlikely we will hold an event in June but an autumn event is a possibility.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer was not in attendance. RL's report has been circulated. Any comments or concerns should be raised with RL.

JP reported he had met RL for a review of financial controls and issued a report of the meeting. No significant issues arose from the completion of the Charity Commission Internal Financial Controls checklist. It has been suggested to RL that Caroline Lloyd would be welcome to attend Executive Committee meetings if RL is unable to attend, in order to deal with any queries or make/receive challenges as they arise. In addition, the review recommended that RL should close the residual NatWest account and obtain online access to the Barclays account. The Executive requested that this be done in time for the AGM. **Action: RL**

The Investment Policy circulated by JP in advance of the meeting was approved.

Licensing

PB circulated a detailed report on local licensing applications across Dulwich.

The Half Moon Food and Wine, and Rocca did not lose their licences and continue to trade. Conditions were imposed on their licences.

GALA on Peckham Rye Park was approved in principle without consultation before the premises licence application was submitted. The Society decided not to make a representation bearing in mind the limited grounds for making a representation. Over 30 objections were submitted and a hearing will be held in due course.

The meeting agreed not to make any representations on the Dulwich College Enterprises Ltd licence application to extend hours.

A Dulwich Picture Gallery licence application is due soon. The Gallery has learnt lessons from the 2017 Pavilion regarding keeping neighbours on side. The Society will review the licence and gauge opinion in due course.

There was a lengthy discussion on commercial events in the parks, and particularly what the Society's policy should be. Possible grounds for challenging Southwark's event policy include poor consultation and making a profit out of parks by staging paying events. Consultation by Lambeth

and Southwark Councils has been heavily criticised. Southwark have declared that income derived from commercial events allows them to subsidise “free events”.

In a recent legal case, it was held that it would be an improper application generated from a park held in trust under the 1906 Open Spaces Act to use that income for any purpose other than maintenance and improvement of the park, a decision upheld in a later Friends of Finsbury Park Appeal case. Any breaches of legislation could render council officers personally liable. This could also apply to Southwark Park which is held in trust. PB will investigate whether this would also apply to Dulwich Park and Peckham Rye Park (subject to Executive Decision).

In the meantime, both Southwark and Lambeth have announced they are reviewing their outdoor events policy.

The Executive agreed that the Society should stand back from the Peckham Rye Park events such as GALA and leave this to the Peckham groups to pursue. The Society should concentrate its efforts on events in Dulwich Park and Belair Park. **Action: It was agreed that PB should continue to investigate the status of Dulwich Park. We will continue to maintain pressure on Southwark Events to ensure there is proper consultation and monitor closely what events are planned for Dulwich Park and associated licences.**

Dulwich Estate

The Advisory Group takes place on 12 March and IMcl will be attending. Non-SOM queries will be dealt with separately in future, via the monthly surgeries. IMcl listed the status of retail units in his report. Progress remains slow. If any of the Executive have queries they wish to raise, please notify IMcl.

Society Grants

Nothing has been heard further from Bell House about the greenhouse so we will consider this as NFA. New requests have come from the Dulwich Wood School Federation and the London Wildlife Trust. LWT have been invited to submit a list of options for us to consider. After discussion it was agreed that exceptionally we would offer Dulwich Wood Primary School £500 for books (to provide multiple copies for three forms). **Action: RL to prepare a cheque and SB to notify the school.**

Consultations and Planning

Dulwich Hamlet Football Club has put together a new proposal which is currently being consulted on. A planning application will be made in due course.

Eastlands Crescent – The Society has submitted an objection to the development scheme. An additional and separate comment is to be made on the Eastlands Crescent trees – oak and chestnut trees

Traffic and Transport

Coach re-routing – The work has been agreed but is delayed due to Thames Water works taking priority.

AIH referred to section 6 of his report on a possible walkabout by Colin Davis on streetscapes in the spring if there is sufficient interest.

Other Dulwich Issues:

There continue to be serious problems in Dulwich with youth-on-youth crime. The Society remains involved with the SN Panel to identify solutions, press for action and help publicise warnings to residents. Lambeth and Southwark police teams are about to be merged which means teams will have to move locations. Our MP has met the local police commander and heads to discuss school pupil safety. **Post-Meeting Note: Three Schools officers have been appointed and additional police resources have been allocated to patrol the youth crime hotspots. Burglaries, car crime and robberies continue but there is news of arrests. Three of the four Dulwich ward teams will be located at Gipsy Hill Police Station by March 2019.**

Additions/Points arising from Reports/Any other business

DM asked whether there is a definition of membership in the Society's constitution and if household membership gives entitlement to one or two votes. It was agreed it wasn't clear. **Action: SB to investigate and refer back to DM to decide how to proceed.**

Date of next meeting – 4th March 2019 7.30pm, St Barnabas Library

Sue Badman, Secretary – The Dulwich Society

Executive Meeting Dates 2019

13th May, 8th July, 9th September, 4th November (7.30pm, St Barnabas Library).

2019 AGM – Tuesday 7th May, 7.30pm for 8pm, Crown & Greyhound.

Appendix 1

Executive Committee - Declarations of Interest as at 1 January 2019

Ian McInnes – Friends of Dulwich Picture Gallery (Chairman), Dulwich Village and Dulwich Wood Ward (new names post May 2018) Safer Neighbourhood Panels (Member + Deputy Chair of DV SNP).

Sue Badman - Dulwich Events Partnership (Member & DS rep), Safe Routes to School Group (Attendee)

Diana McInnes – Dulwich and District U3A Executive Committee (Member).

David Beamish – Parish of St Barnabas, Dulwich (PCC Member), Dulwich Deanery Synod (Hon. Secretary), Southwark Diocesan Synod (Member), Friends of Dulwich Picture Gallery (Committee Member)

Alastair Hanton - Southwark Living Streets (Member), Dulwich and West Norwood Climate Change Coalition (Member), Son Angus Hanton is a Trustee of Bell House.

Adrian Hill – Camberwell & District Allotment Society, Stradella and Springfield Residents' Association (Immediate Past President and current committee member), Friends of Crystal Palace Subway (DS rep), Abbeyfield Dulwich Society Ltd (Trustee and Executive Committee Member).