

Dulwich Society Executive 523rd Meeting Monday 13th May 2019

7.30pm at St Barnabas Centre – Minutes

Attendees: Ian McInnes (IMcI), Patsy Bramble (PB), Brian Green (BG), David Beamish (DB), Bernard Nurse (BN), Jeremy Prescott (JP), Angela Wilkes (AW), Adrian Hill (AdH), Russell Lloyd (RL), Kenneth Wolfe (KW)

(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), Sue Badman (Secretary)).

Apologies: Colin Niven (CN), Sue Badman (SB), Diana McInnes (DM), David Roberts (DR) Alastair Hanton (AH)

Declarations of Interest

See Appendix 1. Addition from David Beamish:

Delete “PCC Member” at Parish of St Barnabas, Dulwich and replace with “Deputy Churchwarden”

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

Matters Arising not covered elsewhere: None

DS Matters and Events

- a) Rosebery Lodge. IMcI reported that Southwark are aware that DS do not wish a further lease when the existing lease ends and that U3A were likely to take the lease. An allowance has been made in case of delapidations ; DS might agree to pay a nominal rental for the post cart; JP to check if Postal Museum are interested.
- b) Review of AGM and issues arising; 35 members attended the AGM at the Crown & Greyhound , as against 80 last year . Cost of wine and nibbles was £310.55 – no cost for the room. Cost of purchasing speaker and 2 microphones was £154. It was thought that holding AGM the day after a bank holiday may be a factor in the reduced number of attendees.
- c) Members’ Party 2019: Date is June 11th 2019 at DPG. 150 tickets on sale at £6 each (100 through Eventbrite and 50 available at The Art Stationers); Event to be publicised in the Journal and in the e-newsletter. BG has arranged a group of singers at a cost of £150.
- d) Date of 2020 AGM

It was agreed that the date for next year’s AGM should be April 27th 2020; SB to arrange venue.

Treasurer’s Report

RL’s report was circulated. Figures on RL’s summary showed the position as at 24 April 2019. DS funds total £60,982. More funds should be placed on interest bearing deposit if possible.

a) Online Payments Progress.

IMCl and RL to meet early June to discuss. The matter is urgent

Licensing

a) Luna Kids Cinema – Dulwich Park

Licence granted; No change to location in the Park or to the dates or numbers of screenings daily despite representations from DS and residents in Court Lane. Speakers to be positioned to minimise nuisance to Court Lane residents.

b) Dulwich Picture Gallery update:

Since the Licensing Sub-Committee hearings in March, inaccurate Notices of Decision of the Licensing Sub Committee have been issued on 4 occasions, the latest being on 10th May. This latest Notice imposes detailed conditions on the number and times at which licensable activities can be held outdoors but still leaves in doubt whether the Café may serve alcohol to customers seated outside the café building. DPG have 30 days in which to appeal to the Magistrates Court if the Sub Committee refuse to reconsider the point!

c) Outdoor Events Consultation

PB attended the Consultation Meeting on March 20; PB and SB both completed the detailed on-line questionnaire. Results of consultation due end May.

d) Late Night Levy Consultation

Southwark has launched a 12 week consultation of whether a levy, based on premises rateable value, should be levied on all premises serving or selling alcohol after midnight. Proceeds of levy to be used to monitor/police Southwark's night time economy. It is estimated that the levy might raise approximately £420,000 annually. It was agreed that PB on behalf of DS should submit a representation supporting the introduction of a levy.

Dulwich Estate

IMCl and SB attended a pre-surgery meeting with the Estate on 13th May.

- Paul Chater has left; Daniel Watney LLP will manage the commercial side in the short term.
- Scheme of Management Office to be relocated to main building; the use of the Old Grammar School is not decided but it will not be let commercially;
- Concern raised about the number of empty shop premises in the Village and West Dulwich, which impacts on successful operation of existing businesses – eg Proud Sow;
- DE understand Simply Fresh will start fitting out premises soon, but could not say when;
- Some interest has been shown in former Barclays Bank premises;
- Mimosa has handed back the keys to premises in Herne Hill;
- Half Moon Food and Wine rent has risen from £[REDACTED] to £[REDACTED] per annum;
- Grove Tavern: DE have reached an understanding with Southwark regarding which part(s) of the land DE will retain; Southwark have conceded that the future use of the main building will not be as a public house.

The Advisory Group takes place on 11 June and IMCl will be leading the Society team. If there are any new queries, please let IMCl know.

Society Grants

Requests

- £500 towards a defibrillator to be located at Bell House, with the balance of funding being provided by the proceeds of a Community First Aid course and matched funding from a private individual. Bell House will provide upkeep for the equipment. It was suggested that a notice identifying location of the defibrillators be put in the window of the Chemist in the Village;
- up to £5,000 towards a series of community events (walks etc, £2,670) and further works (£2,330) by the London Wildlife Trust in Dulwich & Sydenham Hill Wood. Agreed to make a grant of £2,330 for the further works and that JP should ask for further details about the community events, walks etc.
- £505.20 for ExitBurbage sign.
- £520 for repairs to two benches was agreed.
- Full details of progress with current CGS projects and funding awarded for the FY2019/2020 is given in the Chair's report.
- BG raised possibility of sponsoring a survey of sports grounds in Dulwich with a view to trees being planted near the perimeter – cost of trees could be covered by crowd-funding. Agreed this item should go on agenda for next meeting;
- It was suggested that a notice inviting applications for grants be placed on the Notice Board in the Village;

Consultations and Planning

- a. The New Southwark Plan

No action unless the Planning and Architecture Group can report on the Plan.
DR's report was considered.

Traffic and Transport

- a. CPZ consultations

IMCl reported that the CPZ in East Dulwich is unlikely to go ahead in its entirety – the only interest for the idea coming from area around Melbourne Grove and the roads near East Dulwich station.

- b. Dulwich and Belair Parks – New Car Park Charges

DS has commented on the implications of introducing car parking charges in these Parks

- c. Low Traffic Neighbourhood Consultation now called “ Our Healthy Streets”

TfL funding has been made available for consultation on how to reduce impact of traffic in Dulwich Village and East Dulwich. Consultation period continues to 7th June.

- d. Dulwich Village Monitoring Report and public meeting

Display at the Village junction to be held 14th May (including Healthy Streets displays) and a consultation meeting on May 22nd.

Other Dulwich Issues:

a. Local crime and police response update

Details of the current situation about crime and arrests are provided in the Chair's report. There has been a worrying increase in youth crime/muggings in the Village, particularly near Gilkes Crescent; also problems with tramps and vagrants near Herne Hill station. Next Village Safer Neighbourhoods Meeting is on May 15th which Helen Hayes MP will attend.

Additions/Points arising from Reports/Any other business

JP reported that an edition of Gardeners Question Time may be recorded in Dulwich, date to be ascertained. Venue could be Alleyn's School.

DB reported that an Open Day was being held at the Orchard on May 18th.

Date of next meeting – 8th July 2019 7.30pm, St Barnabas Library

Patsy Bramble – The Dulwich Society

Executive Meeting Dates 2019

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

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Appendix 1

Executive Committee - Declarations of Interest as at 12th May 2019

(changes since last meeting are underlined).

Ian McInnes – Friends of Dulwich Picture Gallery (Chairman); Dulwich Village and Dulwich Wood Ward 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 (Deputy Churchwarden); Dulwich Deanery Synod (Hon. Secretary); Southwark Diocesan Synod (Member); Friends of Dulwich Picture Gallery (Committee Member); Member of the Southwark Diocesan Council of Trustees and of its Audit and Risk Committee; Volunteer at Dulwich Picture Gallery.

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 (Committee Member); Friends of Crystal Palace Subway (DS rep); Abbeyfield Dulwich Society Ltd (Trustee and Executive Committee Member).