

Dulwich Society Executive 524th Meeting Monday 8th July 2019

7.30pm at St Barnabas Centre – Minutes

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

(Executive Reports previously circulated by Ian McInnes (Chair), Diana McInnes (Membership), Jeremy Prescott (Gardens), Bernard Nurse (Local History), Licensing (Patsy Bramble), Traffic & Transport (Alastair Hanton), David Roberts (Planning & Architecture), Sue Badman (Secretary)).

Apologies: Russell Lloyd (RL), Adrian Hill (AdH), Brian Green (BG)

Declarations of Interest

See Appendix 1. DM and DB reported changes. DM is no longer a Dulwich & District U3A Committee member and DB recently joined the Dulwich & District U3A Committee.

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

Matters Arising not covered elsewhere: BG proposed at the May executive meeting a survey of trees on sports grounds with a view to using DEFRA Urban Tree Funds or GLA funds to sponsor new trees on the perimeter – BG not present, **Trees committee will investigate this further.**

DS Matters and Events

- a) Rosebery Lodge. The U3A will take over the lease and the Society has advised the U3A regarding its insurance policy. All archive material and DS property is being removed from the Lodge except for the post cart. IMcI is still waiting to hear about dilapidation costs from Southwark. **Action: With IMcI**
- b) Post Cart – the committee must determine the future of the post cart. Options include:
 - The Postal Museum does not accept items for long term loan, and only has a modest budget for acquisitions. They would consider accepting the cart as a donation which would require us to transfer the title to the museum, but we could set conditions for return of the cart if the museum decided to dispose of the cart at a future date.
 - KW has offered to store the cart in his garage, but it is unknown whether the cart will fit in the space available.
 - IMcI has asked Angus Hanton whether there is scope for the cart to be displayed securely at Bell House.
 - We can leave the cart at Rosebery Lodge and pay a rental fee to the U3A.

The meeting discussed the options above and other ideas for storage/display in Dulwich and elsewhere in London. It was agreed to defer a final decision until Bell House report back. A concern was raised about the condition of the cart and the need for it to be protected to ensure there is no further deterioration. **Action: IMcI/BG/KW by next meeting**

- c) Review of Members' Party, 11 June 2019. Attendees were 85 vs 150 capacity. Expenditure was £632.64 and income of £447.12 after Eventbrite fees, incurring a shortfall of £185.22. The event was affected by rain and the madrigal group performed inside the Linbury Room.

Committee feedback was that it had been a good party; the madrigal group music was appreciated; the Society suggests that weatherproofing be included in future pavilion designs; ensure marketing/promotion is better aligned with our enewsletter and journal publication dates; be wary of selecting the DPG pavilion so early in the season – it was completed a matter of days before the event; and consider appointing a member responsible for event co-ordination to alleviate the overheads on the Executive committee.

- d) Society Insurance – After protracted discussions with the Society insurance brokers (Jelf), the insurance cover for trustees' management liability was increased to £1 million and the annual premium has been paid. It was agreed that the liability level will be reviewed again next year at renewal time. Note this is on the basis that the Society is an Unincorporated Charitable Organisation.

Treasurer's Report

No report was received as RL is away. There has been progress on online payments, and these should be fully operational soon.

Licensing and events

The Dulwich Picture Gallery licence decision notice has still not been published. A further meeting is due this week to resolve outstanding matters.

The Committee agreed that we would not submit a comment on the Papa John's licence application.

Southwark has published the results of its outdoor events consultation, but this is unlikely to materially affect the number of large commercial events in the parks. Southwark will in future publish tailored advice including number and size of events for each park location.

Dulwich Estate

The minutes of the June Advisory Group meeting were circulated with the Chair's report.

Several committee members attended the exhibitions in Dulwich Village and West Dulwich on 4th and 6th July outlining proposals for the retail areas. The details are available on the Dulwich Estate website www.thedulwichestate.org.uk. The events were well attended by residents. The new schemes could help improve the retail offer. Some concern has been raised about the number of cafes and restaurants, and while the open piazzas are a novel idea, more could be done now to improve the appearance of the areas in front of the shops. Loss of parking spaces especially in West Dulwich is a concern. Society members have been encouraged to feedback individual comments on the schemes.

The Village Orchard is to open officially on 1st September. A trail with new information boards will be installed shortly across Dulwich and an Edward Alleyn & Dulwich Estate exhibition will be held over the summer in the Linbury Room at the Gallery.

IMCl is getting quotes for repairs of the white posts and chains in College Road from the contractor who fixed the benches. **Action: IMCl**

Society Grants

Requests

- The Bell House defibrillator is to be unveiled in the next week;
- Agreed £200 to support a Safe Routes to School event at City Hall on 16th September;
- Agreed £3000 towards a green screen at the Dulwich Village Infants School;
- Agreed £200 towards plants outside the Croxted Road GP surgery
- Dulwich Hamlet Archive – new request. Ian and Bernard to talk to the school head to establish what the requirement is.
- St Barnabas Parish Hall front entrance area - In principle the Society is willing to contribute to restoration of the front entrance area of the Parish Hall, but we will need to see quotations for the work and confirmation of how St Barnabas church and PCC wish to proceed.
- ‘Striding Man’ Sculpture at Charter School North Dulwich – it was agreed the Society would send a letter in support of the school’s Heritage Lottery Fund bid but not donate any funding. The Society paid for an expert assessment of the school mural and to date no action has yet been taken to restore it. We see this as a priority and it needs following up.
- IMCl has agreed to fund 50% of a rivulet/lake survey in Dulwich Park – sum to be confirmed.
- No further update on London Wildlife Trust funding request
- Full details of progress with current CGS projects and funding awarded for the FY2019/2020 is given in the Chair’s report.

Action: IMCl and SB to inform applicants and arrange the payments.

Consultations and Planning

- a. Walworth Library/Southwark Heritage Centre. Southwark Council wants to build a new library and heritage centre on the Walworth Road which would house heritage collections, archives, and provide library services. The consultation has finished and a design for the new centre will be published later in 2019.

Traffic and Transport

- a. Our Healthy Streets. The Society is now closely involved with this Southwark Scheme and is part of the stakeholder group and working party to examine solutions to low traffic neighbourhoods in Dulwich. Southwark will be reporting back on the first stage of consultation in the autumn. **Action: IMCl, SB and AIH**
- b. Railway Station improvements. Funding from the Rail Passenger Benefit Fund has been made available for station improvements and the next Traffic and Transport committee meeting will be considering a list of improvements for East Dulwich and North Dulwich stations (not Herne Hill station who will get money from other benefit schemes). **Action: AIH**

Other Dulwich Issues:

- a. Local crime and police response updates are covered in the Chair’s report.
- b. The community councils have metamorphosed into “Empowering Communities” and there will now be Area forums twice a year and intervening ward meetings on local issues. A South Area Forum meeting took place on 24 June and this now includes the South Camberwell ward.

- c. Missing fingerposts – **Action to follow up with Southwark - IMcl**
- d. New Health Centre – on target for opening in 2020. There is now a competition for a name for the centre and artists are being sought to produce artwork for the centre.

Additions/Points arising from Reports/Any other business

DR reported that Peckham Town Football Club on Dulwich Common - permission has been granted for floodlights and new signage subject to conditions on hours of use and new tree planting. There are concerns about wildlife, building on MOL and on a conservation area at the site and AW will write to DR about the issues. **Action: AW**

AW also raised that the DE look aesthetically at external aspects of properties but do not consider climate change aspects or mitigation in their guidelines, and this needs to be taken up with the Estate consultant architect. **Action: DR**

KW reported that the series of Gallery contextual lectures continues in 2020 and it is hoped Roger Scruton, Simon Jenkins, Martin Rees, Melvyn Bragg will feature amongst others.

BG reported by email that the Journal has lost four advertisers who each took one sixth of a page - three due to retirement. BG has successfully 'let' the vacant space. All other advertisers appear secure. The Committee took note and congratulated Brian on his efforts regarding advertisers.

IMcl and BN are preparing for a Sunray Estate event relating to the centenary of social housing in 1919 'Homes fit for Heroes'. There will be an event later in 2019 and an exhibition at Bell House.

DB mentioned tree data. Southwark recently conducted a survey of all their trees with Tree Preservation Orders in Dulwich – **Action: IMcl will forward email to DB**, and DB to explore with the Estate what tree surveying they have done.

Date of next meeting – 9th September 2019 7.30pm, St Barnabas Library

Sue Badman – The Dulwich Society

Executive Meeting Dates 2019

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

2020 AGM – Monday 27th April 2020. Venue to be confirmed.

Appendix 1

Executive Committee - Declarations of Interest as at 8 July 2019

(including changes at July meeting).

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 – no longer a Dulwich and District U3A 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, Dulwich & District U3A 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 (Committee Member); Friends of Crystal Palace Subway (DS rep); Abbeyfield Dulwich Society Ltd (Trustee and Executive Committee Member).