

Dulwich Society Executive 526th Meeting Monday 4th November 2019 7.30pm at St Barnabas Centre – Minutes

Attendees: Ian McInnes (IMcI), Patsy Bramble (PB), David Beamish (DB), Colin Niven (CN), Sue Badman (SB), David Roberts (DR), Adrian Hill (AdH), Brian Green (BG), Diana McInnes (DM), Jeremy Prescott (JP), Kenneth Wolfe (KW).

(Executive Reports previously circulated by Ian McInnes (Chair), Diana McInnes (Membership), Jeremy Prescott (Gardens), Bernard Nurse (Local History), Licensing (Patsy Bramble), Travel & Environment (Alastair Hanton), David Roberts (Planning & Architecture), David Beamish (Trees)).

Apologies: Russell Lloyd (RL), Alastair Hanton (AH), Angela Wilkes (AW), Bernard Nurse (BN)

Declarations of Interest

See Appendix 1. New – David Beamish reported he was now a volunteer at the Dulwich Village Infants School.

Minutes of Previous Meeting: Corrections made to list of attendees and reports (Brian Green, David Beamish, Jeremy Prescott). The Minutes were agreed and signed.

Matters Arising not covered elsewhere: None

DS Matters

- a) Remembrance Service at the Dulwich Hospital, 8th November. Wreaths ordered. KW and BG will represent the Society at the service.
- b) Charity Commission – Trustees' Annual Report approved. The Report, Accounts and Annual Return have been submitted by due deadline and trustees' details updated.
- c) Post Cart (See July and September Exec minutes for further information). DE CEO Simone Crofton has told BG she is unsure that the Old Grammar School will be a suitable location. Further investigation needed into options. In the meantime, the cart will stay where it is at Rosebery Lodge. **Action: Agreed KW to continue investigate options and logistics. Note: Set aside £2000 for repairs and moving the cart.**
- d) Dates of 2020 Executive Meetings – **Agreed** – 27th Jan, 9 Mar, 11 May, 13 Jul, 14 Sep, 9 Nov 2020. **Action: SB to arrange venues for the meetings – St Barnabas and Crown & Greyhound for the AGM.**

Society Policies

- a) Complaints Policy – comments received from Jeremy Prescott. **Action: SB - the policy will be revised and presented at January 2020 Executive.**
- b) Conflict of Interest Policy – no comments received.
- c) Risk Assessment Policy - for reflection and discussion at a future meeting. DB suggested extra column for RAG status.
- d) Safeguarding Policy – Several sets of comments received. It was agreed the draft safeguarding policy as presented was unsuitable. We need a general Safeguarding Policy and a separate Health & Safety policy which covers risk assessment for events. Regarding safeguarding, it was noted that SB and DB have DBS Certificates. **Action: SB to revise and**

present a safeguarding policy at the January Executive for approval. SB also to review what policy is required for events and report back to Executive.

e) Reserves Policy – included in the Trustees’ Annual Report and agreed.

f) Investment Policy – **Action: JP to review with RL and present at the January Executive for approval**

It was agreed policies will be published on the Society website. **Action: SB**

Treasurer’s Report

The report was circulated. RL not in attendance. **Action: SB to ask RL how much is left in the Mary Boast Fund.**

Licensing and events

It was agreed we will not object to the three new licence applications as per PB’s report. The Licensing Sub-Committee has agreed to grant the premises licence to Belair House but the draft hearing notice has still not been finalised. Cllr Newens is following up.

No further information on the Licensing website upgrade – PB will follow up with Cllr Simmons.

Dulwich Estate

IMCl presented an update on the 4th November meeting with the Dulwich Estate. There is still no news about the future of the Grove Tavern.

The Advisory Group is due to meet in November and the Executive discussed the role of the Society regarding the Advisory Group. There is a view that the Advisory Group role now seems limited and we are not making much headway on issues such as enforcement. Due to confidentiality requirements, we can no longer discuss individual properties. Members are unhappy about the large construction projects causing inconvenience to neighbours, the poor response from the SOM office and individual licence decisions - little progress has been made in addressing these concerns. **Action: It was agreed that i) IMCl would circulate the Advisory Group queries, agenda and minutes from the last meeting ii) all Executive Members to circulate views on the Society role and iii) DB will summarise views and possible ways forward in a note for consideration by Executive.**

Society Grants

Requests

- St Barnabas Parish Hall front entrance area – Agreed that DS will provide up to £1000 and letter of support for CGS bid. **Action: Clarification on VAT is required - JP**
- Dulwich Hamlet Archive - £1000 approved in principle from the Mary Boast Fund.
- Dulwich Park - Will Walpole, the Park Manager, has asked DPF to submit a CGS bid for relocating a path and gate in the wildlife conservation area to save the removal of 3 huge English Oaks likely to be each over 250 years old. It has been agreed that subject to CGS, DS will contribute £2500 alongside Southwark Trees Dept £5000, Dulwich Park Friends £2500, Southwark CGS funds £5000.
- 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.

Consultations and Planning

- a. Cox's Bridge Oak Trees – DB has lent the Trees Committee's support to the campaign to save the two old oak trees by the Cox's Walk footbridge. Post-Meeting Note: The tree felling has been put on hold pending a further investigation of the options for the trees and consultation.
- b. 29 Eastlands Crescent – still no final decision but it is rumoured a delegated decision will be made.
- c. Alleyn's Junior School Extension – The Society submitted an objection on the grounds of traffic and pollution, and conflict with the OHS scheme.
- d. Kingswood Estate – The Kingswood Leaseholders and Residents' group are objecting to the implementation of external cladding and seeking support from the Society. There are more than 100 leaseholders. The cladding project is currently being reviewed by the Council scrutiny committee. DR is in correspondence with the residents' group.

Travel and Environment

- a. Our Healthy Streets. The Society continues to be 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. Further meetings and workshops envisaged in the new year for phase 3. The Phase 2 results will be released before the end of 2019 or early 2020.
Action: IMcl, SB and AIH
- b. The coach re-routing is expected to start later in November.

Other Dulwich Issues:

- a. Local crime and police response updates are covered in the Chair's report and e-newsletter. Burglary is up as is motor vehicle crime. Theft of catalytic converters is an issue. Much local concern about the levels of crime. All local SNPs are meeting on 20 November to share knowledge and consider a way forward.
- b. The South Area Forum is due to meet on 19 November to enable CGS pitches to be heard by the councillors (Post-Meeting Note: Postponed due to General Election)

Additions/Points arising from Reports/Any other business

The new Dulwich Village and Woodyard Lane Residents' Association (DVWRA) is now up and running, and being active. The DVWRA has asked about the archives of its forerunner, the Dulwich Village Preservation Society. The Village Copse was planted at the northern end of the West Lawns, close to the Francis Peek Centre in Dulwich Park in memory of the Preservation Society. The DS does not appear to hold the archives. **Action: SB to contact Andrew Rutherford for further information.**

Date of next meeting – 27th January 2020 7.30pm, St Barnabas Library

Sue Badman – The Dulwich Society

Executive Meetings in 2020: 27th Jan, 9 Mar, 11 May, 13 Jul, 14 Sep, 9 Nov – 7.30pm at the St Barnabas Library.

2020 AGM – Monday 27th April 2020. Crown and Greyhound

Appendix 1

Executive Committee - Declarations of Interest as at 4 November 2019

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 (DS rep), Safe Routes to School Group (Attendee)

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; Volunteer at Dulwich Village Infants School.

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).