

Dulwich Society Executive 537th Meeting Monday 18th October 2021 at 7.30pm via Zoom videoconference

Attendees:

President

Kenneth Wolfe

Officers

James Thompson – Chair

Sue Badman– Vice-Chair

Heather Stubbs– Secretary

Russell Lloyd – Treasurer

Committee Members

Diana McInnes – Membership Secretary

Sharon O’Connor (Communications and Media)

Brian Green (Journal Editor)

Sub-Committee Chairs

David Beamish – Trees

Patsy Bramble – Licensing

Ian McInnes– Local History

Jeremy Prescott – Gardens

Penny Stern – Planning and Architecture

Harry Winter – Travel and Environment

Guest (pending proposal to co-opt)

Peter Roseveare (Chair of Wildlife Sub-Committee)

1. Apologies

David Beamish joined the meeting at 8.15pm

2. Register of Interests

See Appendix 1.

Patsy Bramble asked for membership of Sydenham Hill Ridge Neighbourhood Forum to be added. IMCI asked for membership of Dulwich Wood and Dulwich Hill Safer Neighbourhood Panel to be removed.

Action: HS to update the Declarations of Interest List.

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting:

Third paragraph of the item on Future Society Chair to be amended to:

“After discussion of the role and options for Chair, one name emerged as a frontrunner.”

Action: HS to amend the Minutes and email to JT for signing.

4. Matters Arising not covered elsewhere:

The following action points have been completed:

- 3 sets of Sub-Committee Minutes have been posted online with others in the pipeline
- Conflict of Interest Policy published on website and Sub-Committee Chairs are informing their members
- Position of Chair advertised in newsletter and elected at AGM
- The post cart has been successfully moved to Calton Avenue. KW needs to undertake some further work on it. The Post Office has agreed to take the cart where it will be available to be viewed during opening hours. There is also a possibility of it going to the Postal Museum. SO'C suggested local schools may wish to be involved in writing letters to put in it.

Action: KW to inform the Committee of the date for moving the post cart to the Post Office so arrangements can be made for volunteers to move it and to photograph the event.

5. DS Matters

a) AGM Follow-Up

Sustainability in Dulwich (Statement by Chair)

JT said his background is in renewable energy and environmental issues and his aim is to move the Society forward on sustainability. Being green involves change and this can be challenging in an area such as Dulwich, with its unique heritage and architecture. This may make it more difficult to progress rapidly in some areas, but he hoped it may be possible to develop more quickly in other areas. He looked forward to working with PS and the Planning & Architecture Sub-Committee, HW and the Travel & Environment Sub-Committee and the whole Committee to advance sustainability in Dulwich in a way that is consistent with its unique character.

Introduction to new Officers, members and those in new roles

JT welcomed Kenneth Wolfe in his new role as President, Sue Badman in her new role as Vice Chair, Heather Stubbs as the new Secretary, Sharon O'Connor as a new Committee Member with responsibility for Communications and Media, Ian McInnes in his new role as Chair of the Local History Sub-Committee and Penny Stern as Chair of the Planning & Architecture Sub-Committee and looked forward to working with everyone in the new structure. Sue Badman welcomed James Thompson as the new Chairman.

Recognition of service of those standing down or changing roles.

JT said particular thanks were due to those who had stepped down from the Committee altogether: Colin Niven, (the former President), David Roberts, (Planning & Architecture Chair), Angela Wilkes (Wildlife Chair), Adrian Hill (Committee Member) and Bernard Nurse (Chair of

Local History). Bernard will be continuing as a member of the Local History Sub-Committee. JT also thanked Ian McInnes for his long and valued service as Chair, Sue Badman as Secretary and Kenneth Wolfe as Vice Chair and looked forward to working with them in their new roles as Chair of the Local History Committee, Vice Chair and President respectively. Ian McInnes and Diana McInnes were also thanked for the most enjoyable party they held in September for old and new Committee members.

Motion to co-opt Peter Roseveare to the Executive Committee

PR said he had been elected as Chair of the Wildlife Sub-Committee at their recent meeting (the first since lockdown). He has sent the Minutes to SB although they are yet to be approved. He also writes a quarterly article on Wildlife in the Journal.

PR's co-option as a member of the Executive Committee was proposed by SB and seconded by IMcI and unanimously agreed, for approval at the next AGM. PR was welcomed to the Committee.

Verification of results of the online votes at the AGM

HS, together with DMcI, had checked on the eligibility of those voting in the AGM online polls and HS had circulated a table summarising these results. The number voting in favour of each poll, as a percentage of those voting Yes or No (i.e. excluding Abstentions) is as follows:

Poll 1: Approval of Accounts	100%
Poll 2: Re-appointment of Independent Examiner	100%
Poll 3: Appointment of New President	100%
Poll 4: Election of Society Officers	95%
Poll 5: Election of Members of the Executive Committee	93%

The results were approved by the Committee as validated and will be reported in the AGM Minutes and the Journal.

Action: HS to send BG a summary of the results for the Journal.

Minutes of the Dulwich Society AGM held on 14th September 2021

These were approved by the Executive Committee for signature at the next AGM

(DB joined the meeting)

Registration of New Trustees with the Charity Commission

New Trustees will need to complete Trustee self-declaration forms and those no longer Trustees will be removed as Trustees. As this needs to be completed by 31 October, JT stressed the importance of new Trustees completing the paperwork promptly.

Action: HS to email new Trustees the form and update the Charity Commission by 31 October.

Filing of Trustees' Annual Report and Financial Statement for the year ended 31 December 2020 with the Charity Commission

SB said DS is not required to submit an Annual Report this year as revenue is less than £25,000.

Action: HS to submit Annual Return and 2020 Accounts to Charity Commission by 31 October.

b) Rules Review

PB has been researching Rules Reviews undertaken by other Amenity Societies and will work with Hugh Bramble and Philip Kolvin to draw up recommendations for the DS Rules Review, taking into consideration the recommendations made by David Cianfarani at the AGM. HW's recommendation that the Rules include support for action against climate change at macro and local level was noted by PB.

Action: PB to bring first draft of recommendations for Rules Review to the next Executive Committee meeting. JT to initiate discussions about Society objectives and how they should be incorporated into the Rules.

c) Society Rebranding – Logo

S O'C outlined two options:

(i) To ask the designer who had prepared several options for consideration at the last meeting to develop one or more of these options (Cost £100)

(ii) To commission a full service Graphic Designer to develop a logo including electronic files (Cost £840).

The Committee decided option (ii) was worth the additional cost as it is essential to have a digital version of the logo. The Treasurer approved this decision.

Action: S O'C to draw up a specification for the Graphic Designer to include the number of alternative logos which will be prepared.

d) Society Website

JT, SB and S O'C have been working with the webmaster to develop a new website which will be ready by 2022 and will initially run alongside the existing website. It will include more images than the existing website which could draw in a new demographic. The webmaster's monthly fee has increased but he will not charge for the development work.

Action: All members to collect images for the new website. S O'C to prepare a report for Executive Committee on the number of visits the website receives and most popular items.

e) Society Events

The Listening Post event was very successful with over 70 attending and the recording, (both script and acting), KW's speech, BG's talk and Norman Harper's organ recital all being very well-received. BG said the costs were within the budget of £220 for drinks and £50 for the organist.

Actions: KW to send the notes of his speech to the editing group to be included as a link to the e-newsletter. BG to send Norman Harper's email address to JT so he can be thanked.

f) Executive Meetings 2022

All the proposed 2022 Executive Meeting dates were agreed as follows: 10 January, 14 March, 25 April (AGM), 9 May, 11 July, 12 September, 14 November.

JT anticipated that future meetings would be in person unless there were strong objections. DMcl and HW noted that it had been previously agreed that there would be one winter and 1 summer meeting in person and the rest on Zoom. It was agreed that St Barnabas Library was not a suitable venue as the ventilation is poor and there is a choral society rehearsal at the same time. SO'C said Bell House has a number of well-ventilated rooms. It was agreed that if a suitable well-ventilated venue could be identified, the next meeting would take place in person, with Zoom as a fallback.

There was discussion as to whether the meeting on 15 November was required as the current meeting had been delayed. It was agreed that the meeting on 15 November should take place as issues such as the planned rule changes, wildlife, sustainability and events planning need regular monitoring and action.

Action: SB and DMcl to investigate well-ventilated venues for in person meetings. HS to cancel St. Barnabas booking if not required.

g) Alleyn Statue Maintenance

SB has commissioned the maintenance work for the statue with the Foundry.

Action: SB to keep the Committee informed of progress on the Alleyn Statue Maintenance.

6. Treasurer's Report

RL displayed the accounts on screen and reported there was just under £52,000 in the two accounts (Barclays and COIF). BG said that an unidentified sum of £25 was a donation following a tour he had conducted. There had been donations to the Horniman Museum, Catherine Savage (for Wheels for Wellbeing) and Mais House. Income has come mainly from subscriptions with some from advertising. Payments were listed with dates. Overall, income to date is just under £22,000, expenditure £14,000 and donations £750 so there is provision to make further expenditure.

SO'C said the Society has a spare hard drive which is no longer required.

SB reported she has cancelled the Zoom Large Room subscription as we have no requirement for meetings up to 500. Zoom Pro (up to 100 people) costs £11.99 a month or the equivalent of £9.99 a month for an annual subscription. It was agreed to pay the annual subscription for the time being in view of continuing health concerns.

Action: SB to purchase Zoom Pro on an annual basis. RL to add JT and remove IMcl from bank mandates.

7. Consideration of Applications for Society Grants

JP reported that the Hanton family are pleased with the proposal for a bicycle rack in Dulwich Square as a tribute to Alistair Hanton. The design which has been circulated would cost £2000

for one end piece in the shape of a bicycle and 1 hoop plus fixture (arranged through the Council). This expenditure was approved, subject to further discussions with the Hanton family. SB is progressing the request for a blue plaque for Alistair through Southwark Council.

HS said the Grants list has been updated to include the final Listening Post costs and £150 for Wheels for Wellbeing. JP is waiting for Sydenham Woods to come back with their requirements for refurbishment of the path.

JT is in discussions with BT regarding adoption of the telephone box in Dulwich Village at a notional cost of £1 and is also talking to a charity which distributes defibrillators. He said this was urgent as BT may cease the adoption scheme soon. It was agreed that the adoption should proceed quickly prior to any decision about the use to which the Telephone box will be put.

Action: JP to speak further with the Hanton family. JT to progress discussions with BT. All members to consider alternative uses for the telephone box.

8. Licensing and Events

PB reported no premises licenses applications since the last meeting. There may be applications for pavement licenses which go through the Highways rather than the Licensing Department. Only 5 days are allowed for comments and the licenses must be renewed annually. Gail's has recently asked for space for 15 tables and 30 chairs but the deadline for comment has passed.

There continues to be some concern about events in Crystal Palace Park.

Action: All members to watch out for pavement licence applications and keep the Committee informed.

9. Consultation/Planning

PS had circulated a list of planning applications and reported that the number is decreasing. The appeal for a phone mast at Dulwich Wood Park has been dismissed and an application for a phone mast on Dulwich Common has been refused. There are no new applications for masts.

The Estate's Architect has been replaced by a Consultant Surveyor.

JT said there were proposals for changes to the process by which the Estate grants licences.

It was noted that further guidelines are needed on Heat Pumps both in terms of positioning and noise.

JT is encouraging Dulwich Estate to progress their Green Strategy and has offered support.

HW noted that a variety of DS members had raised concerns regarding the display of green and white campaign boards and had asked the Dulwich Society to discuss the consistent application of SoM rules with the Dulwich Estate.

Action: SB to raise with Dulwich Estate

10. Travel & Environment

a) Dulwich LTN Review

It was reported that a protest in Dulwich Village against the proposed traffic measures had been largely peaceful but some pro LTN individuals were personally targeted and graffiti appeared on some of the planters.

Action: The editing group to circulate a draft entry for the e-newsletter expressing the Society's concern.

b) Santander Bike Scheme

HW reported the Travel and Environment Sub-Committee unanimously supported the introduction of a Santander bike scheme at local stations and the modal filter at Calton Avenue. Whilst there was support in principle, concerns were raised on aesthetic grounds, on the issue of placing a bike stand outside residential housing and on the space required for the docking station and delivery vehicles, given the need to maintain pavement of a minimum of 1.8m width. JT said the Society is not in a position to make an application at present, but this could form part of the Co-Design process which has been flagged in Southwark's consultation exercise.

Action: HW to circulate a draft to Executive Committee of a note to Southwark requesting that DS be involved in the Co-Design process, asking how this will operate and whether a Santander bike scheme could be considered as part of this process.

c) Vision Zero

HW said the main objective of Vision Zero is to eliminate all fatalities and serious injuries on roads. The 5 main targets are: Safer Speeds, Safer Streets, Safer Vehicles, Safer Behaviour and improved Post Collision Response. It was agreed these were all objectives which should be supported. JT said the Committee should consider this further and asked HW to circulate information on Vision Zero and for a link to be included in the e-newsletter.

Action: HW to circulate information on Vision Zero. The editing group to include an item on Vision Zero in the next e-newsletter with a link to their website.

11. Dulwich Estate Advisory Committee

JT has been in discussion with the Estate's Chair and it has been agreed that the current DS representatives on the Advisory Committee (JP and SB) will remain in place for the November meeting.

Action: The Committee to review DS Membership of the Dulwich Estate Advisory Committee in time for the March meeting.

12. Other Dulwich issues and points from Sub-Committee Reports, AOB

a) Reports from Officers and Sub-Committees

Reports were received from the Chair and Vice-Chair.

It was agreed that Executive Committee Minutes and all Sub-Committee Minutes should be posted on the website, once agreed by the relevant Committee, but there was no requirement for Sub-Committee reports to the Executive to be placed on the website.

b) Marking Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee in 2022

It was agreed the Society should mark the Platinum Jubilee. Suggestions included planting a tree, a Tree Trail and a party.

Actions: All members to consider ideas for the Platinum Jubilee by the next meeting.

c) Recycling bin by burial ground

There was no progress to report– to be discussed at the next meeting.

d) Archiving

SB has prepared a list of items to be archived and Bernard Nurse has established that Southwark Archives are willing to store DS archives and make them available to interested parties. HS will collate the archives once a definitive list has been established.

Action: SB, BG, HS and SO'C to draw up a set of Archiving Guidelines for Sub-Committees.

e) Location of the Stocks Stone

Aquinna Homes has offered to relocate the stocks stone to premises in Beaconsfield during the works. The archivist at Dulwich College has also offered to store it. It was agreed that it would be preferable to have the stone stored locally. Aquinna has offered the stocks stone a permanent home close to its current location after the build is completed. It could also be moved to the burial ground.

Action: SB to speak to Aquinna Homes about moving the stocks stone to Dulwich College.

13. Date of Next Meeting: Monday 15th November at 7.30pm. Location to be decided.

The meeting ended at 9.55pm

Heather Stubbs, Secretary – The Dulwich Society

J C Thompson

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Appendix 1

Executive Committee - Register of Interests (as of 18 October 2021)

James Thompson (Chair):

- Amenity society member of the Advisory Committee of the Scheme of Management of The Dulwich Estate
- Chairman of the committee of the Stradella and Springfield Residents Association (Stradella and Winterbrook Roads and parts of Burbage Road and Half Moon Lane)
- Honorary Independent Examiner of the Dulwich Festival
- Anne, my spouse, is the Bursar of Herne Hill School

Heather Stubbs (Secretary) – Member of Dulwich Picture Gallery Friends Advisory Panel and organiser of Walks and Tours for Friends of Dulwich Picture Gallery

Ian McInnes – Son Tim McInnes is Chair of the Herne Hill Velodrome Trust.

Diana McInnes - Son Tim McInnes is Chair of the Herne Hill Velodrome Trust.

David Beamish – Parish of St Barnabas, Dulwich (Deputy Churchwarden); Dulwich Deanery Synod (Hon. Secretary); Southwark Diocesan Synod (Member); Member of the Southwark Diocesan Council of Trustees and Vice-Chair of the Diocesan Board of Finance; Volunteer at Dulwich Picture Gallery; Dulwich & District U3A Committee Member; Volunteer at Dulwich Village Infants School.

Harry Winter – Vice-Chair, Herne Hill Forum; “Mums for Lungs” (member); Safe Routes to School (DS Rep); Springfield and Stradella RA (Committee member responsible for Environment).

Patsy Bramble – Member of Sydenham Hill Ridge Neighbourhood Forum

Penny Stern – Chair of Frank Dixon Way & Close RA

Sharon O’Connor – Trustee of Bell House

Sue Badman and Jeremy Prescott - Dulwich Society-nominated members of the Advisory Committee of the Scheme of Management of the Dulwich Estate

For Information The Trees Sub-Committee has membership of The Woodland Trust and Dulwich Park Friends.