

# Dulwich Society Executive 540th Meeting Monday 14th March 2022 at 7.30pm at Bell House and via Zoom videoconference

Attendees:

## President

Kenneth Wolfe (Zoom)

## Officers

James Thompson – Chair

Sue Badman– Vice-Chair

Russell Lloyd - Treasurer

Heather Stubbs– Secretary

## Committee Members

Diana McInnes – Membership

Sharon O'Connor - Communications and Media (Zoom)

## Sub-Committee Chairs

David Beamish – Trees

Patsy Bramble – Licensing (Zoom)

Ian McInnes – Local History

Jeremy Prescott – Gardens (Zoom)

Penny Stern – Planning and Architecture

Harry Winter – Travel & Environment

## 1. Apologies

Brian Green - Journal Editor

Peter Roseveare – Wildlife

## 2. Register of Interests

See Appendix 1

## 3. Minutes of Previous Meeting:

The Minutes of 10<sup>th</sup> January 2022 were agreed and signed.

**Action: HS to post the Minutes on the website.**

## 4. Matters Arising not covered elsewhere

Item 4: Matters Arising from the Minutes of 15<sup>th</sup> November

DE Two Stage Planning Process: JT/SB reported the DE Two Stage planning process will be introduced on 1<sup>st</sup> April, by which time their Department should be fully staffed.

Collaboration between Wildlife, Gardens and Trees Sub-Committees: DB reported a meeting of the three Chairs had taken place to consider the wilding of Greendale and they were awaiting further collaborative projects.

## Item 5: DS Matters

EV Charging Points: JT has spoken to Helen Hayes and Labour and Conservative Council candidates all of whom are interested in increasing EV charging points.

Recruitment of Sub-Committee members from East Dulwich: IM reported two new Local History Sub-Committee members who are resident in East Dulwich.

Streetspace Review: JT has raised LTN issues with Helen Hayes who has taken note of them.

Advertising Boards contravening the SoM rules: JT and SB have raised this with DE as an amenity issue. DE will review this in June.

### 5. Minutes of SGM on 28<sup>th</sup> June 2021 and appendices

It was agreed there is no requirement to add Declaration of Interests to the SGM Minutes as it was a meeting of members.

The Executive Committee agreed the SGM Minutes for approval by the AGM.

**Action: The draft SGM Minutes to be posted on the AGM page on the website.**

### 6. Matters Arising from the SGM Minutes of 28<sup>th</sup> June 2022

There were no matters arising.

### 7. DS Matters

#### a) Chair's Report

The Chair's Report was received.

- Boundaries Commission: JT and SB have attended a meeting of the Boundaries Commission and reported concerns about excluding West Norwood and Herne Hill and including Sydenham in the Dulwich parliamentary constituency because of existing geographical, transport and civic links and to mitigate negative border issues if the border is co-terminous with the Southwark/Lambeth border.
- LTN - The correspondence on this is reducing. JT and SB have discussed LTN issues with Labour and Conservative council candidates and have approached Lib Dem candidates for a meeting. It was reported that some Sub-Committee members have been the subject of abusive and hostile comments on Twitter in relation to the LTN. The Executive Committee, whilst supporting open and critical debate, condemned any such personal abuse and agreed to address the issue as a matter of urgency. There was discussion about appropriate action.

**Action: JT and designated members of the Committee to consider further action. The Executive Committee to agree a Statement on Unacceptable Behaviour and post this on the website. A condemnation of the behaviour to be issued on Twitter.**

- Local elections – JT reported that DS would not host hustings to maintain impartiality but would publicise the Herne Hill hustings.

- Rules Review - JT said that a paper outlining recommended changes to the Rules had been prepared by a small group and would be circulated to the Committee, following which a Zoom meeting would be scheduled to discuss the recommended rule changes. An SGM will be required to approve them.

**Action: JT to circulate Rules review paper to Executive Committee. HS to schedule a Zoom meeting to discuss this.**

- Adoption of Telephone Box in Dulwich Village - JT reported that the defibrillator has been ordered for the phone box and the donated paint has been received. Volunteers to maintain the phone box will be sought through the newsletter. Although no training is required to use the defibrillator, a demonstration on its use will be made available either through the London Ambulance Service or as a video on the website.

**Action: S'OC to invite volunteers to maintain the phone box in the newsletter**

- White Posts – DE has installed four new white posts in Dulwich Village and more will be installed by DE and LB Southwark in the village and at Five Ways in Half Moon Lane.

b) Vice Chair's Report

- Edward Alleyn Statue – The statue has been waxed and polished and a fresh supply of Smartwater liquid obtained. An estimate for a 3D scan has been requested. SB has met the Met Police concerning security and will also meet DE. It was noted that CCTV technology has improved and CCTV provision is considered essential by the police.
- SB has documented the chronology of the procurement of the statue. DS pays for insurance and maintenance but lacks a legal document of ownership. SB has requested a written statement from DE.
- Aquinna Homes – DS has a good relationship with construction managers who report that work should be completed by early 2023. The Local History Group considers the stocks stone should not be installed into the Aquinna wall, although a view was expressed that it should move to the right hand side of the burial ground gate.
- Cleaner, greener, safer applications – Money has been granted for information boards, volunteer boards and a bicycle rack in Dulwich Village.

c) Rules Review

This item was covered in the Chair's Report.

d) Preparation for 2022 AGM on 9 May

i. Location

The Crown and Greyhound Function Room has been booked for the AGM. A decision will be taken nearer the time concerning whether the meeting should take place on Zoom.

**Action: HS to schedule an AGM dry run at the Crown and Greyhound in the week preceding the AGM. IMCl to bring the microphone.**

ii. Process for notifying members of AGM and Rules Review

The Notice of the AGM was circulated in the Spring Journal and is being publicised in the newsletter and on the website.

**Action: SO'C to promote the AGM in the newsletter**

The Rules Review recommendations will not be ready in time for the AGM so an SGM will be held to agree the Rule changes.

**Action: HS to schedule an SGM once the Rules Review has been approved by the Executive Committee**

iii. Elections

**Action: HS to circulate Nomination Form to Executive Committee to obtain signatures. SO'C to post information about the Nomination Form in the newsletter and on the website.**

iv. Reports from Officers, Sub-Committee Chairs and other Sub-Committee members

Annual Reports from most Sub-Committee Chairs and Executive Committee members have been received.

**Action: Any outstanding Annual Reports from Officers and Sub-Committee Chairs to be sent to SB/HS as soon as possible.**

v. Annual Report and Accounts

**SB/HS to summarise Sub-Committee and Officer Reports and the Accounts into the Annual Report for review by the Executive Committee and circulation at the AGM.**

e) Society Events

DS will hold some events as part of the Dulwich Festival including walks and talks.

Dulwich Society will participate in the House History Hour Tweetalong on 17<sup>th</sup> March from 7-8pm.

IMCl said Local History talks were taking place until May and would recommence in October.

**Action: All Committee members to consider an event to celebrate the Society's 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2023.**

f) Membership

The Membership Secretary's report was received.

g) Policies

Privacy Policy – the revised Privacy Policy was approved.

**Action: HS to post the revised Privacy Policy on the website**

Declarations of Interest – Following discussion, it was agreed that the decision taken at the SGM on 28<sup>th</sup> June to publish all agreed Sub-Committee Minutes on the website would be suspended temporarily in the case of the Travel & Environment Committee as a result of harassment on Twitter of some Sub-Committee members linked to the Minutes.

## 8. Treasurer's Report

The Committee approved the 2021 Accounts. RL thanked JT and JP for their comments on the 2021 Accounts.

Budget reports from the Treasurer were received. RL said net income for 2022 was until recently over £10,000 but was now reduced due to the cost of the defibrillator and other outgoings. The net income would soon be increased by a Gift Aid payment. RL is organising insurance for the Edward Alleyn statue

The funds in the Monmouthshire Building Society are now generating interest.

DB said money should be set aside for the tree to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

**Action: All Members to let RL know of any ideas for expenditure.**

## 9. Consideration of Applications for Society Grants

The Grants List for March 2022 was received.

- i. Tribute to Alistair Hanton – JP reported that the Hanton family has expressed a wish for a bench and has identified a site. Southwark has been helpful about planning but four out of ten neighbours of the site have objected.

**Action: JP to investigate an alternative site for the bench, possibly in Dulwich**

- ii. Sydenham Hill Woods – JP reported that LWT is applying for matched funding to contribute to a target of £50,000 for this year to refurbish paths in Sydenham Hill Woods. They will know by 18<sup>th</sup> March whether they have been successful in obtaining matched funding. Executive Committee has agreed by email a donation of up to £5,000 towards matched funding or the overall target

**Action: DS to publicise the request for donations to attract matched funding in the newsletter and on the website.**

## 10. Communications and Media

The Communications and Media Report was received.

In a discussion concerning increasing membership, suggestions included reaching out to non-members through the newsletter, advertising through estate agents, on East Dulwich Forum and photographing Graham Nash with the Post Cart, (which he refurbished).

## 11. Licensing and Events

The Licensing and Events Sub-Committee report was received.

Members of the Committee were advised of the background to the Application No 876833 made by We Are The Fair Ltd. It was agreed unanimously that the Application should be opposed and that Patsy Bramble be authorised to submit a representation in the terms of the draft produced to the Meeting.

Application No: 876732 - Stephanie's 134a Thurlow Park Road. (See Representation at Appendix 2)

PB reported that the application from Dulwich Hamlet Football Club has been granted subject to legal approvals.

#### 12. Consultation/Planning

The Planning and Architecture Sub-Committee's Report was received.

11 licence applications were commented on in January and 12 in February.

SB said a number of applications received did not provide the necessary information in accordance with the guidelines.

**Action: SB to ask DE to ensure the necessary information is included in applications before they are sent to the P&A Committee.**

#### 13. Travel & Environment

The T&E Sub-Committee Report was received. It was reported that there will be no legal challenge to the LTN. Further discussion of this matter should wait until after the local elections.

#### 14. Local History Sub-Committee

The Local History Sub-Committee Report was received.

#### 15. Gardens Sub-Committee

The Gardens Sub-Committee Report was received.

#### 16. Wildlife Sub-Committee

The Wildlife Committee's Report was received.

#### 17. Trees Sub-Committee

The Trees Sub-Committee Report was received. DB said that BG would be issuing an update of the Silver Jubilee Tree Trail with the Platinum Jubilee edition of the Journal. Dulwich Picture Gallery is enthusiastic about the planting of a DS Platinum Jubilee tree in the grounds of the Gallery. Oliver Stutter at DE has recommended a tree which unfortunately is not available so DB is looking for an alternative. Barcham's (specialist tree suppliers) advise the best time to plant a tree is September/October. Following discussion, the Committee agreed it would be best to plant a tree to coincide with the Platinum Jubilee weekend in June, even if this was not an

optimal time for planting. DB said the cost would be approximately £1000 for the tree (e.g. a small Hornbeam) and a plaque.

**Action: DB to consult a planting expert and purchase a tree.**

18. Dulwich Estate

**Action: SB to circulate Minutes of the DE surgery next week.**

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

KW reported the sad news that Frank Ralph has died. Frank dressed as an 18<sup>th</sup> century postman for a photograph with the Post Cart. His funeral will be held on 7<sup>th</sup> April in Christ's Chapel.

20. Date of Next Meetings:

Zoom meeting to discuss the proposed revision to the Rules: date to be arranged.

Executive Committee: Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm at Bell House.

AGM: Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May at 8pm in the Crown and Greyhound Function Room

The meeting ended at 9.35pm

**Heather Stubbs, Secretary – The Dulwich Society**

**J C Thompson**

**Chair**

**8/5/22**

## **Appendix 1**

### **Executive Committee - Register of Interests (as of 14 March 2022)**

Kenneth Wolfe (President) – Member of the Friends of Dulwich Square

James Thompson (Chair):

- Dulwich Society nominated member of the Advisory Committee of the Scheme of Management of The Dulwich Estate
- Member of the Safer Neighbourhood Panel of Dulwich Village
- 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 (Member); 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); Stradella and Springfield 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

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

### **For Information**

The Dulwich Society is a member of the London Forum

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

The Dulwich Society through the Gardens Sub-committee has affiliated society membership of the Royal Horticultural Society

## **Appendix 2**

Application No : 876732 - Stephanie's 134a Thurlow Park Road

### Summary of Representation

The Applicant has applied for a premises licence for the sale of alcohol and playing of live music. The capacity of the premises is said to be 60 seated and 100 standing.

Current opening hours are 06.30 - 23.30 (Mon-Thurs) 06.30-midnight (Fri-Sat) and 06.30-22.00 (Sun).

Application is for supply of alcohol: 12.00 – 23.00 (Mon-Fri) 10.30-23.00 (Sat) and 10.30-22.00 (Sun) and for live music during the following hours: 11.00-23.00 (Mon-Sat) and 11.00-22.00 (Sun).

Applicant wants premises to open for private parties etc at non standard times.

The Society objects to the Application as submitted, but would however accept the following conditions:

- (i) No live music may be played other than on one Sunday each month between the hours of 12.00 – 15.00.
- (ii) Alcohol may only be sold if is a) served to table and b) ancillary to substantial food.
- (iii) Alcohol may not be sold before 12.00 on Saturdays and Sundays and not after 21.00
- (iv) No parties or promotional events to be held outside standard opening hours.
- (v) Capacity limit to be 60.