



Dulwich Society Executive 546th Meeting Monday 13 March 2023 at 7.30pm at Bell House

Attendees:

President

Kenneth Wolfe

Officers

James Thompson – Chair

Sue Badman – Vice-Chair

Heather Stubbs– Secretary

Sub-Committee Chairs

David Beamish – Trees

Patsy Bramble – Licensing

Peter Roseveare – Wildlife

Penny Stern – Planning and Architecture

Ian McInnes – Local History and Journal Editor

Diana McInnes – Membership Secretary

1. Apologies

Russell Lloyd – Treasurer

Jeremy Prescott – Gardens

Harry Winter – Travel & Environment

2. Register of Interests

Sue Badman (Vice Chair) declared the following interests - Safeguarding Officer and Member of Parochial Church Council, St Simon Zelotes, Chelsea, SW3; also member of Chelsea Safeguarding Group; Teacher of English as a Second Language (Chelsea – part of All Souls Church Free English group); Member of “Re-imagining Herne Hill” working group (Part of the Herne Hill Forum); Member/Attendee of Dulwich Village Ward Safer Neighbourhood Panel.

Peter Roseveare is a member of the Burbage Road Residents Association

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The Minutes of 9th January 2023 were approved and signed by JT.

Action: JT to post the Minutes on the website.

4. Matters Arising not covered elsewhere

Complimentary Journals for local schools – HS will be posting the Spring Journal to 32 local schools this week.

Dulwich Hamlet Football Club development – SB has updated Brian Green and will send a detailed report to Brian.

Wildlife – Batwalk: **Action: PR to investigate a Batwalk as part of the Dulwich Festival**

5. DS Matters

a) Chair's Report

The Chair's Report was received.

Streets for People

JT, SB, and PS's alternate have represented DS at a constructive meeting with LBS and others as part of the consultation with key stakeholders on the public realm. Final phase 3 proposals have not yet been published. LBS have refused to allow the removal of the hazardous Tulip Tree in North Parade.

Editorship of Journal

IM and Claire Richards have commenced work as co-editors of the Journal and the Editorial Committee has had its first meeting. The Committee consists of Alison Venn (Chair), JT, SB, IM, Claire Richards and Sharon O'Connor. It was agreed that terms of reference for the Committee should be developed. IM said the Editorial Committee will have the opportunity to see and comment on the final draft of the Journal prior to publication. The Editorial Committee will manage any complaints.

There have been no expressions of interest in overseeing the Journal's advertising budget and JT is currently managing this. He has issued 14 invoices, of which 6 have been paid to date and all advertisers appear to wish to continue.

Action: Editorial Committee to develop terms of reference.

Rules

JT had circulated proposed new Rules based on the CIO template, taking account of comments from SB, HS, PB and JP and RL. The Objects have not changed. Two further comments were received at the meeting and agreed: a request from JP that the Title of the Society be "The Dulwich Society" and removal of empty Clause 4(4). It was agreed that subject to final checks from PB, the proposed new Rules will be presented at the 2023 AGM, followed by consultation and feedback from members for 6 months, with the final (unamendable) version going to the 2024 AGM for approval.

Action: JT to amend the draft Rules and send to PB for final checks. HS to prepare hard copies for the AGM and post to the website after the AGM.

Defibrillator

JT reported that the graffiti will be painted over and new frames installed. There is a management rota for weekly checks. The defibrillator has not been used yet.

DE Advisory Committee Scheme of Management

The next meeting of the Advisory Committee is on 21 March.

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The new online system for Direct Debits for existing members has been launched. DMCl reported some problems with people signing up twice.

b) Vice Chair's Report

The Vice Chair's report was received.

Aquinna

SB reported that Aquinna needs to know the consecration status of the Burial Ground, but no definitive response has yet been received from the Diocese.

Dulwich Village SNP

Concerns had been raised about a number of robberies involving schoolchildren in Dulwich Village, the need for a greater police presence and lack of progress on making charges.

Dulwich Estate Surgery

Action: SB to ask for a progress report on the Grove Tavern at the next meeting.

c) Preparation for AGM on 24 April

The AGM Notice has appeared in the Spring Journal and been flagged twice in eNews together with a link to the Nomination Form for election to the Committee. The Notice, a link to the Nomination Form, Annual Report and Accounts (when finalised) will be posted on the website.

Several completed Nomination Forms have been received. DMCl will check that all proposers and seconders are paid up members of DS. The full list of nominees, proposers and seconders will be posted on the website after the deadline of 10th April.

It was agreed that voting for Committee members would be in 3 blocks: President, Officers and other members of the Committee. If any position is contested there will be a secret ballot at the AGM.

Action: HS to post on the website the AGM Notice, Link to Nomination Form, Annual Report and Accounts (when available) and list of Nominees (after 10th April). HS to prepare an Attendance List. DMCl to check membership of proposers and seconders.

d) Rules Review

This item was dealt with under the Chair's Report

e) Society events

i) DS 60th Anniversary Party

The Dulwich Society 60th Anniversary Party will take place in the James Caird Hall at Dulwich College from 6.30-8.30pm on Thursday 13th July. The agreement by email of the Executive Committee to a subsidy for the party of £1,000 was minuted.

A "save the date" announcement appeared in the Spring Journal and the event has been promoted in eNews. Sharon O'Connor to post details to the website. JT has set up an Eventbrite account for ticket sales and arrangements will be made for those with no access

to the internet. IMCl has organised a talk on the James Caird and will update the display on the history of Dulwich and the Society over the last 60 years and speak to Dulwich College about display boards. It was agreed that musical entertainment should be considered. There was discussion about inviting guests. HS will check the finances to assess how many non-paying guests to invite.

Actions: JT to ask SO'C to put details of the party on the website. IMCl to update the history display and liaise with Dulwich College. HS to organise musical entertainment. HS to check how many non-paying guests can be invited.

ii) Dulwich Festival

This is the 30th anniversary of the Dulwich Festival and the 2nd year of the new Director. IMCl will be leading 2 walks

f) Membership

The Membership Report was received. DMCl reported there have been 22 new members so far this year compared to 6 last year.

SB asked if the Membership leaflet was still used. DMCl said most people join online but she has a supply of 500 leaflets if required.

g) Risk Management Policy and Risk Register

The Risk Sub-group (HS, SB,DB, JP) had met to consider the draft Risk Management Policy and Risk Register for 2023. A number of changes had been recommended and the revised Policy and Register circulated to Executive Committee.

The Risk Management Policy was approved for posting on the website under policies.

The Risk Register 2023 was approved for internal use, including action points to hold an annual Strategic Awayday and to identify ways of increasing membership.

Action: HS to post the Risk Management Policy on the website and write a short note for the Journal and eNews. DB to take membership leaflets to the Dulwich Village U3A AGM.

h) Draft Annual Report 2022

All Officers and Sub-Committee Chairs have provided their annual reports which HS has collated into the Society's Annual Report for 2022. The Annual Report was approved subject to correcting the list of Trustees and the addition of financial data on Page 10 once the Accounts are finalised. HS will circulate the revised page 10 when ready.

Action: HS to circulate Page 10 for comment when financial data have been added. HS to post final version of Annual Report on the website at least 2 weeks before the AGM.

i) Southwark 2030 Consultation

SB had attended a Southwark 2030 consultation event at Dulwich Library which had been well-facilitated by Southwark. It was agreed that DS would not host any events but will continue to encourage members to complete the online survey by the deadline of 31 March. SO'C has promoted this in eNews.

Action: All members to encourage members to complete the Southwark 2030 survey.

j) Resignation of Brian Green from the Executive Committee

The Chair and Committee noted the resignation of Brian Green from the Executive Committee with effect from 1st March and expressed a heartfelt vote of thanks to Brian for his long service to the Society as Journal Editor for 20 years (80 editions of the Journal), as a member of the Executive Committee whose local knowledge has added so much to decision-making and as an eminent member of the Local History Committee. The President praised Brian's talents as a writer and said that he has provided so much insight about the place where we live. He will be greatly missed, but the Committee knows that he will continue to make a valuable input as a continuing member of the Society.

As Brian is unable to attend the 60th Anniversary Party, it was agreed that the Executive Committee should organise a separate event in the late Spring or early Summer to celebrate Brian's contribution to the Society.

Action: JT to identify a suitable date for the event to celebrate Brian's contribution. HS to assist with arrangements.

k) To note the appointment of Ian McInnes and Claire Richards as Co-editors of the Journal

It was minuted that Ian McInnes and Claire Richards will jointly edit the Journal. They have already made a start on the Summer edition.

l) Co-option of Claire Richards to Executive Committee

At the meeting on 9th January, it was agreed that those in editorial positions should be co-opted to the Executive Committee and put forward for election at the AGM. As Claire Richards has now been confirmed as co-editor of the Journal along with IMcI, it was agreed that she should be co-opted to the Executive Committee with immediate effect. Claire has completed a Nomination Form for election to the Committee at the AGM.

m) Editorial Committee

This item was dealt with under the Chair's Report

6. Communications and Media Report

The Media and Communications Report from Sharon O'Connor was received.

7. Treasurer's Report

a) Draft Financial Report and Accounts 2022

The draft Financial Report and Accounts for 2022 had been recently circulated, but had not yet been independently examined by Sally-Anne Jeffries. The Accounts were approved subject to any further comments committee members may have by Friday 17th March, resolving an issue regarding postal expenditure on the Journal and sign off by the Independent Examiner.

Action: IMcI to liaise with RL on Journal expenditure. All members to send any further comments on the Accounts to HS/RL by 17th March. RL to finalise the Accounts and arrange for Independent Examination. HS to post the approved Accounts (together with the Annual Report) on the website at least 2 weeks before the AGM.

b) The Treasurer's Reports were received.

c) Review of Internal Controls

JP has reviewed the Internal Controls with RL and prepared a report for Executive Committee. The report was received and agreed including the action points and recommendations:

Action: RL to:

- i. request Barclays to copy bank statements to DMCl (as previously).
- ii. request Monmouthshire Building Society sends regular statements
- iii. check the current interest rates on the deposit accounts
- iv. circulate the draft 2023 Reserves Policy to Trustees for their approval
- v. list in the accounts the Society's fixed assets where we may have some ongoing responsibility or where we should have a record, even if these have been "expensed" (written off) rather than capitalised.

d) Review of Investment Policy

JP had circulated the current Investment Policy. This was approved without change for 2023.

Action: HS to mark the Investment Policy on the website as approved for 2023.

8. Consideration of Applications for Society Grants

The revised Grants List for 2022 was received. It has been amended to reconcile it with the Accounts in terms of which year payments are attributable.

The Grants List for March 2023 was received. It was agreed that the £1,800 agreed for the Cox's Walk Listening Post should be attributable to general funds rather than the Mary Boast Fund.

The email decision to donate £540 to weld together the boundary marker at Sunray Gardens was noted.

IMCl reported that CGS funds for the Library sign should be forthcoming soon.

JT reported that the location for the Alastair Hanton bench in Court Lane had now been taken by another bench by the Council. A new location has been identified at the Dulwich Village end of Turney Road.

HS to update March 2023 Grants List. JP to progress installation of Alastair Hanton bench

9. Licensing and Events Sub-Committee

The Licensing and Events Sub-committee Report was received.

The Executive Committee had carefully considered licence application No 879391 by Assembled Gala Limited (the Applicant) for a permanent premises licence to hold 6 event days in Peckham Rye Park/Peckham Rye ('Peckham Rye Park').

The Committee were advised that the Applicant already holds a permanent premises licence (No 878787) permitting it to stage up to 3 event days in Peckham Rye Park and that the Applicant had decided not to hold 6 event days this year, only a 3 day festival, Gala, from May 26-29th 2023. The Committee therefore considered that Application No 879391 was unnecessary.

It was unanimously agreed that Patsy Bramble submit a representation opposing Application No 879391 on behalf of the Society.

There is a virtual mediation on 15 March and the hearing is on 21 March. The 64 representations received to date are evenly split between those for and against.

PB said the only other current issue is an application by Apple Tree Children's Cafes in Norwood Road and Peckham Rye to sell alcohol between 13:00 and 18:00 on Saturdays and Sundays when private parties are being held. The deadline for objections is 21 March and there have been none to date. No objections were raised by the Committee.

Action: PB has submitted a representation objecting to the permanent 6 day licence for Assembled Gala Limited and will attend the virtual mediation and the hearing.

10. Consultation/Planning

The Report of the Planning & Architecture Sub-committee was received. 8 applications were commented on in January and 11 in February. PS said this represents a significant reduction in the level of applications.

PS reported on the following issues:

- The DS objection to the Dulwich Village 5G mast is at the appeal stage.
- Concerns have been expressed by neighbours about Alleyn's floodlighting of its sports field. Planning permission does not appear to have been sought for this yet. PR said this could be detrimental to wildlife and Herne Hill Velodrome had overcome this by focussing their lighting downwards. A meeting is scheduled at the school to discuss this.
- PS recommended sustaining an objection to an application to create a loading bay with crane access from Red Post Hill on land to the rear of Dulwich North station/Lyndenhurst on grounds of the impact on transport. There are 3 bus routes which may be affected.

PB reported that an application relating to Fountain Drive was now going to arbitration, rather than re-application.

11. Travel & Environment

The Travel and Environment Sub-committee Report was received, including slides from a presentation to the Committee by Vision Zero on work that has been undertaken to reduce road traffic accidents.

SB reported on Southwark's well-run Climate Day.

Herne Hill Forum has run a climate workshop on how to make housing more energy efficient, to which PS contributed. JT said DE has issued guidelines on energy efficiency and what can be achieved without planning consent. He said a priority for the Society must be to encourage retrofitting of older housing stock whilst preserving historical features.

PB noted the impact on planning decisions of the recent finding on "overlooking" in relation to Tate Modern.

Action: JT to speak to Irene Bishop, Chair of the DE Scheme of Management about making properties more energy efficient and raise this at the DE Scheme of Management meeting on 21 March. SB to ask SO'C to put a link to the DE guidelines on energy efficiency in the next eNews. PS to draft an article for the Summer Journal.

12. Local History Sub-committee

The Local History Sub-committee Report was received.

13. Gardens Sub-Committee

The Gardens Sub-committee Report was received. KW recommended that a more varied planting should be encouraged at the Burial Ground. JP is looking into this. IM said DE should also be asked what its plan is with regard to the paving stones in the Burial Ground as most are disappearing.

Action: JP to monitor the Old Burial Ground with a view to proposing a bulb/wildflower planting plan to DE.

14. Wildlife Sub-Committee

The Wildlife Sub-committee Report was received. PR expressed concerns over loss of wildlife and urged action when destructive actions are identified.

SB said a grant for improvement of cycle paths at Herne Hill Velodrome had involved the clearing of land without permission which coincided with nesting periods. Oliver Stutter of DE/LBS is looking into the impact on trees, wildlife and ground cover and will report back.

Action: PR to prepare an article on Wildlife for the Journal by the end of March.

15. Trees Sub-Committee

The Trees Sub-committee Report was received. DB is seeking a suitable species of elm to celebrate the life of Queen Elizabeth II and to be planted in Dulwich Picture Gallery gardens. This will probably not be affected by the Gallery's proposals for a Sculpture Garden as the Gallery was aware of the plans when they agreed in principle to the planting of the DS tree. It may be however that they will consider an elm tree too large, so alternative locations should be borne in mind.

Action: DB to speak to Oliver Stutter about the most suitable species and progress purchase and planting of the elm. DB to draft an article on Trees for the Journal by the end of March.

16. Dulwich Estate

PS noted that applications to the Scheme of Management are down since the pandemic.

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

α) Dulwich Picture Gallery Plans

HS reported that Dulwich Picture Gallery is proposing the development of a Sculpture Garden and a Children's Gallery in their grounds. She circulated literature and an invitation

to a public consultation at the Gallery from 3-8pm on 21 March. It was noted that the proposals would not affect the current Education Centre at the Gallery.

β) Kingswood House Arts Launch

Kingswood House is being developed as a Community Arts Centre and is holding a Launch Event on 6 April and an open weekend on 8/9 April.

χ) White Posts and Chains

IMCI asked about the situation regarding white posts and chains, some of which are in a poor condition. JT said there are proposals being considered to change the way of maintaining posts and chains currently under Southwark's control.

18. Date of Next Meeting:

AGM Monday 24 April 2023 at 8pm in the Function Room at the Crown and Greyhound.

Executive Committee Tuesday 9 May 2023 at 7.30pm in the Macandrew Room at Bell House

The meeting ended at 10pm

Heather Stubbs, Secretary

Signed: James Thompson

Date: 9 May 2023

Appendix 1

Executive Committee - Register of Interests (as of 13 March 2023)

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

Sue Badman (Vice Chair) - Safeguarding Officer and Member of Parochial Church Council, St Simon Zelotes, Chelsea, SW3; also member of Chelsea Safeguarding Group; Teacher of English as a Second Language (Chelsea – part of All Souls Church Free English group); Member of “Re-imagining Herne Hill” working group (Part of the Herne Hill Forum); Member/Attendee of Dulwich Village Ward Safer Neighbourhood Panel.

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 Chair of the Diocesan Board of Finance; Volunteer at Dulwich Picture Gallery; Chair of Dulwich & District U3A; Volunteer at Dulwich Village Infants School.

Harry Winter - Safe Routes to School (DS Rep); Stradella and Springfield RA (Committee member responsible for Environment).

Patsy Bramble – Member of Sydenham Hill Ridge Neighbourhood Forum

Peter Roseveare is a member of the Burbage Road Residents Association.

Penny Stern – Chair of Frank Dixon Way & Close RA; Dulwich Society-nominated member of the Advisory Committee of the Scheme of Management of the Dulwich Estate

Jeremy Prescott - Wife is a committee member of the Dulwich Park Friends.

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