# Dulwich Society Executive 553rd Meeting Monday 13th May 2024 at 7.30pm at St Barnabas Library

Attendees:

President
Kenneth Wolfe – President

Officers
James Thompson – Chair
Sue Badman - Vice-Chair
Russell Lloyd - Treasurer
Heather Stubbs– Secretary

Sub-Committee Chairs
David Beamish - Trees
Diana McInnes – Membership Secretary
Ian McInnes - Local History
Jeremy Prescott - Gardens
Claire Richards - Journal Editor
Peter Roseveare – Wildlife
Richard Wingfield – Development

In attendance
Sharon O'Connor - Communications and Media Lead
Christine Brandon

1. Apologies
   Patsy Bramble - Licensing
   Laurie Johnston – Environment
   Penny Stern - Planning and Architecture

2. Register of Interests

   None to declare in addition to Appendix 1

3. Outgoing and Proposed New Trustees

   The Chair noted that this was the last Executive Committee meeting for David Beamish and Diana McInnes, who would both be stepping down after the AGM. He said both had made a hugely valuable contribution to the Society as Chair of the Trees Sub-committee and Membership Secretary respectively and would be greatly missed. In Diana's case, her final months have been extremely busy because if the volume of new members and preparations for the SGM/AGM.

He welcomed Sharon O'Connor and Christine Brandon to the meeting. Both have been nominated as members of the Executive Committee subject to election at the AGM. Sharon is the Society's Communications and Media Lead and has served as a Trustee before. Christine is a long-standing member of the Society who has held several roles on the Arts Society Dulwich Committee for 18 years. She has applied to be the new Membership Secretary.

**4.** Minutes of Previous Meeting

The Minutes of 11th March 2024 were approved and signed by JT.

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

**5.** Matters Arising not covered elsewhere

Minute 6a) Streets for People - JT said a sample of the York stone paving to be used in the development of the Calton Avenue Junction by Southwark is available for viewing in situ, as are the granite sets for the cycle path. Dulwich Estate stones for North Parade, will contain the Alleynian crest.

Minute 6a) Finance Review – JT said this would be carried forward due to the SGM

Minute 6a) Membership Secretary Post - JT said that CB would be investigating membership software packages.

Minute 6g) Development Strategy - JT said this would be carried forward due to the SGM

Minute 6hiii) HS reported that most nominees for the Committee had produced short biographies and these will be posted on the website.

Minute 9) Grants - JP reported that it may be possible to identify an existing tree to commemorate Bill Higman, former Chair.

**Action: JP to liaise with DE to identify a tree in Dulwich Village to commemorate Bill Higman and install a plaque.**

Minute 10) East Dulwich Sidings development- action to look at wildlife impact carried forward.

**Action: PS and PR to look at wildlife impact of East Dulwich Sidings development.**

Minute 10) Peckham Town Football Club (PTFC) – PS said there had been delays to the planning application and an extension has been granted. No meeting has been held with residents so far.

Minute 10) Dulwich College Picture Retrieval System – IMcI reported that this project was moving forward.

**6.** DS Matters

a) Chair's Report

The Chair's Report was received.

SGM/AGM - JT said that the proposed Independent Scrutineer was no longer able to attend the SGM/AGM and he would approach Nicholas Merriman KC.

**Action: JT to approach Nicholas Merriman to act as Independent Scrutineer at the SGM/AGM**

SGM/AGM Circular to members: It was agreed that a circular would be emailed to members for whom we have an email address outlining final arrangements for the SGM/AGM.

**Action: JT to draft and email a circular on arrangements for the SGM/AGM to members on or around 16th May.**

Streets for People: JT said there had been a meeting of the Dulwich Square Public Realm Delivery Committee the previous week at which issues related to the public realm were discussed.

Zone Co-ordinators: JT said it would be necessary to appoint a new zone co-ordinator and two new Journal deliverers as vacancies have arisen.

**Action: JT to advertise vacancies for Zone Co-ordinator/ Journal deliverers in e-News.**

b) Vice Chair's Report

The Vice Chair's report was received.

Stocks Stone: Aquinna plans to relocate this to the burial ground in May/June.

Edward Alleyn Statue: SB will be prioritising security of the statue.

Dulwich Estate Surgery: IMcI had attended in addition to SB and JT. The Grove Tavern/Stonegate and DE staffing issues were discussed. Residents were advised to report matters via the DE portal and escalate to Jo-Ann Deeks if necessary. Progress has been made in finding tenants for vacant shops.

Memorial services: SB and others attended memorial services for Bernard Nurse and David Roberts.

c) Streets for People - Phase 3

This was dealt with under the Chair's Report

d) Streets for People – Controlled Parking Zones (CPZs)

No further information is available

e) Development Strategy Day

This has been postponed until after the AGM

f) Preparation for SGM/AGM

Registration – DM said that over 140 members have registered to attend the SGM/AGM on Eventbrite. As only voting members need to register, a number of non-voting household members can be expected to attend in addition to this. DMcI has made a note where a household member other than the named member is expected to attend. DMcI will produce a list of all members with those who have registered on Eventbrite marked, so arrivals can be referred to the Eventbrite fast -track queue or the non-registered queues as appropriate. It was agreed that 2-3 people would be required for Eventbrite registrations, 2 people for unregistered A-K surnames and 2 people for unregistered L-Z surnames, with DMcI as backup. It will be necessary to keep registration open for those who arrive only for the AGM.

**Action: DMcI to produce registration lists. HS to identify volunteers to assist with registration. Eventbrite registrars to download the app.**

Venue: The new venue is Alleyn's Michael Croft Theatre which has a capacity of 300-350. Both Alleyn's and the Society have public liability insurance.

**Action:**

- **JT, SO'C and HS to visit Alleyn's Theatre on 14th May to check security, fire evacuation procedures, disabled access and audio-visual facilities.**
- **SO'C to produce signage posters.**
- **HS to complete a risk assessment for the event.**
- **All trustees to arrive at Alleyn's by 6.30pm on 20th May to assist.**
- **HS to circulate the list of volunteers, including family members who are willing to assist.**

Voting: JT outlined the order of votes. Ballot sheets have been printed in different colours for each motion. An observer for the petitioners has been agreed.

**Action: HS to print voting slips to be held aloft during show of hands votes, obtain buckets for collection of votes and identify a room for the tellers to count votes.**

Potential outcome of the votes: It was noted that if any of SGM Motions 2, 3 and 4 were approved, AGM Item 6 (approval of new rules) must be withdrawn. It was agreed it was in the best interests of the Society for the new rules to be passed. After lengthy discussion, it was agreed that SGM Motions 2, 3 and 4 and AGM Item 6 were all confidence motions and it was confirmed that all nominated trustees would withdraw their applications if any of SGM Motions 2, 3 or 4 were approved or if AGM item 6 was not approved. It was noted that this would be considered a serious incident which must be reported to the Charity Commission. All trustees agreed to co-operate with any activities thereafter with the Charity Commission.

g) Society Events

Deferred to next meeting due to lack of time

h) Membership Report

The Membership Report was received showing a significant increase in new members.

i) Editorial Committee/Journal

**Action: CR to increase the number of Journals ordered to take account of new members.**

**7.** Communications and Media Report

The Communications and Media Report was received.

**8.** Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's Reports were received.

**9.** Consideration of Applications for Society Grants

a) The Grants List for YTD May 2024 was received.

b) Swift boxes update: PR reported that the swift boxes have been installed in East Dulwich in time for the breeding season.

c) An email agreement to contribute £2,500 towards the £10,000 cost of a gravel path through the Village Copse in Dulwich Park was noted and approved.

d) A proposed grant of £5,000 to LWT to match funding from donations from members for the "Reunite the Woods Project," as described in a paper from JP, was approved.

**10.** Other Dulwich Issues and Points from Sub-committee Reports

Reports were received from Planning & Architecture, Local History, Gardens, Wildlife, Licensing, & Events, Environment and Trees.

a) Trees

It was agreed that a payment of £150 could be made to Greg Packman to conduct a forthcoming Tree Walk. It was further agreed that a small fee should be charged for the walk to prevent no-shows.

**11.** Dulwich Estate

This had been covered under other items.

**12.** AOB

None

**13.** Date of Next Meeting:

Monday 8th July2024 at 7.30pm in the Macandrew Room at Bell House.

The meeting ended at 10.00pm

**Heather Stubbs, Secretary**

**8th July 2024**

**Signed:** ***James Thompson*** **Date: 8th July 2024**

**(James Thompson, Chair)**

**Appendix 1: Executive Committee - Register of Interests (as of 13 May 2024)**

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, Vice-Chair of the Parochial Church Council; 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; Volunteer at Dulwich Village Infants School.

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.

Claire Richards - Chair of Lambeth Wind Orchestra and a member of Dulwich Symphony Orchestra.

Laurie Johnston - Volunteer Chair of Southwark Living Streets, the Southwark branch of the national charity Living Streets which campaigns for everyday walking and wheeling.

Richard Wingfield is Chair of Southwark Liberal Democrats.

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