

Dulwich Society Executive 527th Meeting Monday 27th January 2020 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), Sigrid Collins (SC) for Wildlife, Russell Lloyd (RL), Bernard Nurse (BN).

(Executive Reports previously circulated by Ian McInnes (Chair), Diana McInnes (Membership), Russell Lloyd (Treasurer), Jeremy Prescott (Gardens), Patsy Bramble (Licensing), Alastair Hanton (Travel & Environment), David Roberts (Planning & Architecture), David Beamish (Trees), Angela Wilkes (Wildlife)).

Apologies: Alastair Hanton (AH), Angela Wilkes (AW)

Declarations of Interest

See Appendix 1. New – IMcI and DM reported that their son, Tim McInnes, is now the Chair of the Herne Hill Velodrome Trust. DR reported he is now a volunteer at the Village Orchard (which is being run by London Wildlife Trust for the Dulwich Estate).

Minutes of Previous Meeting: The Minutes were agreed and signed.

Matters Arising not covered elsewhere: None

DS Matters

- a) **AGM arrangements** – Monday 27th April 2020 7.30pm for 8pm at the Crown and Greyhound. IMcI is preparing a “Review of the Year” powerpoint. The AV and PA are in place. **Committee reports are required by the end of February.** IMcI will approach the new Chair of the Dulwich Estate regarding a senior speaker from the DE (Chair or CEO) – let Brian know for the journal if possible. Include details in the enewsletter. **Action: ALL**
- b) **CGS applications for 2020/2021** – SB, DB and Glynis Williams attended the Dulwich Empowering Communities multi-ward pitching meeting on 22nd January, and presented the Society CGS applications for the fingerposts, air pollution monitor, trees in Long Meadow and hedging in the Dulwich Library garden. Glynis also made a bid in her own name for greening the area south of the zebra crossing outside the College Road entrance to Dulwich Park. The bid for Elmwood Road trees was withdrawn as there are already plans to plant two trees there. Other bids presented at the meeting included rerouting the path in Dulwich Park to save oak trees and the works at the entrance to the St Barnabas Parish Hall both of which the Dulwich Society is also supporting. There was also a bid for additional street trees in Herne Hill. The results will be announced at the South Area Forum on 25th February 2020.
- c) **Festival Walks and Talks** IMcI is conducting two walks during the Festival weekends and Gavin Bowyer is giving a talk on the Friern Manor Farm on 14th May. Walk 1 during the first Festival weekend is on Midcentury Modern architecture in Dulwich Woods; Walk 2 is the following Sunday on Midcentury Modern in West Dulwich – a precursor to a new book on architects Austin Vernon & Partners being published later this year. The walks will be repeated on both days. In addition, IMcI will give a talk on Wed 13th May at Rosemead

School on “Thurlow Park Road - houses, schools and personalities.” BG will be giving a talk on the topic of “VE Day” on the VE Day anniversary (8th May 2020) which is a bank holiday.

d) Other Society Events 2020

- The Local History Group and Bell House will mount an exhibition at the end of March using exhibition boards provided by Southwark to commemorate the centenary of “Homes fit for Heroes” including those built in the Sunray/Casino area (on the grounds of the former Casina House). BN will give a talk. Full details to be announced.
- BG reported that Bell House has offered to run a free course on 29th March 2020 for 15 Dulwich Society participants on beekeeping including a visit to the Bell House garden apiary. IMCI will advertise in the enewsletter; attendees will need to register with the Chairman or Secretary on a first come, first served basis.

e) Post Cart remains at Rosebery Lodge. After discussion of the remaining options, it was agreed that IMCI will talk to Bell House about possible display and storage. Another option may be the Francis Peek Centre at Dulwich Park. **Action: IMCI**

f) PR, Marketing and Membership. BG asked what more could be done to promote the Society over social media to encourage younger members and also to make more use of the noticeboard. Sharon and SB are making use of Twitter and Instagram to promote the Society and Dulwich Local History, but this isn’t enough. DB felt that a better pitch should be made to all age groups – the membership was good value with four journals and monthly newsletters. Sending out membership letters to specific roads hasn’t always been fruitful – most people now join via the website. Several ideas were discussed. **Action: It was agreed we should take action to review our marketing approach. SB will contact PB’s PR contact to discuss how the Society can improve its marketing. We will look for further opportunities to distribute membership information including at walks & talks, via St Barnabas and in the plastic containers by the noticeboard. Additional information will be put on the noticeboard.**

Society Policies

- a) Updated Investment Policy – Approved
- b) Updated Complaints Policy – Approved
- c) New Safeguarding Policy – SB to note there are five Executive Members who have or have had DBS certificates. It was agreed that SB will be the Society’s Safeguarding Officer – the policy was approved.

Action: SB to update the Society website.

Treasurer’s Report

RL presented his financial update – the Society has over £52,517 in its accounts. RL requested Executive members check the 2019 payments and receipts are recorded correctly. SB will check the donations and grants. The cheque for the Bell House defibrillator will need to be reissued. JP and RL reported on the review of internal controls as required by the Charity Commission. That had gone well, and an action plan agreed for the next year. **BN requested to know how much is left in the Mary Boast Fund – Action: RL/IMCI**

Licensing and events

PB reported back on the Pub in the Park licence. At the second hearing, the application was restricted to a one-year licence and a maximum number of 5000 including staff and stallholders. The

applicant may appeal to the magistrates' court. PB noted that there had not been any objections from local RAs and it will be interesting to see whether objections will arise during and after the event as the music stage is about 100 yards from the nearest house.

Dulwich Estate

SB circulated a note about the 6th January meeting with the Dulwich Estate earlier in January. No further questions arising.

Advisory Group - IMCl has circulated agenda, queries and minutes of the Advisory Group from November 2019 and Executive Committee members have circulated views and opinions about the Advisory Group in the light of the concerns raised by IMCl at the previous meeting. DR also shared concerns about the accommodation for the Planning and Architecture Committee at recent licence application reviews. After a debate about the role of the Society and the Advisory Group, it was agreed that IMCl will write to the new Chair of Trustees, Andreas Kottering, to seek a meeting to discuss the role and remit of the Advisory Group. It was also suggested that IMCl should be accompanied to the meeting by other Executive Committee members and/or RA Chairs. IMCl will also invite Andreas to address the Dulwich Society's AGM in April. Should that not be possible, it was agreed that the invitation will be extended to CEO Simone Crofton. It was noted that ideally we should agree this before the current journal is sent for printing. **Action: IMCl**

Society Grants

2019 Grants SB circulated the details prior to the meeting and will finalise the figures with RL.
Action: SB

2020 Grants

- The bench opposite North Dulwich Station was installed on 30 December 2019 and will be paid for in 2020.
- There will be a further round of repairs to the white posts in the Village. Quotation to be confirmed.
- Listening Post near Edward Alleyn Statue was agreed in principle. Final figures are to be confirmed.
- Passion Players – It was agreed to grant £1000 which would cover the cost of hiring lighting equipment. Several committee members spoke warmly about the Millennium passion play and the 2020 version is expected to involve a substantial number of local people. A concern was however raised about the timescale for fundraising and SB will keep in touch with Alison Venn on progress. SB will also mention to Alison Venn that KW asked about arranging complementary lectures on the background to the gospels.
- Dulwich Sports Club/Velodrome – It was agreed to award up to £500 to enable a design for the Burbage Road railway bridge mural to be developed. SB has asked for a quotation from the designer. IMCl and DM recused themselves from the discussion in view of their connection to the Velodrome (See Declarations of Interest).

Consultations and Planning

- a. Cox's Bridge Oak Trees – Post-meeting note from the Trees Report that while the felling of the trees has been put on hold pending an investigation the bridge has been closed temporarily for safety reasons.

- b. 29 Eastlands Crescent – the application has not yet been determined. The Society continues to monitor progress.
- c. Alleyn’s Junior School Extension – There is a re-consultation with new documentation. DR to review and report back.
- d. Herne Hill School expansion – SB and Safe Routes to School have held meetings with Herne Hill School regarding their new kindergarten due to open in Autumn 2020 at 99 Herne Hill (the former osteopath’s practice) and discussed the travel plan for the new extension. There has been no consultation about the change of use. The building is being refurbished with no changes to the exterior, and the school is relying on the existing D1 use for the kindergarten. It has come to light that the top two floors of the building – the osteopath’s former residential home - are not covered by the D1 use. Southwark Council are writing to advise the school who will be obliged to rectify the situation.
- e. Mais House on Sydenham Hill – there are concerns about the height of the proposed new blocks. The Sydenham Ridge Neighbourhood Forum are taking the lead on this.
- f. New Southwark Plan – a revised version has been published. There will be a public examination of the plan later in 2020.
- g. Dulwich Hamlet Football Club – the Mayor of London has advised that the football club can move its stadium onto Greendale, protected Metropolitan Open Land (building flats on the current site to pay for the new stadium). The Society has already objected to the scheme. The Wildlife sub-committee who monitor Greendale openness and wildlife will look at the Mayor’s submission.

Travel and Environment

- a. Our Healthy Streets. The Society continues to be closely involved with the Southwark Scheme and is part of the stakeholder group and working party to examine solutions to low traffic neighbourhoods in Dulwich. SB circulated the latest information on Phase 3 to committee members. Full details at www.southwark.gov.uk/ohs-dulwich. The proposals involve radical changes to the layout of Dulwich Village and adjoining roads. The results of Phase 2 have been released and Phase 3 continues to 29 March, with public meetings planned for Saturdays 8th (Alleyn’s) and 29th February (Herne Hill Baptist Church) 9.30am – 12.30pm both days, and also on the 4th March 6.30pm – 9pm at JAGS. There is a survey and responses can also be sent to highways@southwark.gov.uk. SB urged committee members to respond and encourage neighbours and friends to engage with the consultation. **Action: ALL**

Other Dulwich Issues:

- a. Local crime and police response updates are covered in the Chair’s report. There is a perception that robberies especially youth on youth are rising and at least an intimation or threat of a knife being used. Burglaries and motor crime remain serious issues with catalytic converter theft on the increase due to precious metal price increases. Local concern about crime remains high. There is a Village Ward SNP on Wednesday at which crime levels will be discussed. It is likely that crime rates will be discussed at the South Area Forum in February.
- b. The next South Area Forum is on 25 Feb 2020. Crime will be on the agenda, as will the CGS results.
- c. The Society has alerted local high streets to the High Street Challenge which is open till 14 February. <https://www.southwark.gov.uk/business/support-for-high-streets?chapter=2>
- d. McCulloch’s – no action to date. The latest planning application has still not been determined. **Action: SB will follow up with ward councillors.**

- e. Herne Hill Society – IMCl and SB will meet the Chair of the Herne Hill Society on Friday 31st January to discuss the future of the HHS. They wish to explore the possibility of a merger with the Dulwich Society. While we have some points in common and overlaps, with local history being a fruitful collaboration, it is unlikely that the Society would have the capacity to expand to cater for the whole of Herne Hill especially the Lambeth side. IMCl will report back on the discussions.

Additions/Points arising from Reports/Any other business

Lydenhurst land – another planning application is under consideration.

Construction site on Half Moon Lane opposite North Dulwich Station has gone quiet and the construction team has vacated the site. No further news.

Date of next meeting – 9 March 2020, 7.30pm, St Barnabas Library

Sue Badman – The Dulwich Society

Executive Meetings in 2020: 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 28 January 2020

Ian McInnes – Friends of Dulwich Picture Gallery (Chairman); Dulwich Village and Dulwich Wood Ward Safer Neighbourhood Panels (Member + Deputy Chair of DV SNP). Son Tim McInnes is Chair of the Herne Hill Velodrome Trust.

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

Sue Badman - Dulwich Events Partnership (DS rep), Safe Routes to School Group (Attendee)

David Roberts – Volunteer at the Village Orchard in Dulwich Village.

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).

