

# Dulwich Society Executive 533rd Meeting Monday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2021 at 7.30pm via Zoom videoconference

Attendees:

## Officers

Ian McInnes – Chairman  
Sue Badman – Secretary  
Russell Lloyd – Treasurer  
Diana McInnes – Membership Secretary

## Sub-Committee Chairs:

David Beamish – Trees  
Patsy Bramble – Licensing  
Bernard Nurse – Local History  
Jeremy Prescott – Gardens  
David Roberts – Planning and Architecture  
Harry Winter – Travel and Environment

## Committee Members:

Brian Green – Journal Editor  
Adrian Hill – Committee Member

## Unable to attend:

Kenneth Wolfe – Vice-Chairman (update by phone message)  
Angela Wilkes – Wildlife (update by phone message)

## Guest

Penny Stern – prospective Chair of the Planning & Architecture Sub-Committee

## Apologies:

Colin Niven - President

## **Declarations of Interest**

See Appendix 1. Additions – Harry Winter attends Safe Routes to School and is a committee member of Springfield & Stradella RA (resp for environment); Penny Stern is the Chair of the Frank Dixon Way/Close RA; Sue Badman no longer attends the Safe Routes to School Group.

**Minutes of Previous Meeting:** September and November meeting minutes approved.

## **Matters Arising not covered elsewhere (from both September and November meetings)**

SB drew attention to the Post-Meeting Note in the November minutes about the Search Function on the website and that if the Executive Committee members are unhappy with the search functionality to let SB know so that further discussions can be held with the webmaster about alternatives.

Advisory Committee – the SOM is not prepared to let the Advisory Committee members see the individual licence applications. We will raise this again and there may be a way round it.

### DS Matters

- a) Penny Stern was welcomed to the meeting and was co-opted unanimously onto the Executive Committee as the Chair of the Planning and Architecture Sub-Committee pending the next AGM. IMCl thanked David Roberts on behalf of the Society for his excellent work and long service as the Chair of the PAS (more than 10 years). David will continue as a member of PAS.
- b) Colin Niven has given notice that he intends to stand down as President in September or at the AGM whichever is earlier. IMCl asked the Executive Committee for suggestions and outlined a short specification of the role, someone who has made a significant contribution to Dulwich life and is well known. The main task will be running the AGM. Attendance at other meetings is optional but the President would represent the Society and act as a sounding board on occasions. An ad may be included in the enewsletter.
- c) It was agreed that the **AGM** will take place on 24<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm by Zoom. **Action: SB will prepare the AGM notice for the next Journal.**
- d) **Travel and Environment Sub-Committee Remit** – previously circulated by Harry Winter. The remit was agreed with the suggested addition of “This would include, for example, those reliant on carers travelling to assist them” after “vulnerable road users”. **Action: HW will take this back to the T&E sub-committee and report back.**
- e) **Review of rules** – this is in hand but will take another 2 months to finalise. HW suggested that if the rules are being revised the T&E Sub-Committee would like “Fight for the Climate Emergency” included as an object. This will be considered by the Rules working group. **Action: PB, SB, AH.**
- f) **Attendance of councillors at sub-committee meetings, specifically the T&E Sub-Committee** – after a long discussion, the Executive Committee took a vote resulting in 4 in favour of the status quo (with the addition of inviting Cllr Simmons to attend), 6 against attendance and 1 abstention. The main concerns were the need for independence and consistency across all DS meetings. After a further discussion, a compromise was agreed that one councillor would be invited to alternate T&E meetings, and that we would open it up by rotation to councillors from other wards in addition to Village Ward councillors specifically Cllr Simmons, and Dulwich Hill and Goose Green councillors, should they wish to attend. It was also agreed that HW, with T&E Secretary Katy Savage +1 other could arrange separate meetings with councillors should T&E wish to do that. The above ruling will apply to other sub-committees though in the main councillors are not regular attendees at other sub-committee meetings. Councillors will be treated as observers and guests.
- g) **Society online talks** – these are now taking place via Bell House and proving to be popular. The aim is to hold one a month. Four more talks are lined up. Further talks may be added including a repeat of a wildlife talk and possibly one on trees. The U3A are also arranging a talk on trees and JP has arranged a Garden Talk in April.
- h) **Post Cart** – the Local History Sub-Committee will discuss its future at the next Sub-Committee meeting. There will need to be conservation and repair of the post-cart. KW expressed concern about weatherproofing and says it could be stored in his heated shed. The cart would go through his house – he has measured it. There will also need to be space

for any conservation work. **Action: RL to ask KW to provide an update on email and the post cart to be discussed at the next local history sub-committee meeting.**

- i) **Journal Advertisements** –BG reported that he would not be repeating the offer of free adverts. Fortunately, we have not lost any advertisers because of the pandemic.
- j) **Meeting with the Dulwich Alliance** –IMcl, HW and SB have been invited to a meeting with the Dulwich Alliance. It was agreed they would attend the meeting but the Society will not join the organisation nor veer from our stated position on the Society website. The Alliance aim is principally to seek a fairer alternative solution at the Village junction.
- k) **(Extra item) Burial Ground** –KW sent a message that he had met with Simon Hoare recently who said that it was on the DE's agenda to clean up the ground including cutting back the grass. JP referred to concern of Wildlife Sub-Committee about the damage to lichens from pressure washers. **Action: KW to advise Simon Hoare of this issue.**

### Dulwich Estate

- i) **Advisory Committee** – SB and JP are attending on behalf of the Society plus James Thompson from SSRA and Martyn Deane from Peckarmans Wood RA. The next meeting is on 9 March. SB and JP will report back at the next Executive meeting. In terms of future DS reps, we agreed to see how things proceed. There are at least 3 volunteers to take over at the next rotation.
- ii) **Shops** – the DE is refurbishing some shops and has several tenants lined up. They are still expecting current tenants to pay their rents.
- iii) **SOM** - there has been some disquiet (expressed to the Society) about recent SOM decisions e.g. Eastlands.

### Treasurer's Report and Grants

RL presented the latest budget statement and accounts (year to date) for FY2020 and start of FY2021 (Circulated prior to the meeting):

- The bank summary shows £45,498 in our accounts of which £4,777 in Barclays, £40,722 in COIF End Dec 2020. Only £1.42 interest on COIF account in the last quarter.
- Receipts are £18.7k End Dec 2020 and payments £25.25k End Dec 2020.
- RL will now prepare the final accounts for 2020 which will need to take account of adjustments and accruals. There will be an updated report in March.
- Gift Aid Refund £2k+ will be in May
- Mary Boast Fund is £5,102.32. BN suggested we might need to use the MBF to cover costs of restoring the post cart though the funds could come from the general fund, possibly £2k.
- Agreed JP/RL will investigate an account with a better interest rate. Ideally this would be with a specific bank covered by the financial compensation scheme (whereas with COIF we are with about 40 smaller banks and we would almost certainly suffer some small hit if problems arose).

- We still have high reserves despite our grant making and we may need to consider alternative investments to achieve a higher rate of interest. For further discussion and possible implementation in 2022.
- IMCl highlighted the i) cost of membership reminder letters (£200) ii) increased postage for journals.

### **Society Grants**

- Several projects on hold (Sunray Gardens, St Barnabas fingerpost, Listening Post)
- IMCl has agreed a price to repair/replace a fingerpost near Eynella/Court Lane junction with C Johnson.
- Court Lane raised flowerbeds – offered £750. Awaiting CGS results.
- Mais House Judicial Review funding – Lewisham. Agreed £100

### **Licensing and events**

Megan's Bistro – NYE extended hours dropped, and the hours are consistent with the Southwark rules. Still a few objections from residents including from the Parish Hall so there will be a hearing on 21 Jan. There are also questions about the internal and external capacity. There could be a conciliation before the 21<sup>st</sup>.

Festival Republic, Crystal Palace – Zoom meeting this week. Discussions ongoing. They appear to still want to run their events in the summer when currently the Covid-19 situation remains unclear regarding big events.

#### Peace and Riot, Café/Bar/Childcare, West Dulwich

Web site and licensing application differ in terms of presentation of activities on the premises. Application is misleading and PB feels we should object. One of the objectives concerns protection of children and it is unclear how this is to be achieved. If childcare is being provided, why does the bar have to stay open to 11pm at night? However, if conditions are put in place, we will not raise an objection.

Sydenham Hill Golf Club – installation of half-way house – no DS objection.

Dulwich Wood House – wants to turn an outside toilet into an outside bar – no DS objection.

Full details in PB's Executive report.

### **Consultations and Planning**

Gilkes – Site has been tidied up but no sign of a new planning application.

4 Frank Dixon Way (cf PAS report) – SOM Licence application made last November but no Southwark planning application yet.

Grove Tavern – Estate has had an official response from Southwark.

### **T&E Sub-Committee**

Air Pollution Monitor – Two factors to be considered - data and the monitor itself. Looked at Breathe London scheme but before we could order equipment, Breathe London had changed

supplier. We expect to be able to procure the system shortly. On the data display side however, there are no live monitors in London so no plug and play method available. T&E suggest we get the system in first, then tackle the data display side. In terms of location, the Dulwich Village junction area may no longer be suitable because of the changes implemented there and Cllr Newens has offered to suggest other locations. However, there may still be benefits to putting a monitor in "Dulwich Square" to assess the current changes. The monitor will measure Nitrogen Dioxide (NO2), Particulate Matter 10 (PM10), and Particulate Matter 5 (PM5). BG suggested East Dulwich Grove as a location. No decision on location yet.

Monitor example - Clarity Node S Monitor is a small box with a solar panel on top.

[https://www.google.com/search?q=Clarity+Node+S&safe=off&sxsrf=ALeKk00Z4e8qVO39tuu0VCj1Kstr\\_qoc8w:1611003786608&source=Inms&tbm=isch&sa=X&ved=2ahUKewjwxLrjsKbuAhUPYsAKHfn1AzgQ\\_AUoAnoECAkQBA&biw=1745&bih=881&dpr=1.1](https://www.google.com/search?q=Clarity+Node+S&safe=off&sxsrf=ALeKk00Z4e8qVO39tuu0VCj1Kstr_qoc8w:1611003786608&source=Inms&tbm=isch&sa=X&ved=2ahUKewjwxLrjsKbuAhUPYsAKHfn1AzgQ_AUoAnoECAkQBA&biw=1745&bih=881&dpr=1.1)

**Action: HW to progress**

### Trees

Cox's Footbridge Oaks - New Planning Application. Cost of saving oaks would be an extra £250k and the council's view is that there are better things to spend it on.

Tree Map – Not much opportunity to check the trees at this time of year. Carry forward.

### Other Issues/AOB

- 83 Alleyn Park flat development – Any suggestions for names? College View.
- DB to send photos of Dulwich Library Garden to IMcl.
- More articles on Dulwich in the FT and other news media. Send copies to IMcl.
- Possible use of Christ's Chapel interior in Bridgerton? (Post-Meeting Note: Production uses a similar church interior in Twickenham).
- DS Twitter – policy is to remain neutral. No tweets on traffic issues except official notices from the Council on consultations.
- JP referred to supreme effort of local GPs on vaccination – Paxton Green HC and Tessa Jowell HC – mention in enewsletter.
- Copy date for Journal is 26<sup>th</sup> January.

Date of next meeting – 15 March 2021, 7.30pm – Zoom meeting, details to be confirmed.

### Sue Badman, Secretary – The Dulwich Society

2021 Meetings - 2021 Meeting Dates: 15 March, 10 May, 12 July, 13 September, 15 November 2021 (on Zoom until further notice)

2021 AGM – Monday 24 May 2021 via Zoom.

## Appendix 1

### Executive Committee - Declarations of Interest (January 2021)

Ian McInnes – Friends of Dulwich Picture Gallery (Chairman) till 31/3/2021; Member of Dulwich Village and Dulwich Wood Ward Safer Neighbourhood Panels; 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 Vice-Chair of the Diocesan Board of Finance; Volunteer at Dulwich Picture Gallery; Dulwich & District U3A Committee Member; Volunteer at Dulwich Village Infants School.

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).

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

Penny Stern – Chair of Frank Dixon Way/Close RA