

Dulwich Society Executive 535th Meeting Monday 10th May 2021 at 8pm via Zoom videoconference

Attendees:

Officers

Ian McInnes – Chairman
Kenneth Wolfe – Vice-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
Penny Stern – Planning and Architecture
Harry Winter – Travel and Environment

Committee Members

Brian Green – Journal Editor

Guests

Heather Stubbs – prospective Secretary
Sharon O'Connor – Social Media Lead

Unable to attend:

Colin Niven – President (apologies)
Angela Wilkes – Wildlife (partial attendance by phone)
Adrian Hill – Committee Member

Register of Interests.

See Appendix 1.

Minutes of Previous Meeting: March 2021 meeting minutes approved.

Matters Arising not covered elsewhere: None.

Guest - IMCI welcomed as guests Heather Stubbs as the prospective new Secretary and Sharon O'Connor as the Social Media Lead.

DS Matters

- a. It was agreed that Sharon O'Connor (Communications and social media) and Heather Stubbs (Secretary) would be co-opted to the Executive Committee pending election at next AGM. However, due to limitations on committee member numbers in the

Society's rules Heather would remain as a guest committee member until the AGM. The matter will be rectified at the AGM.

- b. AGM – SB has booked the Crown & Greyhound First Floor on 14th September for a standard in-person AGM with drinks and nibbles afterwards to celebrate Colin's retirement as President. Further details including food and drink provision will be available nearer the time.
- c. SGM – This will take place on 28th June via Zoom. There was a long discussion about the SGM, and the following decisions were taken:
 - We will not proceed with Motion 3 (Our Society Motion) but will include the text of the Travel & Environment Sub-Committee remit on the notice paper. This would include the reference to "low traffic neighbourhoods" in lower case.
 - We have an agreed conflict of interest policy available at <https://www.dulwichsociety.com/pdf/conflict-of-interest-policy.pdf>
 - The specific requirements for the sub-committees were agreed as follows:
 - i. New and existing sub-committee members will be asked to notify sub-committee chairs of any interests (including membership of organisations) with respect to which there is a risk of a conflict with the sub-committee's work.
 - ii. The sub-committee chairs will maintain a register of such interests.
 - iii. Sub-committee members, whenever they consider they have a conflict with an item being discussed at the sub-committee, will draw this to the attention of the sub-committee and it will be noted in the minutes.
 - Contact details of sub-committee members as previously agreed at Executive will be given to the Chair of the Sub-committees for sub-committee purposes and will not be made public.
 - The draft revised SGM notice (two sides) will be circulated to Executive for final approval and submitted to BG by IMCl for inclusion as a loose insert in the Journal.
 - SB will send a revised AGM notice (one side) to BG for inclusion in the Journal flyer.
 - The SGM notice will be placed on the website and advertised in the enewsletter to encourage Society members to attend.
 - Further discussion about next steps after the SGM will take place once the results are published.

d) Society Archives – SB reported that there are approx 8 large plastic storage boxes and 8 box files of hard copy material held by the officers and sub-committees. The Charity Commission requires charities to keep 6 years' worth of records. Any surplus material not required by the Society can be deposited with Southwark Libraries once the library has reopened. In the meantime, IMCl will collect the T&E archives and store them as a temporary measure.

e) Society Rules – SB reported that work continues on the rules and a new version will be agreed for proposal at the AGM 2022.

f) Society Logo – SO'C reported that the Society logo was difficult to reproduce on social media and required updating. It was agreed that the Society would fund third party support to design a new logo and would in the first instance discuss options with BG's graphic designer.

Dulwich Estate

The next Advisory Committee meeting is in June and queries for the meeting will be prepared soon. If Executive Members have any issues they wish to raise, please let SB or JP know.

There is a question over confidentiality of SOM decisions on licence applications. SB/JP/PS have been informed of a decision about Lydenhurst and PS has included the decision in her Executive

report but in accordance with the SOM's wishes, decisions cannot be made public e.g. in the Society newsletter until the decision is confirmed publicly by the SOM, and other consultees informed. The licence application decisions are not published in a timely manner on the Estate website. This needs to be raised at the next Advisory Group.

Treasurer's Report and Grants

RL presented the latest budget statement and accounts for FY2021 (Circulated prior to the meeting):

- The bank summary shows £57k in our accounts.
- Payments are £6.6k and receipts £17.8k to date for FY2021. Gift Aid of £2378 received.

Society Grants

- Several projects on hold (Sunray Gardens, St Barnabas fingerpost, Listening Post)
- Further request from Sydenham Woods about restoration of footpath damaged by heavy footfall – drawings and estimate of £24k received but we await a business case and more detail. We are looking for more energy and imagination before we will offer match funding.

Licensing and events

Large Outdoor Events

Several large-scale events are planned locally to take place in green spaces and parks. Whether they go ahead is dependent on the Covid lockdown easing, event pilots, transport capacity and whether social distancing is eased. Discussions continue but events have not yet been confirmed.

Premises Licences

Not much activity at present.

Consultations and Planning

Gilkes – McCulloch's has sold the site to another party who intends to restart the construction project as per the original plans.

5G Masts + cabinets - the Society has objected to several masts and has held a meeting with a PR/government representative of Three (3). There are opportunities for mast sharing particularly on rooftops but Three said that individual needs of providers prevent significant sharing of infrastructure and it was not possible to use the Crystal Palace transmitter for example. The council is not co-ordinating the applications well or encouraging mast sharing to any great degree. It would be useful for the Council Digital Service to produce a map and a plan for infrastructure sharing.

There is mast sharing on the SCST Sports Ground but so far most of the applications have been for monopoles on the street. There is a rooftop mast on a block in Crescent Wood Road. PB raised a concern about the 5G range and the risk that there would need to be a huge network of masts to meet 5G demand. It is essential that individual residents object as many residents did in Dulwich Wood Park and Dovercourt Road. The Society will continue to monitor developments.

T&E Sub-Committee

Dulwich LTN Review

Election purdah is now over, and the deadline has passed for registering for the survey. Residents expect a communication any day.

Chairman's Comment

IMCl announced that after thirteen years as Chair, he planned to step down, ideally at the AGM in September 2021. The Executive Committee expressed their regret at the announcement and noted that steps would now need to be taken to find a replacement Chair.

Future of the newsletter

IMCl announced he would like to handover the editorship of the newsletter which had now reached issue 91, if possible, by September. It was generally agreed that the newsletter was a popular feature of Society membership. **Action:** SO'C offered to take over the editorship and it was agreed that there would be a three-month handover period.

SO'C reported she was taking on the social media role but noted that the Society was not promoting enough good news stories. **Action:** All to keep SO'C informed of new projects or Society activity which could be promoted on Twitter or Instagram (plus photos).

Other Issues/AOB

- **Recycling bin** by the burial ground has been subject to graffiti and vandalism and is an ongoing issue. The councillors have been helping but council officers are adamant that the bin cannot be moved. Several residents on Dulwich Village are very unhappy about the state of the bin and the mess left in its vicinity but otherwise there has not been a chorus of complaints which is disappointing given its position by a key heritage site in the Village. The Society will continue to raise the issue with councillors and on social media.
- **Future Meetings** – it was agreed that we should aim for a hybrid model of Executive meetings with a mix of Zoom and in-person meetings in future. Sub-Committees will need to decide what model is suitable for them. It is clear that some members will still be nervous of face-to-face meetings, and we may also need to consider support for Executive members who are less comfortable with Zoom.
- **Calton Avenue Estate house** – KW mentioned he had given some help to the Estate while they refurbished the house adjacent to his in Calton Avenue. We understand the Estate CEO has moved into the property.

Date of next meeting – 12 July 2021, 7.30pm – Zoom meeting, details to be confirmed.

Sue Badman, Secretary – The Dulwich Society

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

2021 SGM – 28th June 2021 (via Zoom)

2021 AGM – 14th September 2021 (in person at the Crown & Greyhound)

Appendix 1

Executive Committee - Register of Interests (as of 10 May 2021)

Ian McInnes – 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.

David Beamish – Parish of St Barnabas, Dulwich (Deputy Churchwarden); Dulwich Deanery Synod (Hon. Secretary); 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.

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 responsible for Environment).

Penny Stern – Chair of Frank Dixon Way/Close RA