

# Dulwich Society Executive 539th Meeting Monday 10th January 2022 at 7.30pm via Zoom videoconference

Attendees:

## President

Kenneth Wolfe

## Officers

James Thompson – Chair

Sue Badman– Vice-Chair

Heather Stubbs– Secretary

## Committee Members

Sharon O'Connor - Communications and Media

Brian Green - Journal Editor

## Sub-Committee Chairs

David Beamish – Trees

Patsy Bramble – Licensing

Jeremy Prescott – Gardens

Penny Stern – Planning and Architecture

Peter Roseveare – Wildlife

Harry Winter – Travel & Environment

## 1. Apologies

Russell Lloyd; Diana McInnes; Ian McInnes

## 2. Register of Interests

- See Appendix 1.
- David Beamish has stepped down as Hon. Secretary of the Dulwich Deanery Synod and is now a Member of the Dulwich Deanery Synod
- James Thompson replaces Sue Badman as Dulwich Society-nominated member of the Advisory Committee of the Scheme of Management of the Dulwich Estate

**Action: HS to update Register of Interests**

## 3. Minutes of Previous Meeting:

The Minutes of 15<sup>th</sup> November were agreed.

**Action: HS to email Minutes to JT for signing.**

## 4. Matters Arising not covered elsewhere

Item 4) Stocks Stone – SO'C has arranged a meeting with a stonemason for advice on separating the stocks stone from its concrete setting.

Item 5a) Co-Design of the public realm at the junction of Dulwich Village and Court Lane –JT has made a request to Southwark for further information on the process and for DS to be involved as a stakeholder. No reply has been received to date.

Item 5d) Society Events

**Action: All EC members to consider events linked to Dulwich Festival and the Society's 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2023.**

Item 6) Bank Mandate

**Action: RL to add JT and remove IMCl from bank mandates.**

Item 7) Information Boards

**Action: IMCl to progress installation of Information Boards at Sunray Gardens and Tollgate.**

Item 9) Membership of Licensing and Events Sub-Committee – Jeremy Baker has been appointed to the Licensing and Events Sub-Committee. PB said the new arrangements are working well.

Item 10) Publicity on DE 2 Stage Planning Process – JT/SB reported that DE is still recruiting the necessary staff. Implementation of the 2 Stage Planning process is postponed pending the recruitment of these posts.

**Action: JT/JP to raise 2 Stage Planning Process at DE Advisory Committee. PS to ask DE how planning applications will be progressed pending recruitment.**

Item 11) Travel & Environment – HW has asked a member of the T&E Sub-Committee to raise the issue of deteriorating train services in North and West Dulwich with the relevant authorities.

Item 12) Review of books on Dulwich in Spring Journal - BG reported that at least 4 of the 5 new books on Dulwich will be reviewed.

Item 14) Co-ordination between Trees, Wildlife and Garden Sub-Committees - All 3 Chairs support this proposal.

**Action: JP, DB and PR to arrange a meeting to progress joint working between the 3 Committees.**

Item 14) Removal of inactive Trees Sub-Committee members - DB reported this has taken effect.

Item 17b) Queen's Platinum Jubilee

**Action: All members to consider ways to mark the Jubilee.**

Item 17c) Recycling bin near Burial Ground – This has now been removed from its location and from the Southwark Recycling map. There is currently no news as to where it will be relocated.

Item 17f) Maintenance of white posts – JT is waiting for feedback from DE on whether they have a stock of white posts and the price.

## 5. DS Matters

### a) Chair's Report

The Chair's Report was received.

- Southwark Council - JT has initiated further discussions concerning EV charging points.

**Action: JT to raise EV charging points at meeting with Helen Hayes.**

- LTN - The formal consultation has closed. Southwark Council has approved the final report with some camera hours reduced and Calton Avenue and Court Lane at the junction with Dulwich Village opened to emergency vehicles. Melbourne Grove South will remain open to pedestrians and cyclists only. Traffic orders and implementation dates are awaited. Correspondence regarding the LTN has reduced.
- Rules Review - JT outlined the process that is being followed for the Rules Review.:
  - Identify list of issues to be addressed
  - JT & SB to meet with PB
  - JT/SB to consider impact of recommended changes
  - Draft paper to be sent initially to PB and IMcl
  - Paper circulated to Executive Committee
  - Special Executive Committee meeting to discuss
  - Recommended rule changes to go to an SGM for approval

The first three of these steps have been completed.

There will be no changes to the Objects as this would require the submission of a Scheme of Arrangement to the Charities Commission.

Key issues include retirement by rotation, appointment of Sub-Committee Chairs to the Executive Committee, notices, proxies and voting by electronic means. The proposed changes highlight the need to prioritise getting email addresses for all the membership.

**Action: JT/SB to discuss proposed changes to the Rules with PB and IMcl and circulate paper to Exec.**

- Adoption of Telephone Box in Dulwich Village - The contract with BT is signed and DS takes possession of the phone box on 12<sup>th</sup> January. The Committee agreed that the phone box should be used to house a defibrillator.

**Action: JT to put a sign on the phone box and progress installation of the defibrillator.**

- East Dulwich – following concern expressed regarding a reference in the Journal to the merger with the East Dulwich Society some years ago, JT has researched the background to this with SB and DMcl has provided a breakdown of numbers of members in each postcode. JT has responded to the individual who expressed concern, but has not yet received a reply. BG said the article was intended to be helpful as DS could assist with proposals for a conservation area in East Dulwich.

Work that DS has undertaken in East Dulwich includes bomb plaques, consideration of planning applications in East Dulwich, assistance with the Christmas Cracker and other events and Local History Talks about East Dulwich. East Dulwich members are also active on the Twitter feed and on traffic issues.

**Action: All members to redouble efforts to include members from all areas in future and where possible recruit members covering the whole area we represent to Sub-Committees. SO'C to include items on East Dulwich shops in the newsletter.**

- Post Cart – The Post Cart is now in the foyer of the SE21 Delivery Office and available for viewing. JT has met with the local Royal Mail head and will shortly meet with the Depot Head. KW has met the Depot Head. A sign describing the history of the Post Cart has been produced to hang with it. KW was congratulated on a successful outcome.
- Christmas Tree in centre of Dulwich – DS had declined funding for this.
- Safer Neighbourhood Panel – JT will attend the meeting on 31<sup>st</sup> January
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Party Meetings – JT has meetings arranged with Helen Hayes MP, Charter School and Grove Park Skateboarders.

b) Vice Chair's Report

- Streetspace LTN Review – The consultation is complete. Ongoing issues will be raised with Helen Hayes. SB is monitoring what other councils are doing. It was noted that the LTN is likely to be an election issue in May.

**Action: JT to raise LTN issues with Helen Hayes.**

- Aquinna Homes – work should be completed by the end of 2022. DS has acted as a liaison point and Aquinna has been responsive in mending holes in the pavement and relocating the stocks stone. They issue a regular newsletter.
- Cleaner, greener, safer applications – help from Gardens and Wildlife Committees is needed to progress the re-wilding of an area on Greendale. Bessemer School may also have expertise in this area.

**Action: SB/JT to meet JP and PR on site to discuss the Greendale re-wilding project.**

- Advertising Boards contravening the SoM rules – Some have been removed.

**Action: SB to enquire as to the DE approach at the next surgery.**

c) Rules Review

This item was covered in the Chair's Report.

d) Preparation for 2022 AGM on 25 April

(i) Location

It was agreed that if possible the AGM will be held in person but contingency arrangements will be put in place if Government guidance indicates it should be held remotely.

**Action: HS to book a room at the Crown & Greyhound and include on the Notice of the AGM that members should check the website or notice-board before the meeting in case it is necessary to change to a Zoom meeting.**

(ii) Process for notifying members of AGM and Rules Review

HS had circulated a Draft Notice of the 2022 AGM to Exec. BG said this must be finalised by 26<sup>th</sup> January for inclusion in the Journal. The Notice was approved subject to the addition of contingency arrangements if the meeting has to take place via Zoom.

JT said that as the Rules Review recommendations will not be ready in time for the AGM, the 2022 AGM will take place under the existing rules and an SGM will be held to agree the Rule changes. There was discussion as to how DS can encourage more members to provide email addresses to facilitate notices, proxies and voting by electronic means. Previous initiatives such as flyers in the Journal have not proved successful.

**Action: DMcl to identify addresses of members for whom an email address has not been provided. JT/SO'C/SB/BG to meet to plan a pilot door-knocking exercise.**

**Action: HS to send final version of AGM Notice to BG by 26<sup>th</sup> January**

(iii) Elections

The voting process will be the same as in previous years. Details of how to obtain a nomination form are included in the Notice of the AGM.

(iv) Reports from Officers, Sub-Committee Chairs and other Sub-Committee members

**Action: Each Officer, Sub-Committee Chair and other Executive Committee members to provide a brief report of approximately half a page for the AGM by the end of February.**

(v) Annual Report and Accounts

**Action: RL to finalise 2021 Accounts. SB/HS to summarise Sub-Committee and Officer Reports and the Accounts into the Annual Report by the end of March for review by the Executive Committee and circulation at the AGM.**

e) Society Events

SO'C said Local History talks were taking place once a month and had raised over £5,000 for local charities.

f) Membership

The Membership Secretary's report was received.

g) Alleyn Statue Maintenance

This item was covered in the Vice Chair's Report. SB is chasing up the foundry and has requested a quote for a 3D scan of the statue.

6) Treasurer's Report

Budget reports from the Treasurer were received.

a) Internal Controls

JP reported that he had reviewed the Society's Internal Controls with the Treasurer using a checklist provided by the Charities Commission and had reported to the Chair and Secretary that they found the Internal Controls to be satisfactory. He confirmed that the Independent Examiner also finds the Internal Controls satisfactory. JP said a copy of the checklist as applied to DS Internal Controls is available to the Committee on request.

b) Review of Investment Policy

JP said the main requirement of the Investment Policy is to avoid loss of funds by avoiding high risk funds and ensuring that funds are covered by the Financial Services Compensation Scheme (FSCS). The Treasurer is in the process of moving the deposit account to Monmouthshire Building Society from CCLA, which will generate more interest income and is covered by the FSCS. The Committee approved the Investment Policy.

**It was noted that the Internal Controls and Investment Policy have been reviewed as required by the Charities Commission on an annual basis and found to be satisfactory.**

**Action: HS to post revised Investment Policy to website.**

c) 2020 Annual Accounts

The signed 2020 Annual Accounts were received for information.

7) Consideration of Applications for Society Grants

The Grants Lists for FY2021 and for January 2022 were received.

It was noted that the Court Lane flowerbed and St Barnabas fingerpost projects were in abeyance due to applicants moving/retiring. The projects can be revived if new interest is expressed.

Following an application from St. Barnabas, DS Executive Committee agreed by email to contribute up to £500 towards the cost of the Manchester Carol Concert involving the Dulwich Children's Choir. On receipt of their accounts, £500 was donated.

The Committee discussed whether donations should be made for concerts or other social events and concluded that in general donations would be restricted to capital projects but the wording on the website (which does not exclude social events) should remain and any applications in this category will be judged on their merits.

JP reported that the Hanton family would prefer the tribute to Alastair Hanton to take the form of a bench in the Dulwich area, (rather than a bicycle rack or defibrillator). He estimated this would cost between £1,000-£2,000.

There is no further progress on the information boards in Sunray Gardens or the Tollgate (see IMCl's action in section 4, item 7)

LWT has reported that the refurbishment of the path in Sydenham Hill Woods is likely to cost £140,000 over several years. The Committee approved in principle that the Society could donate up to £10,000 towards this, particularly if it can leverage matched funding.

KW recommended that DS marks the Platinum Jubilee.

**Action: JP to obtain costing for Alastair Hanton bench and PS to investigate planning permission. JP to discuss Sydenham Hill Woods funding with RL and investigate matched funding opportunities.**

8) Communications and Media

SO'C's Communications and Media Report was received.

9) Licensing and Events

PB was pleased to announce the appointment of Jeremy Baker to the Licensing and Events Sub-Committee.

The Committee considered details of application No 875114 by Long 6lack Limited for a premises licence to sell alcohol on premises 4 days a week. The Committee noted that the application had not been advertised in accordance with the Licensing Act 2002 (Premises licences & club premises certificates) Regulations 2005. Furthermore the Committee felt that the Applicant had not understood or addressed sufficiently the licensing objectives. It was unanimously resolved that Patsy Bramble submit a representation opposing this Application on behalf of the Society.

SB said that Councillor Newens has provided information on events planned in Brockwell Park and other locations. 4 out of 5 events coincide with the Queen's Jubilee weekend. DS will also monitor planned events in Crystal Palace and the Gala Festival in Peckham Rye (late Spring) and remind the organisers of the need to limit traffic and noise and to ensure there is cross-borough communication e.g. between Southwark and Lambeth for the Brockwell events.

10) Consultation/Planning

PS's Report was received. 15 licence applications were commented on in November and 17 in December.

Oliver Probyn, a member of the Sub-committee, attended the site visit for the nursery application at Herne Hill Velodrome. Initial responses to the consultation were very positive but there are now a number of objections mainly from neighbours and cyclists regarding noise and loss of cycle trails. DS takes a neutral position and has recommended that the Velodrome Code of Conduct should apply.

PS reported that Southwark has adopted the Heritage SPD and will undertake local listings, with East Dulwich being a key area for consideration.

11) Travel & Environment

HW's T&E Report was received. HW said it was unlikely there would be any significant developments in this area before the local elections in May.

PS has queried the location of an e-scooter bay near Dulwich Park Gates and is waiting for a reply. It was agreed that the parking bay South of the Park gates would be a better location.

12) Local History Sub-Committee

IMcl's Report was received.

13) Gardens Sub-Committee

JP's Report was received. He invited Executive Committee members to join him on a visit on 21<sup>st</sup> January to inspect a planting at the Horniman Museum Gardens which DS has made a donation towards. JT and SB said they wished to attend.

14) Wildlife Sub-Committee

PR's Report was received.

**Action: HS to set up Zoom invitations for future Wildlife Sub-Committee meetings.**

15) Trees Sub-Committee

DB's Report was received. SO'C asked for ideas for improving the Old Burial Ground.

16) Dulwich Estate

This item was covered in the Chair's and Vice Chair's Reports.

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

None

18) Date of Next Meeting: Monday 14<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm. Location to be decided.

The meeting ended at 9.35pm

**Heather Stubbs, Secretary – The Dulwich Society**

## Appendix 1

### Executive Committee - Register of Interests (as of 10 January 2022)

Kenneth Wolfe (President) – Member of the Friends of Dulwich Square

James Thompson (Chair):

- Amenity society 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

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

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

Patsy Bramble – Member of Sydenham Hill Ridge Neighbourhood Forum

Penny Stern – Chair of Frank Dixon Way & Close RA

Sharon O’Connor – Trustee of Bell House

James Thompson and Jeremy Prescott - Dulwich Society-nominated members of the Advisory Committee of the Scheme of Management of the Dulwich Estate

### 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