

# HAM UNITED GROUP CIC -YOUR LOCAL COMMUNITY GROUP-CARE ABOUT WHERE YOU LIVE

## *INCORPORATING PETERSHAM*



Minutes of HUG meeting – Library Community Room  
13-03-2018, 7.30 pm

### **In Attendance:**

Jill Lamb (Chair), Jose Medina, Briony Rowland, Gloden Moore, Andree Frieze, John Hatto, Jenny Parker, Sue Gibbons, Helen Beedham, Sufiyo Andersson, Daija Angeli, Mary Pitteway

**Apologies:** Richard Woolf , Jean Loveland, Chris Ruse, Justine Glynn, David Williams, Carl Myhill , Andres Muniz Piniella, Penny Frost

### **1.Minutes of the last meetings:**

Item 2 from January Minutes needs to be amended because the bank account had not been changed by that date. The February meeting officially agreed to move the account.

### **2.Matters Arising:**

Discussion of the **suggested meetings and outings** - Palm Centre, Cassel Hospital, Heads of schools including Grey Court, St Michael's Convent with Beechcroft, Tasha Hunter and Ham Common Woods, Bat Walk with Alison Fure

**ACTION** -Jill will check with Jean to see if there has been progress.

**Ham Close Stakeholders Group** – Jill spoke to Richard Woolf who said that he has set up a meeting.

**ACTION** -She will check with him for progress.

### **3.Financial Report** - Pepe

The Financial Report was circulated as prepared to March 2018. Not much has changed from last month. Pepe is OK with 10% of projects' grant funding to be applied to HUG general admin/overheads but, of course, that has to be declared in the application for the grant and the funds received.

We need to look at the monies held to decide how we are going to allocate monies. Some 'ring fenced' funds can be released for other expenses. It was **agreed** that the £327.10 held for the (old / original) allotment can be released for general admin expenses.

**ACTION** – Jill will check with Jean to clarify what is happening with the funds from RHP for landscaping in Ham Close (the items in orange in the accounts.)

**ACTION** – Jill will call a meeting of Directors to meet to discuss movement of pots of money and other possible sources of funds (e.g. talks or other events asking for donations from attendees.)

**ACTION** – Jill will forward TESCO funding information to Chris as a suggestion for Ham Lands.

### **4.Ham Close Stakeholders Group-**

Jill is still attending the meetings but there seems to be little change. Adam has a better understanding of the issues than previous project managers but there is still not any

feedback to make it appear that RHP and the Council are listening to our input (ie the number of units is still 425 although most feedback had said that that is too dense) Planning is still anticipated to be submitted in December.

### **5.HP Magazine**

There was more discussion on how is it going to be funded long term.

**ACTION** – Jill will put Pepe in touch with Sarah. He has volunteered to look at the magazine's accounts to see if he can advise her.

### **6.Project updates -**

**Neighbourhood Forum:** It is anticipated that the Referendum will be in June / July. It will not have the NF referendum at the same time as local elections as the NF boundaries are different to the political Ward boundary. They will ask groups in the area (including HUG) to campaign to get people out to vote. The Forum will also ask for postal votes for anyone who cannot vote in person.

**Green Screen:** The next film is WETHEUNCIVILISED on Sunday, 18<sup>th</sup> March at 5:30.

**MakerLabs:** Still going from strength to strength. They are looking at a project on light pollution.

**Library Garden:** The Work Day on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> February only attracted the usual 5 volunteers. Saturdays are very busy locally with volunteer sessions. In future we will look at moving work days to Sundays.

**Allotment:** The Tuesday with the SEN students sessions are getting very active now for spring. We will need to recruit local volunteers to keep it going (and growing) over the summer. The allotment will feature in Ham & Petersham's entry in Britain in Bloom this July.

**Meditation:** It is still well attended and appreciated.

**Friends of Ham Lands:** Presently the work is on improving the habitat for butterflies on the 2nd Saturday of the month. As with other projects, we need to attract more workers.

**Green Drinks:** Not getting support/attendance so all future meetings have been suspended.

**Litter Picks:** The one on Church Road was a huge success. 14 people turned up & they covered almost all of Church Road. Noted – we need to be aware of & brief volunteers each time re health & safety (e.g. oak processionary moths, gloves etc). Bag holders make it easier but are expensive.

**ACTION** – Maria will organize one on Ham Lands on a Sunday

**ACTION NEEDED** -We now have so many litter picks that they need to be co-ordinated across organizations for locations and dates.

### **7.Meeting & outing suggestions:** See above under Matters Arising.

November: We will move our AGM from November 22 to November 20 to avoid a clash with an event celebrating the anniversary of the end of WW1.

Next Meeting on Thursday 12 April to plan for Ham Fair to be preceded by a short Directors meeting from 7 pm to discuss allocation of funds.

**AOB :**

There is a petition online to save the Kingston Environment Centre. We are all encouraged to sign it at <https://moderngov.kingston.gov.uk/mgEPetitionDisplay.aspx?ID=33&RPID=15267849&HPID=15267849>

**ACTION** -Daija has volunteered to contact Jenine to find out how HUG might participate in the air quality report