

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

INCORPORATING PETERSHAM



Minutes of HUG meeting – Library Community Room 21/09/2017

In attendance:

Jill Lamb (chair), Briony Rowland, Gloden Moore, Mary Pitteway, Sue Gibbons, Penny Frost, Sufiyo Andersson, David Williams, Heide Schroeder

Apologies:

Jean Loveland, Jose Medina

New attendee Heide Schroeder was welcomed

1. **The Minutes of the HUG meeting of 24 July were agreed as a correct record** with 2 minor changes.

2. **Financial report**

The balance is £11,566.37 but most of that sum is ring fenced for specific projects. The accounts report has been regrouped and colour coded for extra clarity.

3. **Ham Close Consultation Updates**

The newly appointed Director of Development is off sick so the meeting for this week has been postponed to October 17. “Consultation fatigue” has set in and most Ham Close residents and other community members just want them to get on with it.

The Village Green has been awarded a Green Flag again and has been positively accessed for the Friendly for All parks scheme.

4. **Ham and Petersham Magazine**

David & Jill met with Sarah Sinclair (the editor) about a year ago to review the agreement with local groups re the financing of the magazine. It is nearly 2 years since the relaunch of the magazine at which time it was agreed that local groups, such as HUG, would pay for space in each issue for the first year. This funding was to be supplemented by an increasing amount of advertising income which would, in time, become the bulk of the funding. This has not happened. The magazine is of very high quality and relevance to the local community. Residents look forward to their copies and it is a useful channel for groups, such as HUG, to communicate with the community. Jill will meet with Sarah Sinclair before the AGM to discuss a strategy for going forward financially. Jill will update us at the AGM.

5. **Project Updates**

Neighbourhood Forum -The draft plan is finished and submitted to the Council. It will go to the Cabinet Meeting, then to a 6-week consultation and external examiner assessment. The next step will be a referendum will be on the same day as the local election. Once the plan is approved, the Neighbourhood Forum will evolve into an oversight group for implementation.

Teddington & Ham Hydro -The intellectual property rights are being sold on to an organisation which has the knowledge and, very importantly, the track record in implementing similar projects. There are now 2 organisations interested in taking it over.

Green Screen – Last Sunday’s film was Growth Busters. There were 14 attendees and the discussion was lively. The next film is on December 3rd. Sufiyo will meet shortly with the new

team to discuss additional ways to promote the films.

Library Garden – A work day during the summer was attended by 7 people. We tidied the beds and planted a box cone as a replacement for the ailing one. One of the climbing hydrangeas has been stolen.

Grey Court Community Allotment – No one responded to the request for help over the summer. We started off the school term for the new year 7 SEN students with a day of harvesting all the vegetables that had matured over the summer. Everyone went home with vegetables. It was a very exciting and positive way to start the year.

Ham is Where the Heart is – There is a project update at the library at 7:00PM on Friday, September 29th. The completed exhibition will be launched in the new year.

Meditation Group – The group meets every Monday evening at the library (except 9th October & 27th November). There have been 2 sessions thus far with 32 and 25 people. Feedback has been overwhelmingly positive. Contributions from attendees has totalled £154. Total expenses have been £264.76. One person has posted negative comments on social media because the sessions are not appropriate for his 3 unaccompanied children (aged 6 – 11). Sufiyo was advised to block him and try to ignore him. She is to be congratulated on such a successful project which directly benefits local people.

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Green Drinks – is on the 1st Thursday of each month at 7:30 at the New Inn.

Sufiyo & Andres are to be congratulated on receiving, much deserved, community awards !

6. Future Meetings

Our next meeting is on 19 October at 7.30 in the Library Community Room followed by our AGM on **27 Nov (AGM)**. Jill will arrange a Director's Meeting before the AGM. It was suggested that we may adjourn to the Ham Village Centre for drinks at the close of the AGM.