

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

INCORPORATING PETERSHAM



Meeting notes

Thursday 20th March 2014

at 8pm in the Library Community Room

Present

Mark Brand (Chair), Danielle Coleman, Andrew Doel, Justine Glynn, Jill Lamb, Cllr Brian Miller, Matthew Rees, Briony Rowland, Alistair Walker, Stuart Walker, Cllr David Williams, Richard Woolf, Penny Frost (secretary)

Apologies

Andrew Beedham, Ian Bowden, John and Wendy Hatto, Cllr Sue Jones, Jean Loveland, Andres Muniz-Piniella, Mary Pitteway, Chas Warlow

1. Welcome and recruitment

Mark welcomed all present and noted that there are no new members this month. Andres has ideas for recruitment by using HUG Facebook and his 'Makers Group'

2. Approval of HUG minutes 20th February, 2014 and matters arising

'Pepe' Medina is now formally a director of HUG and so can take on the role of Treasurer. Mark will ask Pepe to investigate moving on to a BACS system for payment of bills, to alleviate problems of locating second signatories for the cheque book.

3. Neighbourhood Forum update

- The Mission Statement is now drawn up and also a leaflet (distribution in Ham and Petersham to be organised) to encourage people to come to the Open Day at Ham Library

– rota for 4 people to be on hand for drop-in sessions 3rd April from 4-7pm and 4th April 10-12 to answer questions about the Forum

- 3rd April – next public meeting. Need to involve younger adults – suggested that all the school newsletters include an invite to the open days and public meeting
- The Forum is now a statutory consultee for planning applications – Brian will check the range of planning applications for which the Forum will be consulted and email Justine
- The Forum will receive £7000 set-up costs, and the Plan will be ready in 2016 for referendum

4. Project updates

- **Green screen:** has more than covered costs so far, with 30+ people attending each screening and staying for discussion afterwards. Next film – ‘The Lightbulb conspiracy’, on built-in obsolescence, will be screened on 30th April, with 2 further films in June
- **Ham Hydro:** now named **Teddington and Ham Hydro** in recognition of the connection with Teddington. No movement yet on planning application. Prospectus out soon. Mark has offered a contact for debt funding for Hydro schemes for Chas to follow up if needed.
- **‘Capital clean-up’** at beginning of March went well. Next one 10.30am Sat 12th April jct Ashburnham Road and Riverside Drive by mini-roundabout. Tongs and gloves can be supplied. John Hatto will be arranging a programme of walks over the summer

5. Additional items

- **Ham Close uplift consultation result** – public meeting Monday 24th Feb was disappointing because there was too much emphasis on the uplift of the buildings without consideration of land use and connectivity. Too many options were given, without information about what money is available, and those attending were unwilling to vote on particular options. Very few Ham Close residents attended. Mark raised the question whether the Forum Planning Group should be involved in this. Justine has requested the data supporting the uplift plans and will ask again
- **Ham Fair** – agreed that HUG will request 2 stands and set in motion the feather banner order. Suggested theme this year to be broadly on the ‘Make Do and Mend’ theme, with emphasis on ‘Make’, featuring the work of Andres and his ‘Makers Group’, Cornelia’s work and Andrew with the apple press, particularly if Jean can get a donation of apples from Waitrose. Mark to liaise with Jean for the booking and banner order
- **Ham and Petersham Community First Match Funding Grant** – requests to be in by end of this month – contact David Williams for more details or visit <http://www.hamandpetershamfirst.org.uk>

- **Teddington Studios planning application** – item for information that there is a site package which includes a proposal to build flats 7 storeys high, which will have detrimental effect on the view from Ham riverside
- **Riverfront cycle path for Kingston** – Mark raised the question whether this proposed cycle path will link with Ham’s cycling paths
- **Planning application for Latchmere** – concern about poor quality of the design of the buildings and the road access only onto Ham Common. Pointed out that the developers can charge more for the housing if the development can be described as Ham Common

6. Future meetings

- **Thursday 1st May** – St Peter’s Church, Petersham - suggest **7.00pm** for additional time to learn about the church and its history. Penny will liaise with Tim Marwood and circulate arrangements nearer the time
- **Wed 4th June**) I have booked Ham library community room for these dates, but
 -) either of these dates can include an outdoor activity – to be decided.
- **Wed 16th July**) St Michael’s Convent and Ham House are both options
- **Aug/Sept meeting** - date to be set next meeting