

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

*INCORPORATING PETERSHAM*



**Meeting notes**

**Wednesday 30th October, 2013  
at 8pm at the Little House**

**Present**

Mark Brand (Chair), Andrew Beedham, Danielle Coleman, Andy Dawson, Justine Glynn, John Hatto, Carole Hegedus, Jill Lamb, Andres Muniz-Piniella, Mary Pitteway, Julia Rees, Briony Rowland, Ann Sayer, Chas Warlow, Cllr David Williams, Richard Woolf, Penny Frost (secretary)

**Apologies**

Cllr Sue Jones, David Lawton, Cllr Brian Miller, Matthew Rees, Chris Ruse

**1. Welcome and introductory remarks**

Mark Brand welcomed all to the meeting, and noted the excellent library extension as a splendid community facility and meeting room.

**2. Approval of HUG minutes 25<sup>th</sup> September 2013 and matters arising**

Minutes from the last meeting were approved. There were no matters arising.

**3. Neighbourhood Forum (NF)**

- The October Cabinet meeting has agreed the Neighbourhood Forum in principle, subject to the NF signing a 'Memorandum of Understanding' with the council over a boundary issue referred to by the council as the 'river park', an area either side of the river which includes Teddington. NF has been advised that this area has no formal standing and the council's request is unconstitutional, and so the NF is not prepared to sign. David Williams has spoken to the Director of Environment and asked him to move the council's

approval of the NF without insisting on the Memorandum of Understanding which they are currently requesting

- All facilitators have received copies of the feedback sheets from the September NF meeting, with a request to provide their own bullet point summaries. Once these are received by Andrew, all the notes will be put on the NF website
- Justine and Andrew attended a meeting of the Department of Communities and Local Government (DCLG) and found it very helpful. Andrew noted that Barnes may consider going for NF status following their recent 'Big Ponder' meeting, which was structured similarly to the last H&P NF meeting
- There will be a meeting of the NF committee (all the voluntary and service reps) next Wed 6<sup>th</sup> Nov
- Andrew will draft an article for the next H&P Magazine giving an update on NF

#### 4. Project updates

- **Ham and Petersham Magazine:** Andy Dawson has taken over responsibility for the H&P Magazine from Peter Rixon, and attended the meeting to give an update. He has discovered that the print run for the magazine has been 3400, but there are 3873 homes for distribution. The shortfall appears to be largely in Petersham village. Andy will send Penny a list of all the areas needing distributors, which Penny will email round the HUG membership asking for volunteers. Since extra costs will be incurred by increasing the print run, additional advertisers will be welcomed
- **Ham Hydro:** the Lensbury is adamant that it will not withdraw its objection to this project, and continues to find additional grounds for objection. The HH Directors have discussed the ways forward, and will make one small change to one feature, although they are aware that this will not meet the Lensbury objections. They will make the point to the council that they have a right to a planning decision on this now
- **Horticulture:** Mary Pitteway noted that it now looks possible that the allotment can be resited alongside the farm development, which will enable the allotment to be back in action much earlier than forecast. Diary dates: **9 Nov** 10am – planting bulbs on Ham Green, **14 Nov** – 10 fruit trees donated by Waitrose to be planted in Croft Way/Riverside Drive
- **Library Garden:** 5 Nov – educational bulb planting for SEN students to give clumps of successional bulbs. Competition launch before Christmas to design a shady garden for the back of the library, to be judged in April by Geoff Hyde, followed by fund-raising to

plant up the winning garden design –Mary invited to email article on this project to Andy Dawson for next H&P Magazine

- **Apple press:** the two apple-pressing days went well, with over 20 litres of juice produced each day, and currently fermenting into cider in the Little House. More bottles needed

## **5. Arrangements for AGM Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November 8pm Ham Library**

- Directors' meeting set for Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November (New Inn) to review the progress of the financial report and CIC report before these are sent to the membership. The target is 21 days for these to be received by the membership – 14 days may be more realistic
- HUG may have up to 12 Directors, with 3 retiring in rotation every year. The first Directors to retire will be Jean, Mary and Peter. Jean wishes to be replaced as Treasurer, whether or not she stands again as Director
- HUG members only are eligible to vote – a membership form (also available at the meeting) will be emailed out to the HUG circulation list with the AGM documentation
- Applications for Directors or other officer posts in writing (email or post) to the secretary one week before the AGM, proposed and seconded by other HUG members
- Voting will be by a show of hands
- Papers to be circulated with the AGM agenda will be: minutes of AGM 28.11.12, financial report for year ending 30.4.13 (Mark to check with Jose how close this is to completion), CIC annual report, membership list, membership application form, nomination form for Directors/officers of HUG

## 6. Other business

- **Future use of Little House** – the council lease has now expired. It was agreed that we should carry on using it for HUG-related activities under the HUG insurance (Jean to check that HUG insurance is adequate for activities within the building). The LCZ items kept there need to remain, but they can be stored out of the way – need for additional shelving to clear the floor space as much as possible. Andres has fixed the shutter, and would like to fix the light with LED – this was agreed
- **Cycle parking petition** – Katherine Bousfield wishes to present a petition for members to sign at the AGM, asking for the council to provide additional cycle racks on the pavement by C&C Pizza, to enable shoppers in that area to keep their bikes in view. David offered to present the petition during the time allotted for petitions in council meetings, which will give it more priority and publicity
- **Royal Oak** - Mark is concerned that the pub has been bought by someone who is intending to develop it for housing, and is circumventing the planning procedures in order to obtain change-of-use. He will write a note for a future meeting outlining his concerns and drawing attention to the way in which community resources are being lost

## 7. Dates of future meetings in 2013

**Thurs 28<sup>th</sup> November – AGM** in the Ham Library community room. Papers will be distributed at least 14 days in advance of the meeting.

Where possible, items of AOB should be with Penny at least 7 days in advance of each meeting date.