

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

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Meeting notes

Monday 13th July, 2015 – The Little House, Ham Close

Present

Jill Lamb (Chair), Justine Glynn, Sue Gibbons, Geoff Hyde, Gloden Moore, Andres Muniz, Mary Pitteway, Briony Rowland, Chris Ruse, Sarah Sainsbury, Phaedra Sawbridge, Alastair Walker, David Williams, Richard Woolf, Penny Frost (secretary)

Apologies

Danielle Coleman, David Lawton, Jean Loveland (arrived before end of meeting) Jose Medina, Chas Warlow

1. Chair's welcome

2. Approval of minutes of Monday 1st June, 2015 approved with no amendments

3. Matters arising

- Chris Ruse attended the **SWLEN social media training** on 17th June. He found it useful, particularly the distinctions between using the website for things that don't change much, Facebook to advertise events and twitter to pass on immediate information. A Facebook page is more secure than a group
- **Ham Fair** – many thanks to all who helped. Much interest shown in HUG activities, and a great benefit to having the trio of HUG, Ham Hydro and Neighbourhood Forum grouped together. Next year, Mike Holwill will give up the organisation of Ham Fair, and it is very important for the community that it is continued by others
- **London Garden Squares** – same day as Ham Fair. Mary Pitteway kept Grey Court garden open, but only 30 people attended. Suggests that it is not opened next year as part of the London Squares event, as it is not part of a cluster, and its projects need to be explained to each group who come - works better as part of local open garden events
- **Cycling meeting** - everyone agreed that it was very interesting and thought-provoking

4. Financial arrangements (including notes sent from Treasurer following the meeting)

HUG will be asked to pay £250 for its two-page report in the forthcoming edition of the H&P Magazine. HUG A/c balance is **£ 8,442.63** including an unpresented cheque for £50, and the HUG Pool A/c **£2009.31** including £70 to be transferred back to HUG A/c due to transaction errors back in Sept. It was agreed that the Grey Court swimming pool fund held by HUG should be released to Grey Court to help defray the costs of feasibility study etc, which amounted to over £8000, with a covering letter explaining that the money is in recognition of this cost, and with the hope expressed that Grey Court will be developing its community sports facilities for local people to participate. A note of explanation will be included in the next HUG report for the H&P Magazine.

5. Neighbourhood Forum update

- The EGM elected Danielle Coleman, Andree Frieze, Petra from Hansel and Pretzel and Lisa Fairmaner (chair of drafting group) to the NF committee
- Drafting boards were available for both Ham Fair and the EGM showing the work done so far on the themes of the Community Plan, and aiming to gather as much local feedback as possible. The next NF committee will be Tuesday 21st July, the day after the Ham Close public meeting

6. Ham Close update

- A Community Forum has been set up by independent community regeneration advisers Newman Francis, drawing in local representation from those most closely affected by plans for the redevelopment of Ham Close, although it is felt that not enough representation from leaseholders and tenants has been included. This group does not have voting rights, but their opinions are passed on to the Stakeholders' Group, which includes key officers from the council and RHP
- Unclear whether local shops or NHS clinic buildings will be part of the redevelopment
- Public meeting on Monday 20th July – concern over distribution of flyers for this event
- Concern that residents must see clear plans by then so that they can express preferences to the Community Forum and on to the Stakeholders' Group. The timetable for decisions is quite tight, with final review of plans scheduled for 30th September

7. Other updates

- **Sainsburys** expected in the autumn. Consultation currently running on changes to road markings etc to accommodate new loading bay. Whole shopfit will take approx 10 weeks
- **Russell School** rebuild going ahead
- **Latchmere House** – Planning Inspectorate has agreed the plan with one access road only into Church Road. The recent change in legislation has allowed Berkeley Homes to further reduce the amount of affordable housing on the site
- **Community Orchard** – Kath Rosen is now chair of London Orchard Project
- **Facebook management** – Mark Brand has taken on this role for HUG

- **Grey Court's community eggs** – issue of how to sell the eggs over the summer – suggested that Mary Pitteway approaches Dick Yardley, caretaker of St Richard's School, to arrange sale of eggs at St Richard's church on Sundays and weekday mornings when the church is open
- **Teddington and Ham Hydro** – their noise consultant has been preparing the new noise report and liaising with the Council EHO and the Council's independent expert to ensure that there is no ambiguity or doubt involved in the process. Once received and reviewed, it will be sent to the Council planning officer for consultation and back to Planning in August or early September. In the meantime, all the other aspects of the scheme (licensing, permitting, design, etc) are occurring in parallel. They will run an event in September to be part of Community Energy Fortnight.

8. Next meetings

- **7th September** – meet **7pm** at the river gates of Ham House for a tour of architectural interest led by Alan Sheriff of Richmond Heritage Tours, finishing at the New Inn around 8.30pm. There will be a charge of **£3 per head** for this tour
- **5th October** – meeting will include an item on local opportunities for Fair Trade introduced by a representative from the local Fair Trade Group
- **10th October** - following the very successful walk on Saturday led by Geoff Hyde, Geoff was asked to provide a morning walk on the Lands in October to collect apples for pressing on return – details to be circulated nearer the time

Hug members recorded their thanks to **Geoff Hyde** for putting on the Ham Lands walk on Saturday. Please see the following link or check the website for photos taken by Christian Furr on the Ham Lands walk, when we heard some fascinating stories of how Ham Lands came into being, and discovered what a range of plant life can be seen in the different areas, brought to the Lands by the trucks carrying the infill for the old gravel pits! Geoff Hyde asked members to be vigilant over any possibility of Ham Lands being treated as a brownfield site for building purposes.

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