

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

INCORPORATING PETERSHAM



Minutes of HUG meeting – Library Community Room
20/03/2017

In attendance:

Jill Lamb (chair), Briony Rowland, Gloden Moore, Jean Loveland, Geoff Hyde, John Hatto, Mary Pitteway, Justine Glynn, Richard Woolf, Jenny Parker, Penny Frost Sufiyo Andersson

Apologies:

David Williams, Andres Muniz Piniella

1. The Minutes of the HUG meeting of 16 January were agreed as a correct record.

Jill will double check with Andreas that everyone is on the circulation list for minutes & agendas.
Jill will forward minutes of last meeting to Richard and Briony.

2. Financial report

Not available – will be on the agenda for the next meeting. Jill will put pressure on PePe either to attend meetings or send the financial report. It was suggested that we might appoint a 'working' treasurer for day to day finance activities. Jill to consider this & discuss with Pepe. Our next meeting will consider whether we should move our bank account from the Co-op Bank in view of its current problems.

3. Ham Close consultation update

An update meeting was held with a smaller group of stakeholders. Full update material is posted on the web site (<https://www.hamclose.co.uk/>). 7 of 11 attendees were Ham Close residents. Leaseholders are pressing for a meeting with RHP. There is still no sign of viability figures. There was reassurance again that the Village Green and library are outside the scope of the development. Proposed community projects highlighted the involvement of Makerlabs. The next meeting is April 26th.

4. Grey Court Allotment & School Farm

Finally it is beginning to come together. We have 7 raised beds filled with good quality topsoil. Paving to and between the beds is hard but porous for drainage. We have a fruit cage and shed. There is still much to do – painting the shed & latch on the doors, compost bins, water butts etc but, at last we can see real progress.

5. Project Updates

Neighbourhood Forum

The AGM was held on February 28th. They will respond to all comments. Among the comments Ham Close & green spaces seem to be recurring themes. There is some concern with the timing relative to Ham Close. It is important to have the Neighbourhood Forum plan in place first.

Teddington & Ham Hydro

There is a shareholder meeting on March 29 where a possible way forward will be presented.

Green Screen

Approximately 20 people attended the screening on sustainability and £40 was contributed. The next screening will be late in May and will stick with the Sunday evening time slot. Planning is

for 4 films per year – 2 in spring & 2 in autumn.

Richmond Makerlabs

Makerlabs is busy & thriving. We must have a 'stocktake' and review insurance. A fire risk assessment has been done & we are waiting for the report.

The mezzanine level is packed with stuff. We need to sort & clear it out before Ham Fair.

Library Garden

We are not entering London in Bloom this year but we will continue to maintain the garden. See note at the end of these minutes re Richmond in Bloom best village.

Ham is Where the Heart Is

There are 7 or 8 interviewers and 16 interviews have been completed. Lots of human-interest stories are emerging. There are over 40 people on the list to be interviewed. The exhibition launch will be 29th September.

Orchard Windfalls Fund

Ten people (including 3 Grey Court students) participated in a grafting day. All Ham & other local varieties were supplied by Brogdale. Over 50 were grafted onto 2 year old root stock. The young trees are now growing on in Jean's allotment.

6. AOB

For information:

The **boats** have been moved on from Environment Agency land. There is some concern re the length of time it took after the high court injunction.

The **Great British Spring Cleanup** was a great success with local schools, organisations and individuals turning out to litterpick in locations across Ham & Petersham.

The **deadline for submissions for the magazine** is April 9th..

The **Richmond in Bloom Best Village Competition**. We will be entering Ham & Petersham into this competition. The entry will encompass the library garden, Ham Village Green, Ham Lands, Petersham Meadows, Ham Common Woods, Petersham Woods etc. The judging is based upon the local community's use of and involvement with local green spaces as well as horticultural aspects. Rachel Lipscomb is heading up our entry.

The **Council is consulting on open spaces management**. All are encouraged to comment. The site is at <https://consultation.richmond.gov.uk/environment/pspo>.

Our **next meeting** (20 April) needs to address plans & materials for Ham Fair.

Walks for a meeting during the summer – Richard will organise a walk & talk around the Russell School and/or the German School. He will try to get in touch with the architects and contractors. Possible dates are 22May, 29 June, 24 July with June by choice.

Ham Lands – thorns are encroaching on rides & open circular patches and choking out other growth. Gina may be looking to this.

7. Future Meetings

20 Apr, 22 May, 29 Jun, 24 Jul, 24 Aug ?, 18 Sep, 19 Oct, 27 Nov (AGM)