

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

## INCORPORATING PETERSHAM



Minutes of HUG meeting – Library Community Room  
22/05/2017

### In attendance:

Jill Lamb (chair), Briony Rowland, Gloden Moore, Mary Pitteway, Andres Muniz Piniella, Sue Gibbons, Penny Frost, Jose Medina, Richard Woolf, Sufiyo Andersson, Geoff Hyde, Carl Myhill

### Apologies:

Justine Glynn, Jean Loveland, John Hatto, David Williams

1. **The Minutes of the HUG meeting of 20 April were agreed as a correct record.**

2. **Matters arising not covered by agenda items**

Some members are still not receiving meeting reminder and minutes emails. These include Briony, Gloden, Carl, Pepe. **ACTION Andres will give Jill a list and she will ensure that they receive paper copies.**

We now have 101 members !

3. **Financial report**

The accounts have only had minor changes since April. Insurance, Ham Fair stall & expenses etc have been paid. The balance is £12,502 but most of that sum is ring fenced for specific projects.

4. **Ham Close Consultation Updates**

RHP have, yet again, a new person for the consultation (the 4<sup>th</sup> since last summer). This man seems to have a better grasp of the issues and is more open to discussion. They have still not taken on infrastructure issues such as transport & health services etc. They are reviewing the FAQs from leaseholders before having a meeting with them but they have held a tenants meeting. There is still confusion between 'social housing' and 'affordable housing'. The new RHP man will review what can be released relative to financial viability.

What we know: The number of 425 units still stands. The Council will only fund 'services' (e.g. youth club, clinics etc.) not construction. Funding is largely dependent on the Mayor's fund. There will be more affordable units than at present but they will make up a smaller percentage of total units. RHP have assured all tenants that they will have a flat at the same rent. There is a plan to separate social tenants from private tenants and leaseholders. **We believe that this is not acceptable.**

We also believe that the quality of the design is key. This is the opportunity to create something innovative and exciting. But we will probably not see any details of design until the scheme goes for planning permission (still believed to be early 2018)

5. **Ham Fair Arrangements**

We will have 2 plots – 1 for Makerlabs & 1 for other projects. They are numbers 141 & 142.

Materials have been sorted out at the Little House. There are 2 marquees & 2 gazebos & 3 display boards (all the property SWLEN). 1 of the boards is broken so we should replace it. Colin at SWLEN said that it is OK to use them. He will tell Jill where to get a replacement display board.

Last year's flier is still valid.

**ACTION : Carl will find out if Paul's van will be available for transporting materials to & from on the day.**

**ACTION : Vertical banner – Jill will ask Rachel where she got the banner for Ham Open Gardens &, if affordable, purchase one.**

**ACTION : Each person responsible for a project / topic must get materials to Jill for lamination etc by May 30. Her address is 60 Lock Road. As below :**

**HUG flier – Who we are, what we do, contact details, membership forms – Jill & Andres**

**Orchard / Apple press – Jean (note straining bags & how to training needed too)**

**Allotment & Library Garden – Mary**

**Local History project – Jill**

**Makerlabs - Andres & Paul**

**Green Screen – see below**

**Ham Lands & Ducks – John**

## **6. Project Updates**

**Neighbourhood Forum** -The plan is finished . The Council will scrutinise it & then send it to an examiner. The 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.

**Green Screen** – The next film is on June 11 at 5:15. We will leaflet it at Ham Fair which is the day before.

**MakerLabs** – The ringbinders have been disposed of (11 boxes to the Russell School, 2 boxes to Meadlands, 10 boxes to Grey Court). After a bit of a communications problem with the MIND shop, we are no longer servicing electrical goods for them. MakerLab are instituting talks every other Monday, and the last Tuesday of each month. Andreas went to the Inventors club in Kingston to promote MakerLabs . He has set up a company and will work in Kingston.

**Library Garden** – The garden was open for Ham Open Gardens.

**Grey Court Community Allotment** – It was open for Ham Open Gardens. There is still some building & clearing work to be done. But we will soon begin recruitment for volunteers to man it during the summer.

**Ham is where the heart is** – The project is progressing well. 26 interviews have been done, there are now 30 more to do. Because of this success and the wealth of material collected the launch exhibition has been postponed from September to January.



7. **New Project Suggestion** – Sutiyo suggested that she would be willing to lead a meditation group aiming for inner peace. 1.5 hour sessions would run weekly for an initial trial for 4 months ( September – December ) in the library. It was agreed that this is the type of project that HUG would support. The environment for meditation needs to be appropriately calm and soothing.  
**ACTION: Penny will see if St Richards could be booked**

8. **AOB**

**Green Drinks** – is successful and pleasant but it is not attracting new people or projects, It was suggested that it could be handed over to Zoe and George to oversee.

**Our next meeting** (June 29) was planned to be a visit to the new school buildings at Russell School and/or The German School with the relevant architects. Neither is ready yet but we are still interested so we will postpone that planned meeting.

Instead, we will visit The Ham Village Centre in what used to be The Royal Oak Pub. The building is of historic interest. It is a 'members only' venue but HUG members could have a temporary membership for £3.

**The Big Lunch** – 16-18 June – HUG will not be officially organising a lunch but anyone who wants to have one is free to do so.

9. **Future Meetings**

**29 Jun, 24 Jul, 24 Aug ?, 18 Sep, 19 Oct, 27 Nov (AGM)**