

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

INCORPORATING PETERSHAM



Minutes of HUG meeting – Library Community Room 16/01/2018

In attendance:

Jill Lamb (chair), Briony Rowland, Mary Pitteway, Sufiyo Andersson,

Apologies:

Jean Loveland, Jose Medina, Penny Frost, Gloden Moore, David Williams, Richard Woolf, Andres Muniz Piniella, Edward Skinner, Zoe & George Varnava, Geoff Hyde, Andree Frieze, Chris Ruse

1. The Minutes of the HUG meeting of 19 October 2017 were agreed as a correct record

2. Financial report

Our bank account has been moved to Metro Bank. Our closing balance today was £11,620.73.

3. Ham Close Consultation Updates

The timetable has slipped. Submission of the planning application is now expected to be late summer but beginning of demolition / construction is still scheduled for 2019.

Jill & Andres met with representatives of RHP & the Council to give HUG input for the requirements for the replacement of the Little House. We have requested double the current space. The next Stakeholder's Meeting is at the end of January.

4. Ham and Petersham Magazine

Jill met with Sarah to discuss the ongoing financing of the magazine. Sarah contends that the financing of the magazine depends on the current financial arrangement for continued publication. The H&P Association and Ham Amenities both have funding through membership fees and profit-making events but it is more difficult for us. Sufiyo suggested that Meditation and Green Screen may be able to contribute after covering their costs.

5. Project Updates

Neighbourhood Forum -no new input (Their meeting was running at the same time as the HUG meeting.

Green Screen – next film is Sunday 18 of March the film is We the Uncivilized. More information will be available later on Green Screen web-site (HUG).

Richmond Makerlabs – Makerlabs goes from strength to strength. Note from Membership director: HUG has 130 members and 10 keyholders.

Library Garden – The vandalized bench was a total write-off. We will not be replacing it. We will have a work day on February 24th for a general cut-back & tidy up.

Grey Court Community Allotment –We will need to use the HUG web site, the library and Next Door to recruit community participants.

Ham is Where the Heart is – 42 interviews have been completed. Text has gone to the designer of the display boards for the exhibition at the beginning of April.

Meditation Group – This is a huge success. 10-15 people regularly attend. It is more than covering its costs. The library has been booked for all Monday evenings through July except for 2 weeks over Easter and 1 week in July.

Meetings & Outings Suggestions -

Speakers and talks -

- The Palm Centre: Speaker Emma + Martin Gibson. Contact 020 8255 6191 - Interested in the history of the centre, the most exotic plants they carry and the future for the business.
- Head Teachers: Meadlands or St Richards, to understand a little more about the schools in our areas and their critical importance in attracting young families to Ham.
- National Trust: Ham House Director. What's in store for the next 5 years with Ham House?
- Thames Landscape Strategy [TLS] : Jason Debney 077611 69343 . It's been a long initiative but where will the focus be in the future ? Jason is a natural speaker. We would be interested in his views for Ham in the next 5 years.
- Gordon Elsdon: Remarkable Ham - The Untold Story. Gordon's book launch this December focused on the pre-history of Ham. Why did he undertake the book and what were his most remarkable discoveries ? What is the future for Local History in Ham?

Visits -

- Cassell Hospital
- Beech Croft Homes. Visit to St Michaels [ex] Convent site. What is planned for the future?
- Ham Common Woods. LBRuT . A walk to discuss the future maintenance of this ancient woodland, currently seeing its first major management in 60 years. A massive physical part of Ham and a great asset that needs to be understood by the community who use it.

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Green Drinks – is on the 1st Thursday of each month at 7:30 at the New Inn. The suggestion of inviting speakers (e.g. Paul Cook, SWLEN etc) was agreed. They will investigate the possibility of moving to the Village Centre.

Litter pick– Andree Frieze would like to organize litter picks on Church Road on Sundays. It was agreed that this is a project that we should support. We now have HUG reflective vests & litter picking wands.

Friends of Ham Lands – We had the first workgroup meeting on January 13 to clear brambles and open up one of the main tracks to improve the habitat for pollinating insects. We will meet every 2nd month. Work will be planned and led by Gina. She is from Glendale, the organisation contracted by the Council.

SWLEN energy saving project –

SWLEN have sent us a letter requesting our support for an energy conserving project. Please see draft letter (attached as a NOTE) for a description of what that will entail. It was agreed that, since the project fits well with our HUG ethos, we will support it.

6. **Future Meetings**

February 15, March 13, April 12, May 15, June 14, July 17, September 13, October 16,
November 22 (AGM)

Note- Jill cannot attend on February 15.

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Re : Support for SWLEN energy saving project

Dear Clive,

Ham united Group (HUG) is pleased to support the energy saving project which South West London Environment Network (SWLEN) is running in the borough of Richmond between March 2018 and March 2020, funded by Heathrow Communities Tomorrow. In this project, energy advisors from SWLEN visit people in their homes to review and give free advice on their energy usage, heating systems, insulation and lighting. The advisors may install free energy saving equipment as appropriate and will issue a report of findings and recommendations. If appropriate, SWLEN may also refer a client to the organisation Thinking Works who help people to keep warm in winter through health advice.

Our support will include working with SWLEN to promote their energy saving service to our members and Ham residents by the following :

- Posters prepared by SWLEN and approved by us
- Leaflets to our members and Ham residents prepared by SWLEN and approved by us
- Articles in our newsletters to members
- All promotional material to include the logo for the funder Heathrow Communities Tomorrow and for SWLEN
- Allowing SWLEN staff to run meetings, presentations or workshops on our premises at times suitable to us
- Confirmation to enquiries that the project is legitimate and recommended by ourselves
- Other activities as agreed between ourselves and SWLEN.

HUG will not contribute funding to this project and understand that SWLEN energy advisors are trained, are conversant with SWLEN's health and safety rules and have public liability insurance.

We look forward to working with SWLEN and contributing to the success of their project.

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