

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

**INCORPORATING PETERSHAM**



**Meeting notes**

**Monday 26th June, 2013**

**at 7.30pm at the Little House**

Andrés kindly volunteered to take some meeting notes, as Penny was unable to attend the meeting.

**Chair:** Andrew for the first items, Mark Brand for the rest.

**Attendees:** Mark Brand, Jill Lamb, Danielle Coleman, Carole Hegedus, Mary Pitteway, Brian Miller, Brony Rowland, Jusine Gynn, Chris Ruse, Karin Noble, Sven Strassburg, Richard Woolf (7:50 onwards), David Williams, Jean Loveland, Andrés Munñiz, Ken Mackenzie, Chas (left early)

**Item 5 Sea Scouts** (Sven and Karin) – item taken first to allow Karin and Sven to leave early.

They discussed about the progress on the Sea Scout Hut. The Petersham and Ham Sea Scout troop has out grown the hut that was built in the 1970s. The new build was proposed to address the growing challenges of thermal, access and general 21st century expectancy. The plan started 5 years ago. Sven and Karin handed out a document showing the improvements proposed by the McDaniel|Woof architects. Neighbours do not like the present building amongst the improvements there is better acoustics, separate changing rooms and more space for new boats.

Thanks to Karin, Carol and Richard several reports have already been done and they are currently going through the last report (flood) before sending to the planning office at the end of July. The date is set by the reports themselves. And several preplanning was already done.

The next step is fund-raising: it is expected to be £600k minimum. Some of the reasons of the high price is that the structure cannot have foundation dug up.

What they need from HUG is awareness, ideas for fund-raising, contacts and Ideas.

Questions/suggestions:

Catchment area: Kingston, Sheen and Russell School amongst others. Ham is an area with little amount of members.

Mary suggested to check with Greycourt School as they have experience in overlapping of funding.

Jean suggested people's Health funding.

SUTCH was suggested as well.

Colin Sinclair was a good point of contact

Look into sports funding.

It was discussed that the whole point of the Neighbourhood forum is to get a joint support from local groups. Next meeting is the 10th of September.

The building is environmentally friendly in aspects such as the structure is prefabricated wood composite with recycled materials. There is currently issues with high bills being paid on heating loss. The structure should keep the nautical theme.

**Item 1 Introduction**

Mark sent apologies for lateness and the minutes from the previous meeting were approved.

## **Item 2 Matters arising and reports**

- **Ham Hydro Briefing (Chas)**

Sends thanks to the work by local councillors. 11th of July Planning comity 25th of July meeting with the Environmental Agency (EA) to give the response to continue.

Good news on the Noise report: is well within limits established.

With regards to the Environmental Agency there is one piece that will be handed in by the end of the week.

As per Ham Hydro's usual practice the report for the noise will be sent to the consultants and to the Lensbury centre ahead, before the planning officers.

There will be a date when Mark will be needed to give a five minute speech.

- **Ham fair**

From the start: lessons where learnt about removing the tables from up front and giving out contact details and flyers, thank you for every one participating.

Note on flyer: no phone number and no address.

Duck food item when quite well. Malcom and the local little shop are selling the pellets.

The RSPP are advertising wheat free feeding of birds.

Danielle suggested that some of the Items seem dated. The idea of doing one activity and one theme seems like a positive one.

ACTION: check the possibility of creating a voice mail account, Jean has already implemented labels and addresses, have a meeting before the Ham Fair to organize the event. Events meeting might be proposed.

Richard: A praise sent to the Ham Amenities Group: the Fair was extremely large this year. Hard to see where it will go from there. At 10:30 pm there was all picked up. A good indicator of the size of the event is the availability of loo.

Car park in grass area made a huge difference. The commercial (non-local) side of the fair did not increase with respect of last year.

## **Item 3 Directors Meeting Minutes discussion (Mark)**

Within the definition of the CIC is the aid of local projects. It was decided to make the meetings of directors of twice per year with one meeting for the preparation of the yearly meeting.

Question sent to group: should we have observers for these meetings, should these meetings be kept separate?

Points of discussion: communications, financial reporting, 10% administration fee on projects funded, make it more disciplined on spending, Should there be a turn over on directors? The treasurer is a good example.

It was discussed the possibility of a compulsory renovation every 2-3 years. A clear distinction needs to be made between officers and directors.

Project ownership was discussed: how will the reporting go? what if projects go orphan? ensure that the directors take proactive decisions.

Recruitment: more can be done to bring in new people. How many people get written down on fairs and not contacted?

ACTION: Have we followed up in new members?

Little House: Concerns on lease where re-raised with the visit of the Sewing group.

David comments that the council sees Little House as in lease for the Low Carbon Zone. Isbel Murray said she does not see it appropriate for Sewing group.

Danielle requested that members should be careful and approach in a more positive manner. There seems to be a thought that little house is owned by the CIC when this is not the case. Mark requested that it is not satisfactory to leave Little House in a Limbo and that it is currently underused.

ACTION: Advertise Launch party for Wendy workshop if appropriate (Danielle) . Make clear that HUG is not Little House.

#### **Item 4 Neighbourhood Forum (Andrew)**

Good response, some comments about it being too technical, Maggie will send a thank you to all attendees, emails have been checked, more than 150 members, website is done ([www.hamandpetershamneighbourhoodforum.org](http://www.hamandpetershamneighbourhoodforum.org)).

Special thanks to Andrew.

This umbrella group is a very good opportunity for the local area.

Andrew read out some notes about My community rights, URS, suggestion for paid facilitators for each of the tables, community is needed to do a brainstorming similar to the one done in HUG 2 years ago but at the umbrella group scale.

The idea is to get all participating and getting a draft plan.

Special thanks to Maggie during the meeting: key cabinet member was set up front. There seems to be little doubt that the forum will go through.

Richard commented that there was a turning point in the floor “where are the commoners?” The group organization should not ignore people that is not “somebody”. Still praise to Ham and Petersham forum since it was not driven by industrialized estates. Arquitectural firms do keep an eye out for forums. It is clear that different people create different agendas. How do you select people that do not represent anybody else but themselves. Other comment heard on leaving “What about us lot? The ones that do not own their house?”

#### **Item 6: Any Other Business**

- **Latchmere prison site:**

some debates with construction lawyers that claim that the traffic will not increase during construction any more than it would have been in normal prison use. This seems debatble. Praise on the affordable housing that will be available. Traffic patterns are very different in the November to March time and this was not taken into account.

- **Allotment (Mary)**

The allotment is being dismantled. tools need to be set out due to HUG ownership. Greycourt school are supportive of the idea of incorporating it to the Farm. But with the new carpark and the sixth form and the Stratmore School issue they will need to resubmit into planning of the Farm. And the buildings will be in the way. There is a need of water and sun.

Ham House has offered a space half the size of the allotment. There is a need to find out if there is enough interest that it is worth the trouble. In good news there seems to be a location for reassembling the shed.

ACTION : contact Paul for the allotments in Ham to see if people in waiting list would be interested. There is a surplus of large pots.

- **Bicycle ride to central London (Danielle)**

Katerine is organizing the feeder ride to central London.

- **Event at Meadlands (Jill)**

3rd of August events arranged some space in the school posters and flyers in preparation. David is giving a talk and is a great speaker. In the Great Airspace Factory British Aerospace he managed to get 80 attendees.

Questions are how to pay, should donations be asked for. Printing costs can ascend to 200 pounds.

25th of July leaflet drop

Announce in e-bulletin (Maggie and other schools).

- **Film festival (Danielle)**

There is a proposal to have some screening involving environmental themes in Grey Court school. Meela should be contacted.

ACTIONS: Please email out events to put in social media, web page and calendar please.