

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

INCORPORATING PETERSHAM



Meeting notes

Thursday 30th August 2012

at 7.30pm at The Little House, Ham Close (off Ashburnham Road)

Present

Mark Brand (chair), Justine Glynn, John Hatto, Katherine Henry, Geoff Hyde, Jill Lamb, Jean Loveland, Cllr Brian Miller, Andres Muniz-Piniella, Sarah Perrett, Briony Rowland, Peter Rixon, Alastair Walker, Stuart Walker, Cllr David Williams, Penny Frost (secretary)

Apologies

Andrew Beedham, Danielle Coleman, Wendy Hatto, Cllr Sue Jones, David Lawton, Mary Pittaway, Chas Warlow,

1. Introductory remarks

Mark welcomed all present

2. Approval of minutes 30th 2012 and matters arising

Minutes from the last meeting were approved and no matters were arising

3. HUG Events Plan update

- 18th August Creepy-crawlies: John Hatto reported that the event went very well, and there will be a review meeting to decide how to take this initiative forward
- Ham Library is holding a number of 60th birthday events – all are invited to the evening party on 6th September (tickets from library). The children's party and bulb planting on 8th Sept, in collaboration with HUG, is now organised – offers of help to Sarah Perrett
- 15th September 4pm BBQ by the Little House – details later
- proposed Apple Festival – Events Group will have a further meeting to discuss arrangements

- Barn Dance – costs will be scaled down, date tba by Events Group

4. Village / Neighbourhood Plan

An application for a Neighbourhood Forum will be put forward in early October – Andrew has put together the preliminary information to support the application. **Action:** Andrew

5. MUGA

The decision on the proposal for a multi-use games area and lighting in Ham Close will be made at the council planning meeting on 20th September. 200 objections have been lodged. The decision will be considered at the September HUG meeting under matters arising

6. Computer clinics

Andres will offer clinics one day every couple of weeks in the Little House, using his own lap top to share information about computer use and community-based software. This will be advertised through the HUG circulation list, the Ham and Petersham Magazine, the library and other community venues. This offer was enthusiastically received by HUG. **Action:** Andres will be given a key for the Little House, set a starting date and publicise the clinics

7. Street art

Andres shared some ideas for street art to brighten up telephone junction boxes etc. All agreed this was an excellent idea, but questions were posed regarding permission for this. Penny has a contact for printing art work onto vinyl which can then be stuck onto outdoor objects such as junction boxes, and will get outline costings. Suggestion that Grey Court be invited to run a design competition among its students. **Action:** Mark and Andres to develop the Back Lane sign and clear with RHP (via Jean) and Storme, also to approach BT to discuss painting of telecoms cabinets.

8. Bio-diversity and Ham

John explained that he is trying to develop a set of issues specifically for Ham. It was suggested that he identifies the species of flora and fauna under threat locally, and then outline the strategies and approaches which could be followed to minimise these threats. He was asked to circulate some dates and venues when members could join him to walk the sites under his consideration.

Action: John will continue to firm up the details of his paper and circulate members when ready

9. Quick Project Updates

- **Ham Community Orchard:** Andrew will consider other sites, or make adaptations to current proposal as a result of local opposition from one resident
- **LCZ II:** the new officer appointment, with a time allocation to H&P of 1 day per week, will work mainly on Green Deal, saving energy etc
- **Street Champions:** meeting on 19th Sept to link up with a Kingston Uni group looking at how they monitor energy and water use – report to next meeting
- **Ham Hydro:** no report
- **Community Allotment:** no report
- **Ham and Petersham Community First Panel:** no report
- **Swimming Pool:** £40,000 must be raised asap to meet the costs of the planning application, and a HUG members' sponsored swim will be held at Teddington Pool on 16th September

10. AGM/Annual accounts/CIC report

The date of the AGM was set for 28th November – calling notice to be circulated by 7th November

11. AOB and dates of next meetings

The jammed shutter on the Little House side window is a security risk. **Action:** Andrew will discuss this with the relevant Council officer responsible for the maintenance of the Little House

Please put the following dates in your diary: **26th September, 25th October, 28th November (AGM)**

All meetings will take place in the Little House and start at 7.30pm

Where possible, items of AOB should be with Penny at least 7 days in advance of each meeting date.