

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

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**Minutes of HUG meeting – Library Community Room
16/01/2017**

In attendance:

Justine Glynn, Helen Beedham, Bea Bevan, Jenny Parker, Jill Lamb (chair), Sufiyo Andersson, Sue Gibbons, Penny Frost, Richard Woolf, Briony Rowland, Gloden Moore, Andres Muniz Piniella
New Attendees, Bea and Jenny, were introduced and welcomed

Apologies:

Jean Loveland, David Williams, Julia & Matthew Reese

1. The Minutes of the HUG meeting of 24 October were agreed as a correct record.

2. Financial report

There have been no major changes since the report at the AGM. Jill confirmed that a cheque has arrived from Ham Amenities in support of the local history project. It has yet to be deposited. There is approximately two hundred pounds of funding remaining for Green Screen.

3. Ham Close consultation update

A drop-in feedback session was held at Grey Court for the Neighbourhood Forum Group and all Ham Close residents. Tabulated results were presented. The overall results were that the majority **of those who replied** to the survey was to go ahead. It was noted that there was a split in results between residents of Ham Close and the larger community. The proposal will now go to Cabinet with a proposal to go forward to planning.

The proposal can be seen at www.hamclose.co.uk

Mandy Skinner has intimated that the final plan layout will not be too far from that presented.

The proposal is not financially viable yet. Funding from London & Richmond Council is yet to be decided. The Council funding will cover the public services part of the development (e.g. Youth Club, etc.). The services, their location & footprint has not been decided yet.

It was generally agreed that the current proposal is a great improvement over previous versions but that we must continue to monitor it for quality.

4. Grey Court Allotment & School Farm

Funding from TESCO's Bags of help fund (£12k) is on its way. It is an expensive project because it must be totally accessible. Sea Scouts have contributed some funding to be used for seed or tools and will be able to join Grey Court and Strathmore students and other community members in enjoying the allotment.

5. Project Updates

Community Orchard

Jill introduced the new Orchard Windfalls Fund for a community orchard (possibly in partnership

with a local school). Jill, Briony, Jean & Chris will go forward with the project. The first hurdle is finding an appropriate site.

Neighbourhood Forum

The Neighbourhood Plan will be published on January 30 and consultation will begin then. There are some outstanding comments from the Council which will be included in the next version after the consultation. The Plan will be available online and a copy in the library. Multiple copies will not be printed and delivered to residents because that would be too costly. All dates and access arrangements will be published in the next magazine.

It is recognised that, once the plan is in place, maintenance will be an issue. Organisation(s) and methods will be put in place to cover this.

HAM Hydro

Plans will be resubmitted with new technology. The ownership of some nearby land has changed. This may result in even more objections. More information will be available at our next meeting.

Green Screen

Simon Bailey will take over from Sufiyo. He is well qualified with a keen interest in recycling and the environment. Laetitia Forst has also volunteered to help. There will be a film/meeting every 2-3 months most likely on Sunday evenings. It was emphasized that the discussion & debate after the films is vital.

Many thanks to Sufiyo for putting so much effort into the project and for handing it over in such good shape.

Richmond Makerlabs

Some HUG equipment is stored in the loft.

The HUG logo is getting faint after many copies. They are upgrading it with new technology which means it will remain sharp when it is enlarged.

Makerlabs is now part of a UK-wide network of similar organisations.

There are always many activities underway – see wiki.richmondmakerlabs.uk

They have co-ordinated the disposal of large volumes of equipment and furniture from the National Physical Laboratory.

The inventory of Makerlabs equipment has grown and some of it is quite valuable. We need to update the assets covered by our insurance.

Library Garden

Winter honeysuckle, mahonias and some primroses are in bloom.

HAM is Where the Heart Is

This oral history project is well underway. One training session for volunteer interviewers has been held and another will take place in February. The website is being set up by a suitably qualified professional. Research is being carried out to provide the background framework. Dates covered are 1900 to the present. People interviewed will give their permission for publication on the web site. There are 35 people so far on the list of whom 10-15 have already given formal permission.

6. AOB

Sufiyo is organising **‘Spring Cleaning’ clean-up and litter picking sessions March 2-4**. The Thursday and Friday are for schools and the Saturday for other volunteers. Meadlands & St. Richards have already committed. Sufiyo is ‘zoning’ and allocating the areas to be covered and,

nearer the time, will organise the equipment. We need to confirm that we have adequate insurance to cover this activity. To volunteer to help please contact Sufiyo. (anderssonsufiyo@gmail.com)

There will be a '**singing day**' on **Saturday March 4th** at **St. Richards Church** singing Gershwin.

Friends of Ham Library are holding a **Bird Box Making day** at Ham Library on January 28th, starting at 2:00.

Green Drinks will be at the New Inn on the first Monday of each month from 7:00-9:00.

Dog Walkers on Ham Lands – Many parks have limited professional dog walkers to 4 dogs (and some are charging them a fee) so many more have begun to use Ham Lands. This is **causing** increasing damage. The large number of dogs can cause intimidation to people with young children or one or two small dogs. A possible new public space protection order which, among other things, will limit dog walkers to 4 dogs, is to be released for online consultation in February. We should be aware of this and respond as it will have an effect on Ham Lands.

7. **Future Meetings**

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