



Minutes of Extraordinary General Meeting held on Thursday 17 November 2011

At 7.30pm at The Children's Centre, Ashburnham Road, Ham

Present

Mark Brand (Chair), Andrew Beedham, Sarah Perret, Carole Hegedüs, Chas Warlow, Cllr Sir David Williams, Jill Lamb, Briony Rowland, Cllr Sue Jones, Jose Medina, Peter Rixon

Apologies

Geoff Hyde, Mary Pitteway, Jean Loveland, Diane Slater, David Lawton, John & Wendy Hatto, Danielle Coleman, Brian Miller, Justine Glynn, Danielle Coleman

Mark thanked everyone for coming and advised that we would be addressing a restricted agenda, but that Peter would like to speak about the Pool and there would also be an update on the Village Plan.

1 Report by the Treasurer and approval of the Accounts for the y/e 30 April 2011

The accounts had been circulated to everyone by email and some hard copies were available at the meeting. There being nothing to add to the notes which were sent with the accounts, Mark read Jean's statement (follows):

I am pleased to present out 1st year accounts as a Community Interest Company and therefore our first formal accounting report. The year end is 30 April 2011.

We opened the CIC with funds of £2,281.53, but closed the year with a deficit of £351.00. Not too much to worry about. There was an over spend of £101.00 and asset depreciation of £50.00. We have one Debtor – Ham Hydro

Our membership this year stood at 45 members – there is no fee to be a member of HUG, just oodles of enthusiasm and great visions.

Our major fundraising event was 'Carols on Ham Green' – a joint event organised with HPA –this will be repeated on 10 December at the Ham Library garden.

We experimented by requesting donations for Library events and whilst not huge income helped towards the costs. It seems that the community are happy to give a reasonable donation for HUG events.

HUG's Barn Dance in 2010 was a success and whilst there was no monetary profit, it was a huge success and indeed has been built upon for 2011 and was held last weekend., As you will realise HUG is not all about profit, but about engaging the community and bringing it together.

The year-end accounts were audited by an independent auditor Jose at JFM Accounting and we thank him for taking this task on. If anyone has any questions please let the Committee know and I will respond next week.

The main financial receipts were:

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| <i>1</i> | <i>Income for the year</i> | <i>2282.00</i> |
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Donations were received from Ham Amenities Group, Ham & Petersham Assoc and Richmond Housing Partnership.

Payment for work relating to the Low Carbon Zone

Events sales i.e. Advent decorating, Carols on the Green, Apple Fest etc

Our major expenses for the year were:

Allotment running costs, LCZ wor.

Insurance and work days with BTCV

We start our new year with a balance of £2931.00.

We are expecting a successful year for HUG in 2011/2012 and fully expect to return a profit for the year.

Jean Loveland

Treasurer

1st November 2011

(Jose requested that it should be noted on the accounts that although he is happy to work with the Treasurer, he is not qualified to audit. This was agreed.)

It was noted that funding is intermittent and we should apply for grants and fundraise. We have been fortunate, but core fundraising is important. We need more active members before doing any project fundraising.

All members present voted to approve the accounts and the accounts were approved.

2 Chairman's Report

Mark advised that the Chairman's Report from the last meeting still stands, with the addition and/or reiteration of some points:

We have not made progress in recruiting more people. We need to address this in the coming year. It was noted that probably the Dunster presentation was very successful in bringing people in, and that we need to showcase what we are doing, and that we are a very open organisation. We should look for further topics of interest.

It was pointed out that we should be careful that the Low Carbon Zone (LCZ) is not claimed as a HUG Project. It is a Mayor of London and British Gas Project with HUG as the delivery partner.

The CIC34 document was circulated and discussed. Andrew requested that the Ham & Petersham Magazine be included.

All members present voted to accept the CIC34 document with amendments discussed.

3 Resignation and Election of Officers until the next AGM in 2012.

All present officers and directors resigned, and being eligible, offered themselves for re-election.

No other nominations had been received.

Mark read out statements for Jean, Andrew and himself, and added that his personal position had improved so that he was not required to spend so much time away.

It was noted that we could have 12 directors, and that each director's liability is limited to £1. The nomination form needs clarification for next year, and it was pointed out that it is a good thing to be a director, both for the person and for HUG.

It was suggested that we address time limitations on directors at the next AGM. Some organisations have them and there are pros and cons, eg loss of expertise and time considerations.

It was voted by a show of hands to re-elect the resigning directors and officers in the same positions:

Officers and Directors

Mark Brand Chair

Andrew Beedham Vice Chair

Jean Loveland Treasurer

Mary Pitteway Secretary and Archivist

Chas Warlow Director

Peter Rixon Director

Officers only

Carole Hegedus Membership Secretary

Additionally, Jose Medina has consented to remain our hon. Bookkeeper and Accountant (not auditor or examiner)

AOB

Proposed St Richard's Community Swimming Pool

Peter reported that a CIC is being set up, but we need to name a CIC that will take over the assets should it be necessary. Peter requested the approval of the group to name HUG. It was asked under what circumstances might it revert to HUG and Peter said that Richmond Borough Council has agreed to run the pool and he couldn't see that we would ever have to transfer to HUG but at this stage we have to name something.

It was recommended that this be checked out with Richmond Council, but we need this dealt with yesterday.

The pool is not being released until August 2012 and will probably be built in spring 2013.

It was voted by a show of hands to accept the reversionary ownership of the pool, but that this would be reviewed in 6 months time.

Peter would like to find out if anyone would like to help with the pool? People who are committed are very limited but this is our one and only shot to get a 25metre pool for Ham. We need people who will help, be a director, go to meetings where tasks would assigned, talk to leisure consultants and find funds. There is a grant coming but it's only a top up.

Peter said that he had had 3 expressions of interest but still more were needed. Various suggestions were put forward, including that we email all of our list, plus approach Richmond Voluntary Services who have a pool of people, some of whom could be interested, particularly if there were discrete tasks that could be identified. Cllr Sir David Williams volunteered at this point.

It was decided that Peter would work on a mail out.

Village Plan

Andrew and David have been meeting and Andrew is to get the detail on paper on a topic basis, and the suggestion is that smaller subgroups feed in. We should have some topic meetings ahead of the next HUG meeting. David said that if we are moving the projects on, he thought the council would welcome that.

Andrew said that we are making progress, but it's not as fast as he would like.

4 Date, Time and Place of Next Meeting

Wednesday, 14 December 2011 at 7.30pm at the Children's Centre, Ashburnham Road, Ham and afterwards at the Hand & Flower.