

CHARLTON SOCIETY MINUTES

WEDNESDAY 6 OCTOBER 2021

PRESENT: Carol Kenna(CK), Roden Richardson(RR), Angela Burr(AB), Pauline Langley(PL), Ruth Dodson(RD), Geoff Cooper(GC), Rick Newman(RK), David Gardner (DG).

APOLOGIES: None.

1) MINUTES of 1 SEPTEMBER: Passed.

2) MATTERS ARISING;

a) Congreve Publication Update:

CK said it needed to be completed as it is late in stage and the budget for it had been spent and it would be necessary to apply for more. RD said she was still at the editing stage. She said formatting takes time. A discussion was held as to how to publish it. Either print it or on line, including publishing it as an e book via Amazon. RD and GC would have a conversation about it

b) Charlton Society Publicity Card:

The A5 version of a multi image card suggested by RD was discussed. RD would prepare a preliminary draft by tomorrow which would contain the text.

c) Charlie Mackeith:

RR said he had not as yet contacted him to invite him to a committee meeting as other urgent matters had been more pressing.

d) Bank Signatories:

CK, DG, RR and RD were the new signatories.

e) Phone Card Machine:

It was agreed that RD would buy a SUM UP phone card machine costing £99. which was wifi friendly. It needed to be set up for Horn Fair.

3) FINANCES:

a)The Charity Commissioners needed to be informed of the changes of Trustees. RR would inform it as it was his address that was registered with the Charity Commission.

b) The complexities of the new signatory system were discussed.

c) CK said at the end of the year there was £3823,90 in the bank so CS' bank balance was still fairly health despite the pandemic. She had sent the financial report for 20-21 to all Committee Members. This needed to be sent to all CS members including GC's report from the previous year as there had been no AGM last year. They would be sent by PL before the AGM along with information about the AGM.

4)AGM:

PL had surveyed a 100 members for their views as to whether it should be in Charlton House or zoom. More were in favour of a face-to-face meeting rather than zoom. It was agreed that CK would book a room in Charlton House for the AGM. Charlton House would be asked to supply refreshments. CK would phone Shirley regarding the refreshments. PL said for social distancing purposes, to prevent queuing outside and causing a bottleneck, that the membership and card selling tables should be moved from the door in the Grand Salon to the other side of the room. Members would wear their masks, but take them off when they sat down if they so choose. Members would be asked to renew their subscriptions, but not asked to pay the usual £2 entry fee. Postcards would be sold as usual. People would be needed at the door to direct members. RD said she would talk to

ES about the possibility of a hybrid zoom meeting. PL would send out notices by Friday. DG would give a talk on the Challenges Facing Woolwich. CK would write the AGM agenda.

It was agreed that CS would continue to have committee meetings by zoom, but would meet face-to-face quarterly for a chat and drink. It was agreed to meet at RN's suggestion in St Luke's.

5) PLANNING AND ASSOCIATED ACTIVITIES:

a) RR said it was a quiet time. But there had been a substantial meeting at the Town Hall with Sarah Merrill and he would put together a report on its content. A further meeting was planned.

b) CT were in the process of drafting a reply to an email sent it by the Chair of Planning.

c) CK and RD had attended a well attended consultation about the future of St Lukes. CS would like to work closely with St Lukes and Charlton House too.

6) TALKS PROGRAMME:

CK mentioned the state of play with regard to the talks programme. Suggestions for future talks included asking the architect who designed the Yacht Club to give a talk. Also someone from Derrick and Altas Gardens. CK said Chris Mansfield had a wonderful collection of photos of old Woolwich and he could be asked to give a talk on a Photographic View of Old Woolwich. CK suggested that as the recent CS croquet game had been so successful it should be held one month instead of a talk.

7) AOB:

a) St Luke's problems were discussed. It was felt that something should be done to help.

- b) The International Shop had put up a satellite dish. Enquiries needed to be made into its planning permission status.
- c) PL asked for information on a CS member as she had unsuccessfully tried to email him. Apparently he had gone to live in Dover.
- d) CK said that CS needed to look at the Save our Village Action Plan again and that we should involve Charlton House.
- e) CK asked DG whether he had asked Lord Gough to buy the White Swan.
- f) The burglary at the CO-OP was discussed and whether anything could be done to help.

8) DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 3 November 2021 at 7pm, Zoom or Face-to-Face.