

## WALWORTH SOCIETY MEETING

Wednesday 21st February 2024

(Key notes and action points)

**Present:** Aaron Burton-Crisostomo, Abby Burton-Crisostomo, Bridget Bell, Christine Tan, Darret Tomlin, Diana Cochrane, Eliza, Jackie Batchelor, Jim Beedell, Jeremy Leach (chair), Liba Hoskin, Lise Magnollay, Neil Crossfield, Norma Lawrence, Nuala Riddell Morales (speaker), Roger Batchelor, Serena Dyett, Steve Lancashire, Tyrone Landau, Vince Brown, Winsome Brown.

**Apologies: None**

### 1. Minutes and matters arising

- a. Minutes of the last meeting delayed.

### 2. Planning Matters

- a. Planning committee for **31 Amelia St**; big turnout from Pullens residents, strong contribution from the Walworth Society, and great representation from Cllr John Batteson; but planning went through three votes to two with one abstention.
- b. **Beehive** appeal moving forward slowly but very good support from Cllr John Batteson and the Newington ward Councillors. Will share further information as soon as available.
- c. **Chatelain House** developers likely to submit planning application in March.

### 3. Carnaval Del Pueblo:

- a. NRM spoke on current plans for the third Carnaval Del Pueblo since Covid lockdown. Provisionally Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> August in Burgess Park and planned to be even bigger this year (from 2,000 last year to up to 5,000 this year). Nuala stressed that they are always happy to involve new volunteers.
- b. NRM also spoke about Latin American cultural involvement in the *Southwark Thriving High Street* project. Still looking for suitable spaces. No deadline, but lack of premises holding back many initiatives.
  - i. It was suggested that Chatelain House might be worth contacting, as well as boarded up premises at the foot of Draper House (most recently the Pineapple PH), and the Tankard is currently looking underused.
- c. NRM also spoke about work with the Community Southwark Latin American Network. Aim to set up a Southwark cultural centre. Potential sites include East St and Borough Triangle.

### 4. HAZ/Walworth Stories

- a. Walworth Through Song Neighbourhood Fund bid pitched in all three wards, awaiting outcome (NB funding confirmed in March).

### 5. Any Other Business

- a. BB thanked WS for support in follow up to questions put to Miatta Fahnbulleh, awaiting reply.
- b. Walworth Road Town Hall opening behind schedule, maybe April. Noted public won't have access to much of building so have requested a tour of whole building before spaces are let out.
- c. It was suggested that we should have a Walworth Society stall at freshers' events at the local universities.

**Next meeting:** Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2024 (online only).