



## Minutes of HHF Committee Meeting 16th June 2020 8pm Via Zoom

### Attendance

Present:, David Taylor, George Hornby, Harry Winter, Mary Burguieres, Beth Taylor, Robert Holden, Mike Colvin, Garrett Mears, Nick Paul, Jasia Warren, Jonathan Barry

**Apologies:** Tricia Keracher-Summerfield

### Conflict of Interest declaration

No new or known conflicts of interest were noted or declared.

### Asking Mike to Resign

Nick reminds everyone that at a meeting on 28 April it was decided to ask Mike to resign from the Committee. Nick then emailed him directly but never received a response. Mike says he is not minded to reply and is not resigning. He had started to respond in writing but gave up.

### Inviting Jonathan Barry to be Treasurer

Discussion on an email sent by Mike to the committee on 16<sup>th</sup> June. Mike believes Jonathan is not eligible to join the Committee as he does not live in Herne Hill and so goes against the Constitution. Robert agrees. Harry points to paragraph 3.2 of the Constitution. George and Mary explain that discussions have been held in the past about having non-HH residents on the Committee and it was decided it was acceptable, as long as they are committed to furthering the Forum's purpose e.g. Kelly.

**Vote 1:** Accept Jonathan as a member of the Committee

In favour: 6 // Against: 2 // Abstentions: 0

**Vote 2:** Someone who does not live or work in Herne Hill can be invited to join the Committee

In favour: 6 // Against: 2 // Abstentions: 0

## MAIN AGENDA

### Computers for Schools

Jasia says the project launched last week and already 24 laptops have been donated. 1200 flyers have been printed and will be put through doors soon. The laptops will be taken to Restore Technology for wiping and then distributed to children that need them for home schooling. [Jonathan arrives]. The scheme may be extended to other schools. Mary and Robert express their support.

### Station Hall update & CIO trustees

Nick explains that he, George, Hayley and Jasia have had a series of meetings to progress the application for Station Hall to become a CIO. Need 3 Trustees initially and mindful of the desire to have gender and ethnic diversity. Due to Covid-19 the application will take about 20 weeks to be approved. Split of commercial / charitable activities will be 50/50. Application close to being sent in. Next step would be to set up the Forum as a CIO for 2 reasons: 1) if there are ever questions of liability or contractual obligations then better the Forum is an incorporated organisation and 2) much more attractive to funders as a CIO. Robert thought this was a very good idea.

An architect called Michail has volunteered to look at the accessibility issues and created drawings of how a lift might fit into the station car park. Next step is to meet with David Statham, MD of SouthEastern and Matthew Fraser the Community Relations Manager. Mike thought the design was inspirational and hoped it would be a reasonably priced solution.

Robert raises the issue of the Fire Risk Assessment for Station Hall. Jasia assures him that work is underway and that South Eastern have been diligent and helpful. Nick has asked Jasia to ensure future

communication is recorded by email so there's an audit trail meaning repair obligations in a potential lease can be discussed. Jasia is now logging communications in a spreadsheet.

## New Website

Jasia has been working with Effra Digital and the new website is at a point where it can go live. More content can be added as it is written and it will evolve. Jasia assures Mike that the site is "responsive" and will work on all screen sizes. George thanks Jasia.

**ACTION: Jasia** to email people asking them for content for the website.

**ACTION: Committee** to let Jasia know by weekend if there are any changes required for the website, otherwise the site will go live the following week.

**ACTION: David** to send Jasia some content about planning .

## Cycling/walking schemes coming to HH

Southwark are focusing on Dulwich Village and it would be good to have something closer to Herne Hill. Harry is impressed by the new Low Traffic Neighbourhood coming to Railton Rd. Giles has asked for £1500 to spend on community engagement around the Railton Rd scheme as the council's budget was spent on capital works.

**Vote 3:** Ask Giles for a rough estimate of works and spend, give £500 now and up to £1500 longer-term  
In favour: 7 // Against: 0 // Abstentions: 1 (NB: David was not present)

Mary points out that HHF are well placed to engage with the community. George and Mike agree that HHF may have to pay invoices directly as the TRA may not have a bank account.

**ACTION: George** to invite Giles to next meeting to tell everyone what they have done/plan to do.

**ACTION: George** to circulate Giles' estimate and ideas to Committee.

## Plans to help local business after lockdown

George asks if we should try and get the HHTA, or similar, running again to create events to draw visitors. Mike says we need to be innovative. Mary points out that there is a huge variety in how shops are operating and she suggests that the public may have ideas on improving their setup.

**ACTION: Jasia** to ask businesses what help they need and research what other organisations are doing to help local shops She will then report back with scheme ideas.

## Appointment of Treasurer and year end accounts

Jonathan's CV was circulated to the Committee and he has had Zoom meetings with George, Mike, Robert, Ruth and Jasia. George proposes to elect Jonathan Barry as the Treasurer for the Herne Hill Forum, Nick seconds this motion.

**Vote 3:** Elect Jonathan as the new Treasurer

In favour: 6 // Against: 1 // Abstentions: 1 (NB: David was not present)

**ACTION: Jonathan** to find out who are the signatories on the bank account and get the mandate changed so current officers are dual signatories

**ACTION: Jasia** to give Jonathan full access to G-Drive and add him to the currentcommittee@ group

## Robert and Mike's emails

Mike and Robert argue that implied terms can't override express terms and says FINCOM will be taking legal advice. Harry offers to explain how implied terms work but Robert turns him down. George says Cllr Dickson agrees with Gerry that implied terms are acceptable in this case and it would be impossible to hold an AGM or EGM without an Officer. Garrett asks Mike to not use inflammatory and inappropriate language about George.

## AOB

Agreement that rather than changing the Constitution, the Forum should become a CIO. Mary asks about process of welcoming new members and George says members can join anytime and are then confirmed at the next AGM. George has spoken to Carolina and she would like to re-join the committee, David seconds this and nobody objects. Beth is concerned new members will not stay if Mike's tone doesn't change. Discussion on whether the next AGM should be held online or in person.

**ACTION: George** to look into holding AGM online and check timescale with Constitution.