



Minutes of HHF Committee Meeting 20th October 2020 8pm Via Zoom

Attendance

Present: Beth Taylor, Harry Winter, Jonathan Barry, Robert Holden, Mike Colvin, Nicholas Paul, Tricia Keracher-Summerfield, Carolina Fox, James Leabeater, Jasia Warren

Apologies: George Hornby, David Taylor, John Frankland.

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Everyone joined the meeting successfully.

Conflict of Interest declaration

Robert Holden's local resident's association have applied for the small grant.

Approval of accounts

Jonathan says the accounts are fine, Mike has already tabled a motion to approve them and Robert has seconded this and no-one objects. The accounts for 2019 - 2020 are approved.

Bank account transfer and invoices

Jonathan has spoken to Ruth and found that three people who are no longer part of the HHF are still signatories on the bank account. Ruth has the document from the bank which they all need to sign in order to be removed. One person has signed and Jonathan needs to ask the remaining two. The new signatories will be Jonathan, George and one other. It is easy to add people. Mike suggests that George may not want to be a signatory as signing is physically difficult. Jonathan happy for committee to decide. He explains how it will work: one person can load payments and another person can release them so its separated between two people. There would be approved beneficiaries on the bank account so the person loading the amount can't alter suppliers. Only the person who releases payments can alter them.
ACTION: Jonathan to chase the remaining people to sign the document, Jasia to help if needed.

Herne Hill Junction, bridge works and traffic reduction plans

Harry explains that the consultants who have agreed to do some work on the junction, Bespoke Transport Consulting, are experts in their fields, recommended by Lambeth Cyclists, have experience of working with both Southwark and Lambeth and are doing it for a reduced rate of £4819. Mike says we should get more than one quote and Jonathan, Robert and James agree. James points out that their cross-council experience means they have direct access to data and so will probably save time and money in the long-run. Beth asks if their offer of reduced rate work has a time limit but James thinks not, though the current political momentum for radical road design means we should not wait too long. Robert reminds us that George asked Westminster Uni for some ideas in March which we should not waste.

ACTION: James, George and Harry will get recommendations and get more quotes

ACTION: Harry to ask George for details of the Westminster Uni plans

Small Grants applications

Jasia says there have been a few applications for the small grants scheme. The first is to hold an exhibition in the tunnel from mid-Dec to mid-Feb of photos of shopkeepers and market traders. Jasia has met the photographer who is taking photos already and has sent in a budget totaling £1074 though she only wants £500 from the Forum to help. Tricia says her similar project was five years ago and was well received. Jasia recommends this project be awarded a grant. No-one objects.

ACTION: Jasia to tell photographer her grant is successful.

ACTION: Jasia to tell David Gibson at South Eastern about exhibition.

The second application was from someone wanting to create marketing packs for local traders. She has sent in a budget and is asking for £447.05. Jasia wants to ask traders if this is something they are interested in or not, plus she had some queries about the quoted website costs.

ACTION: Jasia to ask traders if they want marketing materials then ask applicant about the costs.

There then followed four applications from Guernsey and Hawarden Groves who have recently formed a resident's association. Jasia has asked them to get together and make one application. Robert would like to invite TRAs to bid for grants.

ACTION: Robert to send Jasia a list of TRA contacts so she can tell them about the grant scheme.

Halloween "party"

The usual Halloween party in Station Square is not possible due to the pandemic but Jasia and Carolina have discussed doing something online instead. Jasia has been in touch with Amigos Magic and Jessica Sparkles to arrange online shows, plus there are plans to do competitions to win Herne Hill Halloween pounds to spend in participating local shops. Jasia would like a budget of up to £500. Harry proposes the motion, Nick seconds it and no-one objects. Beth congratulates the team in tricky circumstances.

Website survey results

Ten people filled in the online survey about the Drupal website. People don't use it every day, 60% say they would miss it, 40% say they would not. The content people would like to keep on a new site are events listings, trades people recommendations and HH news. Jasia has researched alternatives to Drupal such as <https://www.vbulletin.com/> which has self-hosted and cloud options for £135 - £542 pa.

ACTION: Jasia to email the committee with her research findings into platforms for community website.

Station Square

Robert and Carolina offer to help Jasia trial some new lampshades in Brockwell Passage. Jasia says the 2 empty poster frames in the tunnel need filling to prevent graffiti. She then explains that the shop with the substation will be covered in metal louvre shuttering and the Arch Co have asked us to gauge local opinion on how to finish it – plain or an art project? Beth is disappointed that there can't be a more creative solution to the substation problem. Jasia explains Giles' proposal to share electricity but Arch Co have said this is not feasible. Robert reminds us this is the 10th anniversary of the pedestrianisation.

Members' conduct

Harry reminds Mike of the motion a few months' ago to treat each other with respect and how his recent emails have breached this and are inappropriate. Mike says he should be allowed to express his opinion even if his choice of words is not to everyone's liking. Beth says there is a difference between expressing opinions and being offensive. Harry proposes a motion that the committee refrain from using offensive language, Beth seconds and only Mike disagrees. Harry says the message and views of the committee are clear – everyone must make efforts not to say things that can be construed as offensive.

AOB

Harry proposes James as a member of the committee. Beth seconds this and the motion is adopted. Robert asks for an update on Station Hall and Nick says the CIO application has been sent in. Hayley has opened Station Hall in a covid-compliant way. Jasia explains SE will take over the Fire Risk Assessment henceforth.

Harry says we will have an AGM before next Spring.

Discussion on whether the bridge works will include replacing the pigeon netting.

ACTION: Jasia to find out about pigeon netting for the bridge.

Next meeting: Tues 17th November 8pm