

Background

The **Committee had no officers** in April 2020 as the Chair, Treasurer and Secretary had all resigned, and the Vice Chair was vacant at that time.

In order to make decisions an officer must be present at a Committee meeting – this is known as being quorate. The Constitution states that an AGM is required to elect officers.

To make themselves quorate the remaining Committee members decided to co-opt officers, by vote, rather than holding an AGM.

Over the last 12 months there was ample time to hold an AGM to elect officers, therefore all decisions from April 28, 2020 are of disputed validity and so should be ratified.

Decisions which were made (listed in chronological order, source: meeting minutes)

* = not moved to vote, but no objections

April 28, 2020 (extraordinary Meeting)

- i. To co-opt Harry Winter as Vice-Chair for a period of 1 week
- ii. To ask Mike Colvin to resign from the Committee for 1 year and then invite him back
- iii. To ask Mike Colvin to resign from the Committee with no invitation to return
- iv. To remove Mike Colvin from the google group [the group Committee e-mail]
- v. For Nick and George to talk to Station Hall contractors and establish work for them with costs and outputs for the period from now until September. Will report back to Committee.
- vi. To co-opt Harry Winter as Vice-Chair until the end of May

May 20, 2020

- i. The Forum can co-opt officers by implied powers
- ii. The Herne Hill Forum dissolve FINCOM [the Financial sub-Committee]
- iii. That George [Hornby] be appointed as Chair
- iv. That Harry [Winter] be appointed as Vice-Chair
- v. That Nick [Paul] be appointed as Secretary
- vi. To assign £500 to ‘Computers for Schools Pilot Project’

June 16, 2020

- i. To co-opt Jonathan [Barry] as Committee Member
- ii. To affirm that someone who does not live or work in Herne Hill can be invited to join the Committee
- iii. Request for funds to spend on community engagement around the Railton Rd [LTN] scheme as the Council’s budget was spent on capital works: to ask Giles [Gibson] for a rough estimate of works and spend, give £500 then and up to £1500 longer-term
- iv. To elect Jonathan Barry as Treasurer
- v. To co-opt Carolina [Fox] as Committee Member

July 15, 2020

- i. To keep the piano shut for the foreseeable future*
- ii. “Herne Hill Tourist Board”: To try to get a core of interested traders working together for fun projects to increase footfall in Herne Hill
- iii. To develop a ‘local small grants’ scheme to enable people to apply, for up to £1000, via the web-site
- iv. To revert meeting dates to every third Tuesday 8pm, with no meeting in August and review in September*
- v. To co-opt Marina [Nicholson] to the Committee

Sep. 15, 2020

- i. To cap the Small Grants to £500 with the option of releasing another tranche if needed, up to a max. of £1500*
- ii. To allocate £250 to carry out maintenance tasks in Station Square*

Oct. 20, 2020

- i. To provide a ‘small grant’ of £500 to a photographer’s exhibition work*
- ii. To allocate £500 to virtual Halloween events [in place of the usual Station Sq. event]
- iii. That the Committee refrain from using offensive language
- iv. That the Committee co-opt James Leabeater

Nov. 17, 2020

- i. That the Forum become a CIO with the following intentions*
 - a) That the 4 officers will be Initial Trustees
 - b) Wind the Forum up and transfer its Assets
 - c) Populate the CIO with more Trustees
- ii. That only Committee members, contractors and a select few should have access to the G-drive [digital filing system]
- iii. To provide a ‘small grant’ of £500 to Junior Open Mic for equipment
- iv. To support erecting a hoarding in Brockwell Passage to close off a corner being used as an open toilet
- v. To appoint Bespoke to develop a Cycling plan across Herne Hill Junction at cost of £5000

Dec. 15, 2020

- i. To approve a small grant request for planter refresh in Osborne Close

Jan 19, 2021

- i. That future minutes should be shorter and focus on actions and that minutes from June 2020 onwards should be uploaded to the web-site
- ii. To transfer the remainder of the remainder of the £10,000 committed to Station Hall so that they can manage their own affairs
- iii. To seek a second quote for legal work to setup the Forum CIO. Delegate power to George to decide which firm to appoint with a budget of £1150+VAT for policies and contracts
- iv. To grant permission to James and George to make a decision on the appointment for the CIO legal work [in its totality] as long as they do not go above £4510+VAT

Feb 16, 2021

- i. To propose an AGM subject to the CIO resolution being complete
- ii. To review and agree the 2019/20 accounts
- iii. To adopt the proposal (not attached with minutes) for a new, simpler version of the web-site www.herehill.org.uk
- iv. To accept a 'small grant' application from The Groves RA for £500 for a community library in a lock-up shed and some planting
- v. To commit 20hrs work to investigate viability of installation of Santander bicycle hire within the Junction work being assessed at this stage by Bespoke
- vi. To allocate £650 for wooden train repairs in the Square
- vii. To approve additional expenditure of £400 for unforeseen electricity costs in Brockwell Passage clean-up
- viii. To continue to upload new minutes to the web-site
- ix. To not verify and upload minutes to the web-site prior to June 2020

Mar 16, 2021

Information not available at time of writing

Proposal

Members to ratify each of the above decisions as the Committee was not quorate.

Proposed: Yan Hawkins

Seconded: Kelly ben-Maimon