



Herne Hill Forum Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday 21 September 2021, 8pm, via Zoom

Present

George Hornby, Robert Holden, Beth Taylor, James Leabeater, Sian Dragonetti, Peter Hore, Fred Taggart, Mary Burguières, Giles Gibson, Jasia Warren, Alice French

Apologies

Nick Paul, Tricia Keracher-Summerfield, Harry Winter

Check all participants successfully dialed in & able to see/hear/talk

Everyone was able to see, hear and talk.

Declarations of interest

George has joined the Dulwich and West Norwood Labour Executive Committee.

Minutes from the last meeting / Matters arising

The committee approved the minutes from the last meeting on 18 May 2021.

Item	Summary and actions	Responsible
1	Finance update <ul style="list-style-type: none">There has been no finance update for a number of months. This needs to be addressed.ACTION: George and Nick to talk to Jonathan.	George, Nick
2	Herne Hill junction designs <ul style="list-style-type: none">HHF has commissioned Bespoke to work up some design concepts for Herne Hill Junction. The concepts were presented to the committee and discussed.It was agreed that the next step is to share this with the local Councillors and get their feedback. After that we will share it publicly and seek community input.ACTION: George to share the proposals with local Councillors.ACTION: James/Jasia to send a copy of the presentation to committee members.	George, James, Jasia
3	Community Tent <ul style="list-style-type: none">The Community Tent re-opened on 12 September and the first day went really well. The intention is to run the tent once or twice a month. We have planned up to Christmas 2021 and will review how it goes.Committee members are asked to visit the tent, think about whether they have a project they'd like to promote there, and volunteer to staff the tent.ACTION: Mary and Alice to continue work on the Community Tent.ACTION: Committee members to volunteer on the tent.	Mary, Alice, all
4	Halloween	



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Halloween plans include an extra Halloween themed community tent at the market on Sunday 31 October, a Herne Hill Halloween window trail, with small toys and sweets as prizes, and online competitions with Herne Hill Halloween pounds as prizes. Committee members are asked to volunteer to help on the day – Sian, Robert, George, Mary and Peter volunteered to help. ACTION: Jasia to confirm 31 October date with CCFM 	Jasia, Sian
5	Piano	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The piano is still closed. The general consensus is that we should re-open the piano, however the difficulty is finding people who are willing to open and close it. The committee discussed reduced opening hours, the possibility of a CCTV camera to reduce anti-social behaviour, and the possibility of CCFM staff opening and closing it on Sundays. It was agreed that we should open it soon as we can, even with reduced hours. Once it is open we can try to extend the opening hours and think about discouraging anti-social behaviour. ACTION: Jasia to continue to ask local traders if they would be willing to open and close the piano. ACTION: George to ask Chris whether CCFM staff would open and close the piano on Sundays. 	Jasia, George
6	Criteria for small grants and publicity on website / outcome reporting	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Committee members are asked to read the draft criteria for small grants and send any comments to George before the next committee meeting. It was agreed that feedback from the projects (photos and a brief summary) will be published on the website. ACTION: All committee members to read the criteria and send any comments to George. ACTION: Jasia to publish the feedback/reporting from existing small grants on the website. 	All, Jasia
7	Small grants applications	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There are two small grant applications this month. 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chris from Friends of Ruskin Park applied for £500 towards the cost of refurbishing the paddling pool in Ruskin Park. Work will be carried out from January to April 2022, ready to open in May 2022. Approved: 9 for, 0 abstain, 0 against. Action: Jasia to respond to the application. 	Jasia
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Claire from Rosendale School Clean Air Group applied for £500 for a collaborative project between the school and a local artist to create a large work of art celebrating clean air and it's importance for children. This would be hung up near the school and later in the station underpass. Approved, subject to Jasia having a discussion with them about costs: 9 for, 0 abstain, 0 against. 	Jasia



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Action: Jasia to respond to the application. 	
8	Herne Hill Forum policies	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Committee members are asked to read the draft policy handbook and send any comments to George before the next committee meeting. • ACTION: All committee members to read the policies and send any comments to George. 	All
9	Defibrillator update	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was agreed that Jasia would speak to Costcutter on Norwood Road and see if they are willing to have the defibrillator. • ACTION: Jasia to speak to Costcutter about the defibrillator. 	Jasia
10	Community fund	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There was a good opening sub-committee meeting in June, however we have been unable to find a finance volunteer who would be willing to manage the money side of the project. • It was agreed we would ask for volunteers via the newsletter. • A letter is ready to be sent out to local groups asking what they might apply for money for, this will be the first outreach to the community. • ACTION: Fred and Beth to continue work on the Community Fund. • ACTION: Alice to include looking for volunteers in the next newsletter. 	Fred, Beth, Alice
11	Santander bikes extension to Herne Hill	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We have gathered support from local Councillors, local businesses and residents (through an online petition). TfL are in talks with Lambeth about extending the scheme to Herne Hill. It is at a very early stage at the moment, and the main obstacle is going to be funding. We have not considered particular locations for docking station/s yet. • We will keep posters up and continue to promote the online petition, as we are still looking for support. 	
12	Succession planning	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This is the last year that George will be Chair of HHF. Committee members are asked to think about putting themselves forward for Officer positions at the next AGM. • It was suggested that we have a revolving Chair for committee meetings going forward. A number of committee members are willing to chair a meeting and it was agreed we would do this. • It was agreed that we should actively look for new committee members via the newsletter and social media. • ACTION: George to arrange for a different committee member to chair the next meeting. • ACTION: Alice to include looking for new committee members in the next newsletter. 	George, Alice
13	Return to in-person committee meetings?	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The committee discussed the options of returning to in-person meetings, staying on zoom, or running hybrid meetings. 	



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It was agreed that we will keep the committee meetings on zoom and arrange in-person social meet ups alongside this. The first social meet up is Sunday 26 September, 8pm at the Half Moon pub. 	
	AOB	
13.1	Pigeon poo under the railway bridge	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nothing has been done about this and there is still pigeon poo everywhere. The last update from Cllr Jim Dickson is that it will happen, but it is not clear when. ACTION: George will ask Jim Dickson about this again. 	George
13.2	New shops in Herne Hill	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There is a new bubble tea cafe opening soon on Herne Hill (next to Half Moon Dental Clinic). The latest news on the Arch Co. shops is that they are signing contracts with retailers. 	
13.3	Thanks to Jasia and Alice	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The committee thanked Jasia and Alice for all their work over the last few months, especially as the last committee meeting was in May and there hasn't been much other input over the summer. 	

Next committee meeting – Tuesday 19 October 2021 at 8:00pm via Zoom