



Herne Hill Forum Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday 15 February 2022, 8pm, via Zoom

Present

George Hornby (chair), Peter Hore, Beth Taylor, Robert Holden, Giles Gibson, Garrett Mears, Nick Paul, Jim Davidson, Fred Taggart, Cassio Caceres, Jasia Warren, Alice French

Apologies

John Frankland, James Leabeater, Harry Winter, Tricia Keracher-Summerfield, Sian Dragonetti

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

Everyone was able to see, hear and talk

Declarations of interest

None

Minutes from the last meeting / Matters arising

The committee approved the minutes from the last meeting on 18 January 2022.

Item	Summary and actions	Responsible
1	Finance review <ul style="list-style-type: none">Alice presented a review of HHF spending in 2021 and a snapshot of the current bank balance, ring fenced funds and annual overheads.We have less income than we used to, and our outgoings are considerably higher than our income. Previous sources of income include money from running the market, the LFN grant used to be bigger, Thames Water money, and other grants.In order to apply for grants we need to get our 2020/21 accounts done. We have asked a local accountancy firm Taxfile to do this.Committee members need to contribute towards writing grant applications. It is a lot of work and Jasia cannot do all of it.We need to review our projects and allocate budget to them for 2022. This could be done as a project calendar. We need an overall vision of the future for Herne Hill Forum. It would be good to review the work that Alice and Jasia do as contractors is the biggest expense.Action: Alice to work with Taxfile to produce the 2020/21 accounts.Action: All committee members to review the financial information provided and discuss at the next meeting.	Alice, all
2	CIO update <ul style="list-style-type: none">The Charity Commission requested some extra information to support the CIO application. This has been provided and we should hear from them within 40 days.	



3	Reimagining Herne Hill Junction / Bespoke	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> James will arrange a new date for the Bespoke presentation, before the next committee meeting. Action: James to arrange Bespoke presentation. 	James
4	Santander bikes	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> TfL recently announced eight new cycle hire docking stations in Southwark. Nothing announced for Lambeth; Lambeth has no money to fund them. We will continue to press this with the local Councillors. 	George
5	Stepping into Stories feedback	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The festival was a great success. 11 schools took part (including two secondary), which reached 1,000 school children. 1,200 public event tickets were booked. High participation in virtual events including people dialing in from New Zealand, Australia and South Africa. In total 40 sessions were delivered. The event creates good PR for Herne Hill. The committee would like to thank Lucy, Hayley and all the volunteers who contributed to such a successful festival. 	
6	Lambeth Biodiversity Forum feedback	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jasia reported back after attending the first meeting of the Lambeth Biodiversity Forum. Topics included planning, s106, net biodiversity gain in new development and Lambeth bee roads. They are looking for suggestions for grassy verges that can be planted as meadows. No mention of any funding opportunities. We could redirect people to the Biodiversity Forum if we get requests about urban gardening. The committee discussed fallen trees in Brockwell Park that have been left in situ as a habitat for insects, and pied wagtails, which are nesting behind the shops on Railton Road. 	
7	Piano custodians and re-painting	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jasia has been working on getting the piano repainted and reopened. Local artist Luke Warburton is happy to paint the piano and has quoted £350 to do so. We are looking for Piano Custodians who will open and close the piano, aiming to open it 3-4 days a week to start with. The main issue with reopening is the lack of volunteers willing to commit to open and close the piano on a regular basis. The very local residents and traders are not particularly keen on it reopening, which makes it harder to find volunteers who live nearby. The committee discussed a range of other ideas for the piano and that corner of the underpass, such as a digital locking system, painting the whole area, changing backgrounds, a green screen. More complicated work such as this would need to be robust, as it is in a public space, and would be subject to approval by Network Rail and South Eastern. The committee discussed funding options such as crowdfunding 	Jasia, Giles, Cassio



	<p>and getting a sponsor.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Action: Jasia, Giles and Cassio to meet at the piano to discuss options and report back at the next meeting. 	
8	Rats / milk / lock up situation	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is an issue with rats in the lock up which is affecting those who do the Community Tent. A local coffee shop is having their milk delivered to the lock up and this is attracting the rats. We have spoken to them and they will change the delivery arrangement. We have also put rat poison down. • Cassio has contacts that he can ask to do community work such as small building tasks, small projects and cleaning. • Action: Jasia to show Cassio the lock up. 	Jasia, Cassio
9	Defibrillator	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jasia is going to speak to Katie Shaw about her previous crowd funder for a defibrillator in Herne Hill. • It was suggested that the old defibrillator be given to a charity, but it is too old to be useful. They would have the same problems we found, that a new battery and pads costs £314 and the warranty expires in March 2023. • Action: Jasia to speak to Katie Shaw about the defibrillator. 	Jasia
10	Litter picking	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We have arranged a litter picking session this Friday 18 February, meeting at Herne Hill station at 10am. Committee members are keen to attend and to arrange future ones too. These could be at different times of the week to see when works best. Suggestions are on a Saturday, or a weekday afternoon, after school time. • Action: Committee members to suggest specific dates and times they could lead a litter picking session (send to Alice to coordinate). 	All, Alice
11	Herne Hill Repair Weekend (Makerspace)	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dermot from Makerspace wants to run a Repair Weekend. This would encourage people to fix and reuse existing things as well as encourage people to visit Makerspace and the Bath Factory Estate. • This is a great idea and the committee would like to support it. A similar event could also be part of the proposed Herne Hill 2030 event later in the year. • Proposal: Agree to support Dermot with the Repair Weekend. We will contribute with Jasia's time, help put together a plan and look for potential funding sources. Approved: 9 for, 0 abstain, 0 against. 	Jasia
12	Boundary commission	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Herne Hill is currently within the Dulwich and West Norwood constituency and is represented by one MP. This is the only single point of contact for Herne Hill as we are on the boundary between Lambeth and Southwark boroughs and therefore on the edge of both of their areas of interest. 	George



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Boundary Commission has proposed new constituencies, which, if implemented, would mean that Herne Hill is split into three constituencies. This would mean we had three MPs and we'd again be on the edge of all of their areas of interest. George has presented to the Boundary Commission on behalf of Herne Hill Forum and Herne Hill Society, explaining the issue and stating that we want to keep a single MP for Herne Hill. Some committee members have also made personal responses to the consultation. 	
13	AOB	
13.1	Arch Co. and Bath Factory Estate	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Arch Co. has taken over Bath Factory Estate. May Investments are no longer involved. 	
13.2	Social meet up	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The committee would like to have another social meet up this month. Action: George to arrange a social meet up. 	George
13.3	Noticeboard in the underpass	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The public noticeboard in the underpass gets very messy with lots of posters and lots of duplicates. No one person is responsible for keeping it tidy, however Alice, Peter and Giles do remove old posters from time to time. Action: All committee members are encouraged to look at the noticeboard when they are passing through the underpass and remove anything out of date or particularly weather worn. 	All
13.4	Graffiti on railway bridges	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There is graffiti on five railway bridges in and around Herne Hill. Robert will write to Helen Hayes MP about it. 	Robert
13.5	Alice one year in Administrator role	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Alice has been doing the Administrator role for a year now. Her first committee meeting was February 2021. The committee thanked her for all her work. 	
13.6	AGM and new Chair	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We need to have an AGM soon as the last one was in March 2021. George will formally step down at that meeting, as he has been the Chair for four years. We need someone to put themselves forward as Chair. However, no committee members are currently willing or able to do this. It will be difficult to operate without a Chair. We are also still looking for someone to fill the role of Treasurer. Action: all committee members to consider whether they could put themselves forward for the roles of Chair or Treasurer. 	All

Next committee meeting – Tuesday 15 March 2022 at 8:00pm via Zoom