



## Herne Hill Forum Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday 15 March 2022, 8pm, via Zoom

### Present

George Hornby (chair), Robert Holden, Beth Taylor, James Leabeater, Harry Winter, Nicholas Paul, Giles Gibson, Peter Hore, John Frankland, Jim Davidson, Fred Taggart, David Taylor, Cassio Caceres, Jasia Warren, Alice French

### Apologies

Tricia Keracher-Summerfield, Paul Koloi

### 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 15 February 2022.

Item	Summary and actions	Responsible
<b>1</b>	<b>New committee members appointments</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Cassio Caceres attended the last committee meeting and the social meet up earlier this month. His CV has been circulated. He would like to join HHF as a committee member. He will work with Alice to review HHF finances.</li><li><b>Proposal: Cassio to join HHF as a committee member. Approved: 10 for, 0 abstain, 0 against.</b></li><li><b>Action: Alice and Jasia to set up Cassio as a new committee member (add to email list, photo and bio on website, etc).</b></li><li><b>Action: Alice and Cassio to talk through HHF finances.</b></li></ul>	Alice, Jasia, Cassio
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Paul Koloi is interested in becoming a committee member but was not able to attend the meeting.</li></ul>	
<b>2</b>	<b>Finance update</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Alice and Taxfile accountants have produced the 2020/21 accounts – balance sheet and profit and loss report. These have been circulated. If there are any comments or questions please raise these before the next meeting.</li><li><b>Action: committee members to review the 2020/21 accounts and send any comments or questions to Alice.</b></li></ul>	All, Alice
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>We have been awarded the following grants:</li><li>2x grants from Cleaner, Greener, Safer for improvements to Norwood Road.</li><li>£9,650 from the National Lottery Community Fund for Retrofit Herne Hill.</li><li>Many thanks to Jasia and Giles for a lot of hard work writing the successful funding bids.</li></ul>	



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The funding from TfL for Walking and Cycling is currently on hold due to TfL's ongoing funding discussions with central government. The Chariots of Fun and Walking Crocodiles / Walking Wednesday projects are currently on hold.</li> </ul>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CCFM have asked to pause payment of the community contribution and for us not to invoice them after March 2022. The payments have been on hold since March 2020 (stopped due to the pandemic) and we recently invoiced them for contributions covering March 2020 – February 2022.</li> <li>The committee agreed that we should continue to invoice CCFM, as there is an agreement for them to pay a regular community contribution.</li> <li><b>Action: George to go back to Chris and tell him we will continue to invoice them for the community contribution.</b></li> <li><b>Action: Alice to send CCFM March invoice.</b></li> </ul>	George, Alice
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We need to create a budget plan for spending in 2022. We already have a list of projects and a list of ring-fenced funds in our account. Alice and Cassio will look at this and present something back at the next meeting. Other committee members are encouraged to contribute to this process as well.</li> <li><b>Action: Alice and Cassio to create a 2022 budget plan.</b></li> </ul>	Alice, Cassio
<b>3</b>	<b>CIO update</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Charity Commission has rejected our application to become a Charitable Incorporated Organisation on the basis that our purpose and activities do not meet the criteria of charitable purposes as defined in the Charities Act.</li> <li>The reasoning from the Charities Commission makes sense and there is no point in appealing the decision. Suggestions for next steps include: It might be possible to rewrite our application with our current constitution. It might be necessary to rewrite our constitution. It might be necessary to set up a separate charitable entity under the umbrella of HHF to carry out certain charitable activities.</li> <li><b>Action: James and Fred to review the CIO application documents and make recommendations on what to do next. George to put them in touch with Hayley to get all the paperwork.</b></li> </ul>	James, Fred
<b>4</b>	<b>Safer Neighbourhood Policing (SNP) Herne Hill Ward</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The main policing issues in Herne Hill Ward are currently theft, particularly bicycle theft, and speeding traffic.</li> <li>There will be a community speed watch on Herne Hill Road and Milkwood Road on 16/3/22, and a community drop in session at Herne Hill Station on 23/3/22. Any members of the public are welcome to attend.</li> <li>The Herne Hill SNP is looking for new members. If committee members know anyone who may be interested in this, please put them in touch with John. We are encouraging Herne Hill traders to attend and aim to have at least one trader at each</li> </ul>	John, all



	<p>SNP meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Robert has joined the West Dulwich SNP. They are also looking for new members and a chairperson.</li> <li><b>Action: Committee members to share SNP information with their networks and refer anyone who might be interested in joining the SNP meetings to John.</b></li> </ul>	
<b>5</b>	<b>Reimagining Herne Hill Junction</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The committee has previously agreed, on a number of occasions, that we would share the Bespoke work publicly after the election. However, the proposals were leaked, and it must have been by someone on the committee. We have now had to release them at short notice, without any communication plan and they have indeed become a political issue in the election campaigns.</li> <li>All committee members who spoke expressed disappointment that someone leaked the documents, going against what had been agreed. The committee encourages whoever it was to admit it, explain why they did it, to apologise, and to step down from the committee.</li> <li>In terms of feedback so far, there has been a lot, with both positive and negative comments. It has generated a lot of community discussion, which was the intention.</li> <li>The plan remains that we will start community conversations about how to improve Herne Hill junction in summer. The designs are preliminary plans based on years of community engagement, and are intended as a starting point for discussion.</li> <li>George and James will speak directly with Croxted, Norwood and Stradella Road residents associations.</li> <li><b>Action: Whoever shared the Bespoke work, in contravention of the committee's decision, to identify themselves and explain to the committee why they did it.</b></li> <li><b>Action: Alice and Jasia to continue with the junction work, updating the website, social media comms etc.</b></li> <li><b>Action: George and James to speak to Croxted, Norwood and Stradella Road residents associations, and others as may be appropriate.</b></li> </ul>	All, Alice, Jasia, George, James
<b>6</b>	<b>Hustings</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There is good progress on this so far. The poster is ready and we can start the marketing campaign soon.</li> <li><b>Action: Jasia to start Hustings marketing campaign.</b></li> </ul>	Jasia, Giles, Alice, Peter, George
<b>7</b>	<b>Retrofit Herne Hill</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We have received £9,650 funding for the Retrofit Herne Hill project. The plan is to run a series of workshops/seminars, covering around eight topics, for residents and businesses who want to make changes to their homes and premises to reduce carbon emissions, reduce dependence of fossil fuels, reduce heating costs, etc.</li> <li>We need to put together a team of people to work on this. There</li> </ul>	Giles



	<p>is some budget for contractor time but it needs volunteers to get involved too.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The plan is to create a questionnaire to find out what topics people might be interested in, and to ask whether they would like to be involved in making it happen.</li> <li><b>Action: Giles to write a questionnaire about potential topics and invitation to get involved in the Retrofit Herne Hill project.</b></li> </ul>	
<b>8</b>	<b>Defibrillator</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As the committee has agreed not to buy a new battery and pads for the old defibrillator, Robert would like Jasia to return it to him. He will give it to a charity, as they might be able to use it for training.</li> <li>Jasia has emailed Katie Shaw about the previous crowd funding for a defibrillator in Herne Hill but has not heard back. She is not going to chase it up, as it is a sensitive subject.</li> <li><b>Action: Jasia to return the defibrillator to Robert.</b></li> </ul>	Jasia
<b>9</b>	<b>Piano</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Jasia is working on getting the piano cleaned and re-opened. Cassio will get someone to paint the wooden plinth that the piano sits on. Giles and Cassio have a lot of other (bigger) ideas for the piano and that section of the underpass. However, we will try to get it cleaned, painted and open in the first instance.</li> <li><b>Action: Jasia to get the piano cleaned and open. Cassio to arrange for the wooden plinth to be painted.</b></li> </ul>	Jasia, Cassio
<b>10</b>	<b>Mural and pigeon poo under railway bridge</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The 'Herne Hill' mural under the railway bridge will be renovated on 21/3/22, weather permitting. This is being paid for with funding from Mighty Hoopla and the LFN 2021/22 grant.</li> </ul>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There has been no progress on the pigeon poo / pigeon deterrent issue and the conversation with Network Rail and Lambeth has petered out.</li> <li><b>Action: Jasia to restart the pigeon deterrent conversation with Network Rail and Lambeth.</b></li> </ul>	Jasia
<b>11</b>	<b>AGM</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The last AGM was in March 2021 and we are due to have another one soon. Various dates were suggested. It was agreed to wait until James and Fred have reviewed the CIO application, as this may involve changing our constitution, which would need to be agreed at the AGM.</li> <li>Herne Hill Forum currently has 254 members.</li> <li><b>Action: Decision on AGM date postponed until the next committee meeting.</b></li> </ul>	
<b>12</b>	<b>Chair retirement</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>George has been Chair of HHF for four years and is now retiring from this position. He will stay involved as a committee member.</li> </ul>	



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>The committee would like to say a huge thank you to George for all his hard work. He has done a brilliant job as Chair and it is very much appreciated.</li></ul>	
<b>13</b>	<b>AOB</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>None</li></ul>	

**Next committee meeting – Tuesday 19 April 2022 at 8:00pm via Zoom**