

Herne Hill Forum

Minutes of Committee Meeting

18th July 2023

Apologies

James Leabeater, Laura Assersohn, Nigel Thorpe, Giles Gibson, (for lateness)

In attendance Clive Rates, (Chair of meeting), George Gibson, Irene Kimm, Jasia Warren (via Zoom), John Frankland, Robert Holden, Sian Dragonetti. The meeting commenced 8.20pm

Community Event for Meath House and the tower blocks

1/ A warm welcome was given to Arwen Joseph from Meath House who attended with her daughter to present the HHF supported Meath and Hurst Community Event. Arwen outlined the plan for a community event to coincide and celebrate the end of Lambeth major works on Meath House. Jasia, Irene, and Arwen had met to take this forward. The idea is to have an afternoon Community Event inviting people from the two adjoining estates. Arwen and Jasia had worked up a list of possible activities: food, gardening, face painting and the creation of a "wish tree" where residents could write their ideas for the area onto decorated postcards. The hope is it would also encourage the setting up of Tenants and Residents Association.

There would be something for all age groups games and activities for the children, something for the older people. Arwen has been looking at and costing ropes for tug or war, inflatable games, skittles, Connect 4, a Treasure hunt. She has also enlisted volunteers who will help with cooking and a barbeque. Postcards from the archives showing the how the estate looked and encourage children and adults to do some artwork for a display, maybe a competition. Culminating in encouraging residents to go back to Station Hall, where community groups could present what groups do locally and what is available in the area. The anticipated date is the Saturday 9th September.

Jasia had put together a spread sheet (circulated to members) outlining the funding options Gold, Silver, or Bronze this had been given to Lambeth. The event is supported by Cllr Dickson. Irene had spoken to Leo the community volunteer who is studying art at the Brit School. He has agreed to get involved for free and to get other young people from the school come along. Hopefully with performing arts and displaying his artwork. Arwen will contact 198 and ask them if they would get involved. Irene will contact the Herne Hill Society.

The event will be promoted by leaflets and delivered by volunteers. Clive also offered to deliver. We are awaiting confirmation of funding from Lambeth. The committee thanked Arwen and Jasia for their hard work and looked forward to an update. Jasia stated how much she had enjoyed working with Arwen and Arwen agreed. It was hoped Halloween would also bring together the wider community with the Forums activities. Arwen left the meeting.

- There was no declaration of interest.
- Minutes – agreed.

FINANCE

LFN application.

The application for the annual grant of £5k from the Lambeth Forum Network was passed to Jasia and George, who completed the application form and have submitted it to LFN. Jasia might wish to attend an LFN meeting in the future.

Concern was raised about activities and income.

It was confirmed schemes ongoing -:

Santander

Walking Crocodiles TFL

Bike travel TFL

It was agreed to discuss income and future projects and the implications. The meeting was informed Alice has confirmed she is leaving. This to be discussed with Agenda item 9 Project Managers role, after Jasia leaves the meeting.

Halloween Clive and Sian are working on this. Possible funding options were considered. There is the opportunity to apply for the Brockwell Live Community Fund. A crowd funding bid is being put together towards funding the event. Jasia would look for artwork/leaflets, and update to promote the event. £250 was agreed.

Policies Clive has circulated a draft document for comment.

Diversity training – Jasia will circulate dates options for October training. George offered to be the lead on safeguarding.

Parklets It was decided to defer in Giles absence. It was felt consultation with the local community and business should be encouraged, to see if there an appetite for parklet schemes locally.

Matters Arising: Actions

Robert had followed up by consulting on Defibrillators. The responses were positive. There is government funding available he has expressed an interest on behalf of HHF. Robert will confirm the locations of existing defibrillators and explore options for future defibrillators.

Brockwell Park Events. Robert raised the issue of Lambeth hosting outside events in the park. This is of concern to park users and the local communities: often the park is cordoned off events impact the public can damage the park and cause disruption to traffic locally and can impact local businesses. Robert agreed to link up with The Friends of Brockwell Park and the Brockwell Park Community Partners, to discuss the issue. The possibility of a public meeting was discussed.

Nigel has tried to remove the graffiti from the Herne Hill Society panels in the subway but was unsuccessful.

Robert had asked for the hatching at the main junction in Herne Hill to be repainted. John Frankland reported he had organised and run a Community Road Watch. Irene will send contact details for John, Clive, and Arwen, as they requested.

Robert raised the issue of benches around trees. This has been successful in Dulwich. The Dulwich Society has installed two in Dulwich. Robert has agreed to contact the Dulwich Society with the intention of exploring the options for us in Herne Hill.

Giles will follow up on the very successful Retrofit Meetings for a future meeting venue dates etc – there is a budget of £1300.00.

Giles reported on the successful St Jude's Street Party Event

The Cleaner Greener Safer Lighting has been installed on Norwood Rd and has been welcomed by the businesses. Jasia asked if anybody had seen it and whether the budget matched what was delivered.

Jasia left the meeting 9.25pm

There was a full and frank discussion on item 9 The Project Manager role. It was agreed the loss of Alice would enable the Forum to look at how her role would be managed and covered, including the Community Tent rota. This process would give the Committee opportunity to review the role of the Project Manager. This will be done in full consultation with Jasia giving both Jasia and the Forum the opportunity to review the working hours, working practice, revisit and redefine the Job Description. George will lead on this.

The meeting closed at 9.50pm

DATE OF NEXT MEETING If we decide, as last year, not to meet in August, our next meeting will be on 19th September 2023.