

Minutes of a meeting of the Herne Hill Society Committee

Tuesday 5 March 2024

at The Half Moon Hotel

1. Welcome and apologies

Henry Ferguson (HF)	Committee Member
Laurence Marsh (LM)	Vice Chair
Lyndon Fothergill (LF)	Treasurer
Rebecca Tee (RT)	Chair
Ros Glover (RG)	Membership Secretary
Ros Jones (RJ)	Committee Member

Apologies were received from Lin Proctor and Martyn Hall.

2. Minutes of 6 February 2024 meeting and matters arising

LF demonstrated a Google Maps tool that could quickly and easily plot members' addresses from a simple table or spreadsheet. RG confirmed that the Society's current position was not to circulate membership details by email. HF confirmed Google's ability to scrape data from such tools and LF confirmed that members who paid by PayPal could already have had their addresses collated by Google as it was capable of reading members' addresses from PayPal payment details. It was agreed that RG would contact Colin Wight (CW) to check for any GDPR or privacy implications of using Google Maps to produce an electronic membership map (as opposed to a paper map) and report back for a future discussion and decision.

RT confirmed the AGM finance run through on Thu 14 March (18:00 in The Half Moon) and invited all who could attend.

RT confirmed she was to meet a representative from the Camberwell Society and would include their position on reserves as a topic for discussion.

LF confirmed that a quick review of advice to charities showed that the Herne Hill Society had slightly above the recommended reserve levels and that he would aim to produce a paper for the May Committee meeting.

RG asked if the meeting with the Camberwell Society could also look at how it recruits members and it was agreed that joint meeting between the Herne Hill Society, the Dulwich Society and the Camberwell Society would be useful. RT agreed to seek expressions of interest for such a meeting.

RT confirmed the full AGM run-through on 20 March would take place at Temple Bowling Club, that the speakers were her, LF and Sarah-Jane Miller; and that seating would be set back to assist viewing. RT also confirmed that she had sent LF a copy of the PowerPoint presentation which LF confirmed he would drop his finance report slides into.

All other action points from the February meeting were confirmed as having been dealt with or would be covered later on in the agenda.

The draft minutes of the February meeting were then accepted and agreed for publication. RG would ask CW to put them on the website.

Actions: RT, CW, LF, RG

3. Planning issues

LM updated the Committee on the planning application submitted to Lambeth Council for a shared-living scheme at Hinton Road which would comprise two blocks - the taller of which would be 47 metres high and be very visible and prominent. LM confirmed he had collated and submitted comments on the scheme on behalf of the Society to Lambeth and would send LF a link to the scheme so he could clarify the proposed approach to affordable housing.

Actions: LF, LM

4. Performance stats: Membership

RG reported that the Society now had 83 non-renewals (as opposed to 161 in February) and that if all members renewed in 2024 the Society would have a record total of 405 members.

5. Finance

LF reported that Sally-Anne Jeffries had advised that she would provide comments on the 2023 accounts very shortly and that he had previously circulated draft accounts and his draft AGM report to RT, RG and CW for comment. He advised that he still couldn't view the Society's PayPal account (but that CW and RG were looking into it), that the last SumUp machine had now been replaced, but that if it broke again, he felt an alternative card machine should be considered as the SumUp machines that have been provided have proven very fragile. He confirmed that all 2023 invoices had been paid and that the Society was owed around £750 from 2024 (all for magazine adverts); and that he would liaise with Val when she returns. Finally he confirmed that he had paid the £77 that Lambeth Council was chasing for the 2019 Fawnbrake tree-planting project.

Action: CW, LF, RG

6. Updates

It was agreed that RT, LM and RJ would set up a meeting to review progress on the Shops project, it was confirmed that QR codes were now ready and that layout and wording should be kept simple and uncluttered. LM confirmed that he was going to meet 2 more history helpers and that he was aiming to have the next issue of the magazine out in April. It was agreed that the Society would donate a book to St. Paul's Church to raffle for organ restoration funds and that books would be sold at

the AGM. RT confirmed that Helen Hayes couldn't make the AGM and that she would invite all local Councillors.

Actions: RT, LM RJ

7. Next meeting

The next Committee meeting would be at 18:00 on Tuesday 2 April 2024 at The Half Moon.