

Minutes of a meeting of the Herne Hill Society Committee
held on Tuesday 4 June 2019 at 7:30 PM at Herne Hill United Church

1. Welcome and apologies

Present: Colin Wight CW (Chair); Henry Ferguson HF; Martyn Hall MH; Laurence Marsh LM; Jackie Plumridge JP; Pat Roberts PR (minutes); Val Suebsaeng VS

2. Minutes of last meeting

These were approved.

3. Matters arising & action points from the last meeting

The matters arising had already been completed except for one item already on the agenda.

3. Small Grants Programme

The Committee considered an application for a Small Grant submitted by Herne Hill Welcomes Refugees.

In discussion, it was noted that the project for which the grant was being sought differed somewhat from the traditional applications of the small grant budget. On the face of it, the benefits of any grant would directly flow to a very small number of people, e.g. one family, rather than being shared, as was customary, among a broad spread of residents. But on the grounds of promoting civic pride, and reinforcing community cohesion and a sense of solidarity among Herne Hill residents, it was **agreed unanimously** that the application was consistent with the Society's criteria and that a donation of, exceptionally, £500 could be sanctioned, and that HHWR should be informed accordingly. Action: MH/PR

4. Mighty Hoopla Grant

The £1500 grant promised and applied for in 2018, to support the History Hear project, had finally been received. CW noted that it would in due course need to be transferred to Lambeth Council who would be responsible for installing the signage and listening posts in Brockwell Park. All the relevant parties had been regularly informed, consulted and advised of developments as they arose. We now

awaited the Council's confirmation that they were ready to implement their part of this project. Action: CW

5. Issues for possible winding up of the Society (contingency planning)

Not discussed in detail at this stage. Agreed to draw up and regularly update a catalogue of issues/opportunities for future consideration. Action: PR

6. Herne Hill Society 2019 Business Plan

Most items were up to date or had been discussed under other items.

Future of Society. Discussed whether an EGM, for members only (i.e. not the normal public meeting), should be arranged where the future of the society, the challenges facing the committee, and the different options/consequences would be outlined to members - not necessarily with a view to asking for a vote at this stage, which could be postponed until next year's AGM. As public meetings had already been arranged for September and October, it seemed likely that such an EGM would need to be arranged for **November 2019**. Agreed that such a meeting, e.g. 13th November, in advance of the AGM, was necessary and that careful preparation would be needed: see item 5 above.

Forward publishing programme. Options for a further publication about John Ruskin were discussed, mainly using material already available. Agreed to reconsider after Jon Newman's talk. Action: PR for next committee agenda.

7. Recent and Forthcoming events

Bristowe Memorial Lecture, 12th June, in partnership with BPCP: preparations discussed. Costs of Mr Newman's fee and travel costs possibly to be split/shared with BPCP.

Ruskin Park Summer Fete, 22nd June: preparations discussed.

8. Next Committee meeting

To be held on Tuesday 30th July, but in the main hall, not the usual committee room.