

Minutes of a meeting of the Herne Hill Society Committee

held on Tuesday 5 January 2021

Government restrictions on groups and social distancing are still in force, due to the Coronavirus (Covid-19) pandemic. The meeting took place on Zoom and was chaired by Rebecca Tee.

1. Welcome and Apologies

Attendees: Rebecca Tee (Meeting Chair, RT); Colin Wight (CW); Laurence Marsh (Vice-Chair, LM); Martyn Hall (Treasurer, MH); Henry Ferguson (Secretary, HF); Val Suebsaeng (VS); Rosalind Glover (Membership, RG); Pat Roberts (PR); Carol Boucher (CB); Annie Gelly (AG).

Apologies: Jackie Plumridge (JP)

2. Minutes of previous meeting and matters arising

The minutes of December's meeting were accepted as an accurate record and all matters arising were discussed under later agenda items.

3. Strategy Session - Events

The first discussion of one of the strategy sessions concerned Society Events. A date was set for an online AGM: 24 March 2021. An AGM Planning Group will be set up to explore how to run an online AGM. For outdoor events (Covid restrictions permitting), the Society will commit to the Ruskin Park Fete and up to two social meetings, to foster stronger relations with members. The Society will move to offering most talks online. These suggestions will be represented in a future composite strategic business plan.

4. Herne Hill magazine and publishing

The Government has imposed stricter Lockdown conditions. Its effect may be to put the next magazine online only. Estimated date for publication is mid-February.

Advertising rates in the magazine are to remain the same. CW to write a letter to current advertisers. Committee will see the draft letter before sending out.

ACTION: CW

5. Recruitment and membership

RG reported that the Society had 314 members at the end of 2020, a very satisfactory situation and more than two years ago.

6. Finance

The annual accounts will be presented at the February Committee meeting. MH to contact the accountant to get the accounts audited. It was agreed that the monthly bank statements will be sent out to the Committee. Any questions to what the entries relate to, can be directed to MH.

ACTION: MH

7. Planning and licensing

The Mark Allen Group is moving out of the former St Jude's church on Dulwich Road. The property is expected to be converted into flats. The Committee expressed special thanks and appreciation for the work of the Society's planning group over the past year.

8. Stocktaking

RT has completed a stocktake of all publications.

9. Co-opting of Chair

A motion was proposed by PR and seconded by RG to co-opted RT as Acting Chair of the Society until the AGM in March 2021. The Committee's vote was unanimous and RT was duly co-opted. Special thanks was given to CW for his 15 years of dedication and service to the Herne Hill Society, as both an executive member and Chair.

10. AOB

PR to write to a Herne Hill resident, stating the Society's position on the resident's charity initiative. We will support but not own the initiative.

ACTION: PR

The Society's archivist is to be contacted to update us on the state of the archives

ACTION LM

It was noted that Station Square activity could be breaking Covid restrictions. The selling of alcohol outside the licensed bars was attracting crowds. Lambeth Council and the police have already been informed by local people.

Date of next meeting

Next month's meeting will be on **Tuesday 2 February 2021 on Zoom, starting at 5pm**. It will be chaired by RT.