

**Minutes of a meeting of the Herne Hill Society Committee
held on Tuesday 2 May 2023 at 6:00pm
at The Half Moon Hotel**

Present: Rebecca Tee (RT: Chair); Laurence Marsh (LM: Vice-Chair); Lyndon Fothergill (LF: Treasurer); Ros Glover (Membership Secretary and note-taker); Martyn Hall; Ros Jones (RJ); Lin Proctor (LP).

Apologies: Henry Ferguson

1. Introduction:

Rebecca welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies had been received from Henry Ferguson. No interests were declared.

2. Minutes and Matters arising

Minutes and Matters arising from 4 April 2023 meeting: A suggested change to the first sentence of para 4 (Blue Plaque Scheme) of these minutes was agreed to read: "There is an initial £500 budget for this work". The minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record of the meeting and were suitable for publication on the website. All matters arising were on the agenda for today's meeting. The minutes of the 4 April meeting would be sent to Colin Wight for uploading. **Action: RG**

3. Performance Statistics (paper tabled):

There were still 20 members to renew their membership for 2023. Before being removed from the membership list, RG would circulate a list of those who hadn't yet renewed for Committee members to see if they could coax renewals from anyone they knew. **Action: RG and all Committee**

Colin Wight had suggested that other performance indicators might be available and offered to go through possibilities with RT and RG. Colin would be approached for a meeting to discuss this. In the meantime, the Committee was asked to think about other data they would like to see included in the monthly Performance Statistics. **Action: RT, RG and Committee**

Also to discuss with Colin was converting the Membership spreadsheet into a database and any benefits or otherwise this might bring, plus the introduction of membership renewal by Direct Debit. There was no urgency for this work. **Action: RT and RG**

It was agreed that the Treasurer would provide relevant financial information (income, expenditure, total funds and any accompanying notes) by the Friday before the Committee meeting at which they were to be presented. **Action: Treasurer to note**

4. Planning and Licensing:

There was nothing to report in this area.

5. Green (formerly) Blue Plaques/Shops History Project:

This was progressing well. All shopkeepers approached so far were very positive about it. Further discussion with Colin Wight and perhaps Kate Roncoroni is needed to discuss QR codes for the relevant shops and about putting information on the website (including the order in which this work should be

undertaken). **Action: RJ to organise a meeting with Colin Wight**

Action: LM to update the June Committee meeting about the six shop histories completed so far.

6. Any Other Business:

A proposal for funding the showing of "Withnail and I" in Ruskin Park had been received from Street Light Cinema, via the Camberwell Society. The Committee was asked to submit comments to the Chair.

Action: All Committee

7. Herne Hill Excellence Awards:

Helen Bristow and Kara Tritton, team members for this event, joined the meeting at this point.

RT said that all the feedback she had received so far had been very positive. This was confirmed by Twitter activity. The Committee unanimously gave RT full credit and thanks for creating and organising this event. In no particular order, some of the Committee's comments and things to be considered for the next event were:

- The venue was really terrific;
- Include some of the finalists/highly commended as judges next time around;
- Be more specific on the invitation, about the anticipated timing of the evening;
- Too much food had been ordered;
- Perhaps allow the winners to say a few words when they were given their prizes;
- A non-specific application form was appreciated by nominators;
- Consider putting the names of the winners and highly commended on the application form next time as examples of the categories that they fitted into;
- Heritage was the most difficult to define, perhaps consider it as History/Heritage

It was agreed that the event should be run again in two years. More details would appear in the Magazine at the appropriate time.

10. Next meeting:

The next Committee meeting would take place at 6:00pm on Tuesday 6 June 2023 on Zoom. Please note for diaries.