

**Minutes of a meeting of the Herne Hill Society Committee  
held on Tuesday 7 March 2023 at 6:00pm  
At the Snug, The Half Moon Hotel**

Present: Rebecca Tee (RT, Chair); Laurence Marsh (LM, Vice Chair); Henry Ferguson (HF); Lyndon Fothergill (LF); Annie Gelly (AG); Ros Glover (Membership Secretary and note-taker); Ros Jones (RJ), Lin Proctor (LP).

**1. Introduction**

Becky welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced Lyndon Fothergill to those who had not yet met him. Lyndon has been co-opted to the Committee until the AGM when (if elected) he would succeed Martyn Hall, who is standing down as Treasurer. Martyn was thanked for giving a full year's notice of his intention to leave in 2023. Apologies had been received from Martyn Hall and Michèle Arnal.

No interests were declared.

**2. Minutes and Matters arising**

Minutes and Matters arising from 3 January 2023 meeting: The minutes were accepted as a true and accurate reflection of the meeting and were suitable for publication on the website. All matters arising from that meeting were on the agenda for today's meeting.

Minutes and Matters arising from 7 February 2023 meeting: As this meeting was not *quorate* it was agreed that the record of that meeting should be considered to be a "note", rather than minutes. It was accepted as a true and accurate reflection of the meeting and suitable for publication on the website. All matters arising from that meeting were on the agenda for today's meeting.

**3. Performance Statistics (paper tabled):**

There were still 92 members to renew their membership for 2023 (at this stage in 2022 the figure was 117). Another reminder would be sent individually to members before the end of March. There would also be a reminder in the next e-newsletter and in the April issue of the Magazine. It was agreed that, for this year, membership should be valid until the end of April rather than March to allow a final opportunity to renew. A graph would be produced for the AGM to show the overall increase in membership over the past four or so years.

**Action: RG**

Financial information had not been provided.

**4. Planning and Licensing**

It had been a busy month for the planning and licensing team with five letters/statements to LB Lambeth and one to LB Southwark commenting on applications. Regarding the Licensing Hours for the altered premises in Norwood Road, the normal hours of operation would apply, as per Southwark's plan. Thanks were given to LM and his team for all the work they do.

**5. Herne Hill Excellence Awards**

RT reported that all was going well. The judging panel had been looking at the applications over the past two months and had come up with winners and highly commended. The celebration and presentation of

the Awards would be on 27 April 2023 between 6:00pm and 9:00pm. For a venue, Temple Bowling Club in Sunset Road was proposed, having a bar, a small stage, facilities to play recorded music and being big enough to accommodate the anticipated audience of 100. Finger food would need to be ordered and brought in. The cost was £150.00 excluding drinks and food but including cleaning up afterwards. The Committee agreed to go ahead on this basis.

**Action: RT to book Temple Bowling Club**

A Press Release was discussed for the event and LP would consider avenues for advertising the presentation of the Excellence Awards and a possible Press Release. An article for the next (April) Magazine would need to be drafted very quickly as it was about to be laid out. An article about the Temple Bowling Club would be featured in a future edition of the Magazine.

## **6. AGM Planning**

The first meeting of the AGM Planning Group took place on Zoom on Friday 3 March. RT was very grateful to Colin Wight and HF for the major roles they have played in the planning and technical support for the AGM. It had been agreed that Eventbrite would not be used this year but that the total of attendees could be ascertained from Zoom. A second planning meeting was scheduled for 17 March, with a full rehearsal on 27 March to which the Committee would be invited to participate. Pat Roberts had kindly agreed to be the Returning Officer. As Pat was not able to join the final rehearsal, RT and RG had agreed to meet him to go through proceedings on the morning of the AGM.

The Committee agreed that Colin Wight (former Chair of the Society) be proposed and seconded at the AGM for next President. Committee members standing again this year were also asked to seek proposers and seconders and to let RT know.

**Action: All**

The Committee discussed points that the Chair might include in her Chair's Report. Any other ideas/suggestions should be sent to RT as soon as possible, please. Likewise items to be included in the "look ahead" to the next year.

**Action: All**

## **7. Blue Plaques**

Work is going ahead on this initiative. RT has been discussing the printing of the plaques with a small company in Milkwood Road. This company is happy to work with us on this project and will provide costs on the basis of a 12-inch plaque with an adhesive surface to go on the window of the relevant premises. RT would put together a budget proposal.

**Action RT: to liaise with the company**

RT also asked this company about costs for pop-up banners, with bags, to advertise the Society when it has a stall and also the Excellence Awards. Early thoughts were that they would cost about £80.00 +VAT each. Quotes would be sought.

**Action: RT**

## **8. Safer Neighbourhood Committees**

Society representation on both the Lambeth and the Southwark Safer Neighbourhood Committees was discussed. No-one volunteered for these roles and it was agreed instead that RG would forward to the Committee the information on these subjects that she received.

**Action: RG**

## **9. Any Other Business**

AG informed the Committee that the next Carnegie Library Talk, at 7:00pm on 14 March, would reflect National Women's Day and be given by Naomi Clifford. The title was "Out of the Shadows", and it would explore women whose stories had been forgotten.

LF would participate in Southwark's Land Committee consultation on behalf of the Society.

**10. Next meeting**

The next Committee meeting would be at 6:00pm on Tuesday 4 April 2023 on Zoom.