

## ACTION NOTES FROM BERA COMMITTEE MEETING ON 15 November 2017

Those present: Charles Draper (Chair), Sylvia Ayers, Ken Ayers, Nola Wright, John Mudford, Valerie Hayward, Hannah Rees, Amie Berkovitch.

Councillor Richard Samuel

Apologies:

Ric Jerrom and Councillor Fiona Darey

1. Councillor Fiona Darey had various family issues that limited her ability to engage with our issues and come to meetings. Hopefully these were only temporary.
2. Funds in hand were now £993.77. We now had 128 members, and email addresses for 57 members of them.
3. The HLF had visited the Cleveland Pools on 9 November as part of their assessment process. Nerys Watts and Kirsty Wallace, along with an HLF Trustee, were there, as was Paul Myers, the relevant Cabinet Member. Richard himself was invited to explain residents' concerns, and did so. Residents themselves were not invited, which was disturbing. The main substantive issue was that the focus on access for the building element was across the river, rather than via Cleveland Row. There had been a separate discussion with Council Officials on the same day about the boundary wall issue. Decisions were expected in mid-December.
4. Following the meeting with Councillor Mark Shelford the Council had proposed much more suitable parking restrictions for the east end of Bathwick St which were out for consultation. **Charles would write in support of them.** The Crown restaurant had changed its name, and the coach problem was reduced, perhaps because of the season.
5. The website now included a page on planning applications to be managed by Amie, but her log-on was not yet working. **She and Charles would meet to try to fix this.** In the meantime, she would distribute her leaflets about it around the Estate.
6. The West of England Mayor had now commissioned (another) feasibility study for an East of Bath Link Road. It will examine all options, but improving the A350 seemed the most likely runner. Wera Hobhouse had made clear her opposition to any attempt to build a link road directly between the A36 and A46. In the meantime, the best prospect for improving air quality in Bath was the direction the Authority had now received on improving air quality. **We should encourage people to respond individually to the consultation.** There were attractions in pushing for a Clean Air Zone including all of Bath.
7. The damage to the buildings on Cleveland bridge would take a long time to repair and might involve some road closures. In the meantime, there were additional hazards for pedestrians which Richard was trying to get the Council to fix. This reinforced the need for some sort of crossing assistance, most probably an island, at that end of Bathwick Street.
8. Richard was still trying to get a response from Peter Bailey to fix an update meeting on local transport signage.

9. At Hampton Row, problems were emerging because the roof structure agreed by Council Planners for the No. 10 rebuild was not a good match for the existing roof at No9.
10. FoBRA's guidance on reporting problems with party houses was useful. As far as we know, there were none on our Estate.
11. The vacant house at 31 Rockcliffe Avenue had proved a magnet for various illicit activities by youths who came from elsewhere on bikes. There had also been a nearby daytime burglary preceded by blatant reconnaissance. This had led to a local initiative to encourage Neighbourhood watch; following a meeting this was now hopefully aligned with Hannah's role as NW coordinator for the estate. There were also incidents near Rochfort Court and in Powlett Road. **All these reinforced the need to inform the police immediately of suspicious activity, as this offered the best chance of preventing burglaries.**
12. **Richard agreed to put forward proposals for his Ward Councillor funds as follows:**
  - **New Cleveland Row Allotment Shed - £750**
  - **Support BERA website for 5 years to help community communication - £183**
  - **Support BERA Summer Social to help community engagement - £150**
  - **Purchase NW Watch stickers to increase community awareness and safety - £80**
13. The priority topics for next year's AGM were Crime Prevention and Transport. **Hannah would seek an appropriate CP speaker through her NW contacts. Charles would invite Councillor Mark Shelford to brief us and then take questions.** The World Heritage Site briefing would have to await another day.
14. The AGM date itself would need to go back a week or so. (Post meeting note – St John's Church have said they cannot do Wednesdays, but Thursdays are feasible. **We have therefore provisionally booked Thursday April 19.**)
15. **Next Meeting - Wednesday 10 January.**