

ACTION NOTES FROM BERA COMMITTEE MEETING ON 23 May 2017

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

Councillor Fiona Darey

Apologies: Amie Berkovitch, Ric Jerrom, Councillor Richard Samuel.

1. Nola Wright was co-opted into her new role as Powlett Road rep as Pat Daws' grand-parenting duties meant she could not attend many meetings, and Pat had therefore stood down. We thanked Pat for the good sense she had provided in her time on the committee.
2. Sylvia reported that funds in hand were now £1045.77, and that we had 99 members, of whom 26 were new.
3. The AGM had gone well. The problem of audibility remained; for future AGMs we should arrange the room so speakers stood further forward, at the front of the aisle. We should revert to thin paper flyers next year. We had received many more email addresses of members, and as a result had now set up fairly regular email communications with a list of almost 50.
4. Cleveland Pools continued to absorb much effort. Fiona and Richard had set up a meeting with the CPT in Council Chambers on 5 June where they had undertaken to provide substantive answers (for the first time) to lists of specific questions raised by both BERA and the immediate neighbours (the Rowvers). This was only 10 days before the CPT were due to submit their final funding bid to the HLF. That meant that the most that meeting could achieve was some degree of agreement on a revised way ahead, with a joint request to the HLF for more time to develop it. Charles would keep the HLF updated on BERA's views. There were still some in the CPT who believed that the concerns we had raised were not representative of the Estate as a whole. We had done our best to ensure that they were. Every household on the Estate had received the AGM flyer with a summary of our attitude to the Project and encouragement to come and have their say. The AGM itself was well attended, with a lively debate and clear outcome. Our website had made our views clear for months, and was kept updated. It could be that the real problem was that key members of the CPT were themselves based near the busiest part of the London Road, and had little understanding of the very different, peaceful, environment our Estate enjoyed, and wanted to maintain.
5. The Crown Inn problems continued. **Valerie had witnessed an occasion recently where ambulances on emergency call had been obstructed on Bathwick Street by parked coaches; she would supply details.** We could take this up with the Police and Crime Commissioner. **Nola would get details of the property owner so we could approach him. Fiona would investigate whether traffic wardens could give coaches tickets, rather than just move them on.**
6. Neither Charles nor Richard could go to the next Sydney Gardens Steering Committee on 22 June at 2pm. **Julie and Fiona would go in our places. The Carnival would be on 15 July; Julie would pass Charles a copy of the poster.**

7. FoBRA had recently acted unacceptably by advocating the implementation of the Eastern Park and Ride, (which clearly meant doing so in the Bathampton Meadows granted Council decisions already made), in a letter to the Bath Chronicle. They had ignored Charles's objection that they should not do so unless and until they held a vote on this issue, since our 2016 AGM had agreed that we would oppose it. **Charles would write the Chairman to object, and seek assurances on both the substance and future handling of similar issues. If these were not forthcoming we would change our representation on the FoBRA committee to mainly a watching brief, which Julie or Nola would undertake, along with Ken as now.**
8. Hannah continued to send on useful advice to her email contact list, but only when it seemed relevant to us. (She had received a message, mainly of reassurance, after the previous night's suicide bomber attack in Manchester.) An Avon and Somerset Neighbourhood Watch Association had been set up to help provide support and coordination on NW issues – website at: <https://www.asnwa.org/>
Hannah would see if we could get a rep to come and talk to us about what it would mean from us. The BERA contact list was now quite a lot bigger than the NW list. **Charles would suggest in his next letter to residents that their names be added to the NW list.**
9. **Charles agreed to check if the funding for the Bathwick St Crossing was in the current financial year – it is.**
10. **Valerie would respond direct to the request for advice we had received from another Forester Court resident.**
11. Hannah had gone to another useful National Trust coord meeting. **She would confirm to them that she would be our rep, and that updates should be sent to her. She would copy around as necessary.**
12. The recent cycling event in Bath had been very disruptive. Speeding at night was becoming a problem on Bathwick Street.
13. **We agreed several forward meeting dates – Wed 5 July, Tuesday 12 September, and Wednesday 15 November.** (We agreed we would general stick to Tuesdays, but would choose other days of the week in individual cases, as we have in this list)