

ACTION NOTES FROM BERA COMMITTEE ZOOMMEETING on 25 May 2022

Those (virtually) present: Charles Draper (Chair), Danielle Sellwood, Alasdair Barron, Ric Jerrom, Mark Thurstain, Nola Wright, Sally Galsworthy, Amie Berkovitch.

Also present for all except the last part of the meeting: Councillor Manda Rigby

Apologies: Wendy Powney; Councillor Yuktेशwar Kumar.

1. Cleveland Pools' funding problems on which they were seeking help from the Council were yet another reminder of the fundamental challenges of the project as approved, and the risks ahead to us as neighbours in possible future operating regimes. Charles' letter to Richard Samuel had made clear our expectations of the Council at this stage. **The CPINs should continue to press the CPT to respond substantively to Rupert's recent letter, and to meet with them as soon as possible.**
2. The timings of the lights on Cleveland Bridge seemed inefficient, but were driven by the wider traffic light control system to prevent gridlock in the city, and in that had been successful. Quite a few vehicles had been seen to breach the rules, either from being overweight or ignoring the signs, or by ignoring red lights, particularly from St John's Rd. Evidence of either of these should be sent to Manda. The Council had applied for enforcement powers that would allow it to prevent cars from queuing on the crossings at Cleveland Bridge.
3. There was now some risk that the implementation of the Beckford Rd Cycle Lane scheme might be delayed by the essential utilities works at the end of Beckford Gardens.
4. The FoBRA Executive were developing plans for their upcoming AGM to move on from and prevent a recurrence of the recent damaging episode in its governance.
5. Danielle was continuing to work with relevant Council personnel on the river erosion issue, though there would now be a change of Councillor (now Mark Roper) after a reshuffle of duties. There had been a suggestion of BERA writing to the Chron on these issues, but we would not wish to do so without engaging first with the tourist boat operator, which was a long-standing business based in our Estate.
6. There remained an urgent need to find an individual who could take on the lead of either the Trees or Swift projects from Alasdair. **We should all use our persuasive powers with our neighbours to find a willing volunteer.**
7. We welcomed the last-minute decision by a group of residents led by Storme and Amie to organise a Jubilee Street Party for all residents on Forester Avenue on Sunday 5 June. We will help to publicise it and agreed to contribute £50 towards its costs. We had no concerns over possible confusion with the Bathwick Estate Community Day on 2 July, on which flyers had been distributed, and plans were in hand.
8. The AGM had worked well after a gap of three years. One lesson was that we should deliver physical flyers to all households, even though many were now already in contact as members by email.
9. Next Meeting – Wednesday July 13 at 7.30pm.
10. There were no recordable actions arising from the Committee only discussion.