

ACTION NOTES FROM BERA COMMITTEE MEETING ON 14 November 2018

Those present: Charles Draper (Chair), Sylvia Ayers (Item 1 only), Ken Ayers, John Mudford, Valerie Hayward, Alasdair Barron, Nola Wright, Manda Rigby, Ric Jerrom.
Apologies: Pat Asher, Amie Berkovitch, Councillor Richard Samuel

1. Total funds now stood at £795, a net fall of about £200 over the year. Prices of both printing and room hire were increasing. The increased activity was good, but after many years at the same price of £2 a head we needed to increase our membership fees. We could adopt the £5 a household rate used by PERA and Bathwick Hill, but this would disadvantage single person households. **We therefore agreed instead to recommend at our 2019 AGM increasing our fee to £3 a head from 2020**, which should bring in an additional £100 a year or so.
2. Charles would write to the Police and Crime Commissioner to protest at the lack of service on Neighbourhood Watch.
3. The HLF visit to the Sydney Gardens project on 6 November seemed to have gone well. Charles had used it to explain to the HLF Board member and Nerys Watts how well the Sydney Gardens project involved the local community and how different in that respect it was from the CPT. Charles had also had a discussion with John Flinn, Chief Executive of Bath Recreation Ltd, which indicated they would take a pragmatic view of how to run the Cleveland Pools if they ended up as the operator. **The next meeting of the CPT Liaison Group currently scheduled for January 23 would be important (if it went ahead at all) and Charles would ask the date to be changed so he could attend.**
4. Our 8 November public meeting on CAZ had been very useful in several ways, and had justified the resources put into it. We agreed that BERA would now advise our members that we thought the CAZ should be extended to include our Estate, and also specifically Beckford Road, while reminding them to respond to the consultation whatever their view. **Charles would circulate a draft letter for rapid comment. We would also support FoBRA's draft response. Charles would also ask Bath Hacked if they could identify drop-off traffic on our patch from the Council's data.**
5. Improving communications and membership numbers would be good. We saw no need to develop a separate email address list of non-member residents; they could join our Association. Knocking on doors was a possible way of way of increasing numbers, but not everyone would wish to either make, or receive, such calls. **Alasdair would have a go at this for Forester Avenue and report back.** The coming spring would not be a good time, as politicians would be doing the same in the run-up to the local election. Another good way of passing on information about local developments without a specific Estate aspect could be via a BERA Facebook page or Twitter account if a committee member was willing to take it on.
6. We would discuss options for the 2019 Social next time, starting first on purpose.
7. Next Meetings: Wed 9 Jan; Wed 6 Mar; Wed 18 April (AGM/ Hustings); Wed 9 May.

CD 15 November 2018