

## ACTION NOTES FROM BERA COMMITTEE MEETING ON 19 September 2018

Those present: Charles Draper (Chair), Pat Asher, Ken Ayers, John Mudford, Amie Berkovitch, Valerie Hayward, Alasdair Barron, Nola Wright, Manda Rigby  
Councillor Richard Samuel and for Items 1-2 only Councillor Peter Turner, Abbey Ward  
Apologies: Ric Jerrom, Sylvia Ayers

1. Charles explained that Manda Rigby had been invited to attend as she was an ex Councillor who had recently moved into the Estate, and had a lot of useful expertise to offer, which we were already drawing on, particularly on planning issues. He proposed that she should be co-opted onto the committee. The complication was that Manda may well be standing for election as a Councillor for the Bathwick Ward at the 2019 Local Elections, which by then would include our Estate. The BERA practice was for Ward Councillors to attend our committee meetings, but not be members, so if she was elected as a Councillor she had agreed she would then resign from our Committee. **The Committee agreed that Manda should be co-opted accordingly. Manda also agreed to become the Bathwick St representative.**
2. Councillor Peter Turner updated us on the Chinese restaurant (RUI). He had had a further meeting with the owner, and was working with Mark Shelford on the way ahead. RUI's main contracts with Chinese tour companies had now ended. Their plan remained to open a new restaurant in central Bath, and for the Crown facility to become a Chinese barbecue restaurant. However, it was clear that some coach business was continuing, and the recent practice of backing coaches into the restaurant brought its own problems. **It was agreed that Peter would find out more about the proposed barbecue model in the Crown location, and especially its business model (e.g. coach tourists or local trade? Cooking smells for neighbours?) and likely impact on the neighbourhood, and report back.**
3. Ken, on Sylvia's behalf, reported that total funds were £919, but the abortive costs of the Summer Social needed to be deducted from that. We had 110 members.
4. Pat was having difficulty in triggering Neighbourhood Watch updates from the co-ordinator, Trevor Wilmot. He didn't respond to emails, though he did to a phone call. **Pat would telephone him to suggest a test email exchange. If that didn't work, she should tell Richard, who would contact him.**
5. Charles had sent the results of our opinion survey to Councillors, CPT, HLF, HE, Bath Recreation Ltd, and Wera Hobhouse. HE had replied repeating their historical reasons for supporting the CPT's project. **Charles would respond to them, and others if need be, that we understood and shared their desire to restore the Pools, but their support for the CPT scheme implied they cared little for the views of the Estate. We would be writing to the HLF again before the decision date, and would point out the huge difference in local support when compared with the Sydney Gardens scheme. He would also write out to members encouraging them to write to the HLF with their views.** The main relevant business at the recent CPT Liaison Group meeting was the CPT paper recommending building access by barging down river. Several potential difficulties were discussed. **Charles would ask Sarah Hardick about the relevant Waterways Authority contact.**

6. **Charles would speak at the 26 September Development Management Committee explaining our approach to such issues and our grounds for opposing a particular Planning Application.**
7. Richard had spoken to BathNES Planning control about several aspects (roofing, windows) of the Hampton Row restoration work that seemed not to conform to standards. It was a good thing, however, that the site was finally being redeveloped.
8. We would support PERA's proposal that the Council's proposed Clean Air Zone be extended to cover the A36 on the Beckford Road and then south past Bathwick roundabout. **Charles would tell them.**
9. We agreed on cycling to await news of the plans to re-route Cyclepath 4 round Sydney Gardens. Several concerns were raised about any plans to provide lighting on the canal towpath.
10. We agreed Alasdair's proposal for the replanting of trees on the Bathwick Estate. **He would engage with the Council with the aim of achieving the replanting of missing trees in an acceptable manner and timescale.**
11. The decision to cancel the Summer Social was regrettable but necessary granted the weather. If we ran a similar event in the future one improvement would be for Charles and Valerie to coordinate decision making on drink purchase and the cancellation. Attendance by young families had been fairly low the previous year; the timing was bad for them. A week later would be better. **But we should also consider a different type of event for a summer social. For discussion next time.**
12. Switching the meeting day back to Tuesday was not possible for several members. On balance, sticking with Wednesday seem best for most.
13. Next Meeting – Wednesday, 14 November.

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