

ACTION NOTES FROM BERA COMMITTEE MEETING ON 5 July 2017

Those present: Charles Draper (Chair), Ken Ayers, Nola Wright, Hannah Rees, Amie Berkovitch.

Apologies: Valerie Hayward, Ric Jerrom, Sylvia Ayers, John Mudford, Julie Trollope
Councillors Richard Samuel and Fiona Darey

1. Funds in hand were now £1038.77. We now had 108 members, of whom 28 were new. **It would be helpful if future financial reports listed new members including addresses so road reps could make contact with them.**
2. The main development at meeting with the CPT on 5 June was that they had undertaken to have our locally focused cold water option analysed by their consultants for report back and discussion with them in a few weeks' time. **It was not clear how this related to the latest HLF deadline of end August. Charles would be writing to the HLF and to residents.**
3. The owner of the Crown Inn had called on Nola to describe planned improvements to the kitchen exhaust arrangements and had now installed them. They were much better as regards both noise and smells. There seemed to have been a reduction in the number of coach parking problems.
4. The planning advice arrangements proposed by Amie were very good. Some amendments were agreed; a mediation offer was a step too far. The Association would fund the reproduction of fliers; **Amie should send the bill to Sylvia for a refund. Amie would amend the material accordingly and send it to Charles for him to put on the website (replacing the Neighbourhood Watch page which was no longer needed as Hannah used email updates instead). Charles would then give her access to the website so she could update that page subsequently. Charles would also ask our Councillors to restart the information flow on new planning applications on the estate.**
5. **We would return to the issue of an alternate for Charles on the Sydney Gardens Steering Committee when he could not go at our next meeting.** Neither Julie nor Nola were comfortable undertaking the task.
6. We expected our concerns over FoBRA's handling of the EP&R issue to be discussed at the upcoming FoBRA committee meeting on 20 July. Ken would be our second rep as usual.
7. The Council's imposition of a largely fixed method of fortnightly waste collection seemed perverse, and would be problematic for any terraced home. No-one would wish to pull a wheelie bin through their house. On the Bathwick Estate, the main issue was the roads (Powlett, Rockcliffe Road, and Forester Avenue) where the housing was in terraces of 4 – in effect, two semis with two terraced homes in between. However, with at least some of these mini-terraces, the two central homes had a right of access to their gardens at the back via the gardens of their "semi" neighbours. This offered a solution in some cases. (Fiona Darey subsequently told me that in practice the Council was being flexible, and she was happy to take up particular cases.)

8. The Social would go ahead as usual on Sunday 27th August from 3-5pm. **The price of £125 offered by the magician for a 45-minute show was OK, but it should run from 3.30 to 4.15 so the children were not too tired. Valerie would do wine as usual, and water for the children. Hannah would do Pimms.**
9. The recent announcement of £1 billion support to local A road improvements could offer an opportunity for the A36/A46 link road; it was unfortunate that our New MP seemed opposed to the idea. **We should look for opportunities to help change her mind.**
10. **Next Meeting – Wednesday 13 September (This is a change from the previous plan of Tuesday 12 Sept; Tuesdays were very difficult for Amie.**

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