

ACTION NOTES FROM BERA COMMITTEE MEETING ON 8 May 2019

Those present: Charles Draper (Chair), Sylvia Ayers, Ken Ayers, John Mudford, Valerie Hayward (first part) , Nola Wright, Pat Asher, Amie Berkovitch, Ric Jerrom, Alasdair Barron.

Councillor Manda Rigby. (First 30 minutes)

Apologies: Councillor Yuktेशwar Kumar

1. The Committee thanked Manda for her service and accepted her resignation on her election as a Bathwick Ward Councillor. Manda, and Kumar in his absence, were congratulated on their election, and we confirmed that it was mutually beneficial for both of them to attend our committee meetings whenever practical.
2. BERA funds after the AGM stood at £873.67, with a membership of 75. This was somewhat down on last year, reflecting the ebb and flow of controversial issues. **We would all encourage other residents to join.**
3. The AGM had gone well, and floating ideas for feedback and provisional support seemed to have been welcomed. The Hustings had been lively, and well received. The school holiday date was not ideal, though could not have been avoided this year. **When the date for next year's AGM was proposed, all should check it for this kind of concern.**
4. We would make a start on a BERA anti-idling campaign. **Amie would research and circulate a proposed card with key points to make that members could use with the drivers of idling vehicles on the Estate. Once the Committee was happy we would begin to use it and Charles would send it to the email membership. Over the next couple of months we would track idling types, numbers and reactions, and then review next steps.** At some point we might want to go for overt signage.
5. We also wanted to make a start on setting up a Community Speed-Watch scheme. There was a lead time in getting the required approvals, training, and equipment. **Charles would write to Manda asking her to set this in motion urgently.**
6. Amie would talk to her pro-active PCSO contact about the practicalities of reviving our Neighbourhood watch scheme on a more relevant basis.

7. There had been several incidents of car drivers either ignoring or forgetting about the one-way system on Powlett Rd, especially near the junction with Forester Rd. **Manda would work with Kumar on the prospects of getting repeater signs installed.**
8. Several elderly residents living in the central terrace type houses on Rockliffe Rd or Forester Avenue had complained to Nola that they had tried to get gull-proof bags rather than wheelie bins, but had been told by Council Officers, sometimes quite rudely, that they had to carry on with their bins. This was wrong; **they should be encouraged to persist, and enlist Kumar or Manda's assistance if need be. Nola would tell the residents concerned.**
9. **Nola had received some advice on the Council's willingness to assist householders with gull nuisance issues, and would pass this on (she has now done so).**
10. Phase 1 of Bathwick Estate street tree planting happened on April 2 when eight trees were planted in the Powlett Road area. They will be monitored and watered as needed up until autumn leaf drop. As we are now in the growing season, Phase 2 (new trees in the remainder of the estate) is also planned for the autumn. Residents (those in locations where new trees are planned, and many others) have been consulted and have shown a high level of appreciation and support.
11. We clarified a few distribution issues for our deliveries around the Estate. Amie's Rockliffe Avenue patch extended as far as number 41. Charles's Forester Rd patch included the Greenway Lane up to and including "Rooftops". We now lacked a deliverer for N side Bathwick St, and Amie was still covering Forester Lane as an extra.
12. Next Meeting - Wed 17 July. Subsequently - Wed 11 Sept, Wed 13 Nov.