

ACTION NOTES FROM BERA COMMITTEE MEETING on 11 January 2023 in the Sydney Gardens Community Pavilion

Those present: Charles Draper (Chair) (items 1-5), Danielle Sellwood, Alasdair Barron, Wendy Powney, Nola Wright, Ric Jerrom; Councillor Manda Rigby (items 1-5), Councillor Yuktेशwar Kumar (Items 1-5)

Apologies: Amie Berkovitch, Sally Galsworthy, Mark Thurstain.

1. Matters arising from last time:

- Manda would discuss the old reference document on river erosion with Danielle.
- The Swifts group had elected Charles to take over as Chair at the next meeting after the BERA AGM
- Replacing the double yellow lines on the public access road to the river flat was on the maintenance list for this year.
- The new cycle-path safety audit in 6 weeks' time would pick up most of the outstanding issues that had been raised. Manda would add in the suggestion of an additional wand just before the Beckford Gardens junction, as the one at Forester Rd was clearly beneficial.
- The police would introduce periodic enforcement of the new 20mph speed limits to try and increase compliance.
- A pavement safety barrier at the new top entrance of Sydney Gardens would be installed, but space considerations made it quite expensive, and it would take some months.
- Manda would press for the establishment of a Sydney Gardens stakeholder group to address wider community concerns.
- The Canal and Rivers Trust were planning a short term "Stay Slow, Be Kind" campaign to address irresponsible cycling. It was important that the results of this were acted on.

2. It appeared that Fusion were still not on contract with the CPT, though they had begun to pick up some costs. Ric would ask about the next CPINs meeting with them, due in February.

3. The plans for the AGM and Hustings as outlined in the draft flyer were agreed. School holidays meant that the best week would be w/c 17 April. Wendy would try to book Thursday 20<sup>th</sup>, with Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> as fallback. She would also check how late we could finish. Charles would advise other local RA's once our date was fixed, to help prevent diary clashes. Charles would finalise the flyers and bring copies to the March committee Meeting for members to distribute to all households. He would also send it electronically to all members at about the same time.

4. Charles would run the hustings themselves. There would be 3- minute opening speeches from the candidates, with current incumbents last as the most time-efficient way of enabling them to respond to any attacks on their records. He would then seek questions from the floor, grouped by topic, for all the candidates. Finally, each candidate would have 1 minute at the end to sum up. Candidates would be allowed, if they wished, to bring one supporter who would not otherwise be qualified to attend, but that supporter would need to sit at the back of hall behind the candidates, and take no part in proceedings.

5. Next Meeting – **Tuesday 14 March (note change of date) 2023** at the Community Pavilion.

6. After the departure of Charles and the Councillors the other members present discussed the future charring of BERA after the AGM.

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