

ACTION NOTES FROM BERA COMMITTEE ZOOMEETING ON 10 February 2021

Those (virtually) present: Charles Draper (Chair), Nola Wright, Sally Galsworthy, Alasdair Barron, Ric Jerrom, Amie Berkovitch, Valerie Hayward, Francoise Pace.

Councillors Manda Rigby and Yuktेशwar Kumar.

Apologies: Ken Ayers, Sylvia Ayers, John Mudford.

1. Francoise Pace was welcomed to her first BERA Committee meeting.
2. Recent experience shared at FoBRA had shown that Change.org provided an effective way of raising a petition without involving party political websites.
3. The police had set up occasional checks on Cleveland Bridge for vehicles breaching the weight limit, and had issued warnings and fines. Wera Hobhouse had also been pressing for the weight limit to be made permanent. The key to this could well be the gradual improvement of the A350 as the alternative route.
4. We should consider joining PERA in commenting on the reference to the Rec in the Council's draft local plan update. **Manda would ask PERA to copy their input to Charles.**
5. Charles had complained to the new FoBRA Chairman that his comments on the proposed new City Centre Security architecture as reported in the Chron went beyond what FoBRA had agreed. This was that FoBRA should help ensure that city centre residents' needs were responded to; not that the scheme itself should be opposed.
6. Alasdair had done an excellent job with the tree scheme, which was attracting a lot of interest. A photo op involving Manda as Mayor, and supportive local residents and children, would hopefully lead to images that we could publicise on our website and elsewhere. Francoise was doing the photography. Sally was organising media publicity for the scheme. We also planned to promote it to others through FoBRA.
7. The parking issue, based on Sally's very helpful research, would be a good topic for debate at our AGM, but would need to be handled carefully. The best approach would be to pose a series of questions arising out of the analysis, perhaps using Zoom technology to gather the answers, as a way of getting a better understanding of different perspectives across the estate. **Sally would revise the paper accordingly, with the factual material as an attachment, for further consultation by email.**
8. **The AGM would be held on Wednesday 21 April at 7.30 by Zoom.** Publicity would be electronic only. **Charles would send out invitations to attend to all on his Estate contact list, inviting those contacts to pass it on to others in the Estate who might like to attend. Committee members would do likewise.** All would be invited to reply to Charles if they wished to attend. **Charles would send out the papers a couple of weeks in advance, and Zoom invitations the day before. The Agenda should also include Trees, and a revival of Fiona Carnie's suggestion of a possible Community Day in the Estate when covid conditions allowed. Charles would circulate a draft invitation for comment.**
9. Next Meeting – Wed 5 May