

ACTION NOTES FROM BERA COMMITTEE MEETING ON 15 January 2020

Those present: Charles Draper (Chair), Ken Ayers, Sylvia Ayers, Alasdair Barron, Pat Asher, Ric Jerrom, Valerie Hayward.

Councillors Manda Rigby and Yuktेशwar Kumar

Apologies: Amie Berkovitch, John Mudford, Nola Wright

1. BERA funds at end 2019 stood at £884.74, with a membership of 96. Expenditure in 2019 had been much more in balance with income than 2018.

2. Manda was pursuing the community speed-watch proposal. However, some of the existing volunteers had dropped out, and more would be needed. **Manda would let Charles have a draft letter to send out to residents seeking volunteers.**

3. **Manda would chase up the advice from Mandy Bishop about dividing up the parking space opposite RUI.** The broader solution depended on the development of a Bath Coach Strategy, for which the Council was seeking funding.

4. On current plans, subject to BathNES Cabinet and central government approval, the CAZ would begin operation on 4 November this year. This should include enforcement plans for anti-idling, and perhaps moving traffic offences, which could be enforced by traffic wardens (though they are called something else now!). These staff could also be used to control and deter drivers who broke the 30 mph speed limit near the Bathwick St traffic lights.

5. Alasdair hoped to get a further 8-10 trees for the Estate in the spring. Some adjustments were also needed with the support structures for existing plantings.

6. The inadequacy of leaf clearance was down to a funding problem that the Council was trying to resolve. In the meantime, reporting particular problems via Council Connect did work. Such reporting also helped the Council build the case for more funding. Some Bath communities, such as Laura Place, had local volunteer street cleaning schemes, with the loan of Council equipment.

7. The problems posed by speeding cyclists for pedestrians on the canal towpath persisted. **Alasdair would develop a proposal for suggesting some kind of speed limit.**

8. The Holburne Park development was proving much more physically imposing than expected. Some developments exceeded the dimensions approved in their planning permission, though it was not clear if this was the case here. But it was a reminder that it was in our interest to monitor major development projects nearby.

9. The launch of the “Our Shared Future” initiative between the Council and the University of Bath on 13 January had been very poorly advertised. This was disappointing because the basic idea had great potential, but needed to get widespread community involvement. Hopefully this would improve in the future.

10. **Charles would draft a proposed BERA response to the Council’s community led climate change action survey.** If there is time it would be good to consult residents first; they may have good ideas they are able to help with.

11. There were no major decisions to be made at our April AGM, so we would use it to have an open discussion of some of the key ongoing issues we were addressing or having to cope with. We could agree the proposed list at our March meeting

12. Next Meetings: Wed 18 March at **6.45 pm**, (as Manda would need to leave at 7.30 for a Deputy Mayoral engagement); Thursday 23 April AGM; Wed 17 June.

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