

ACTION NOTES FROM BERA COMMITTEE ZOOM MEETING ON 17 June 2020

Those (virtually) present: Charles Draper (Chair), Alasdair Barron, Ric Jerrom, Valerie Hayward, Amie Berkovitch, Nola Wright. Councillors Manda Rigby and Yukteshwar Kumar
Apologies: Ken Ayers, Sylvia Ayers, John Mudford

1. This was the first ever virtual BERA Committee Meeting, held over Zoom. Pat Asher had stepped down from the Committee for personal reasons; we were grateful for her contributions.
2. The local lockdown support networks we had set up in the Estate, cooperating to some degree with 3SG, had been welcomed, but mainly as a reassurance. They mostly reflected what was already informally in place.
3. We had left it to individuals to comment on the Council's plans for social distancing measures as lockdown was eased. We accepted that the proposed Low Traffic Neighbourhoods were aimed just at providing residential neighbourhoods with protection from through traffic; geography already gave us this. But we, and they, would need future subsequent traffic calming measures to improve the quality and safety of their streets.
4. For now, enforcing the Cleveland Bridge weight limit was difficult, but Councillors sending pictures of offending vehicles to company head offices did seem to work, **so we should keep feeding them to Manda and Kumar**. The revised planning application for the bridge repair was now public; **we should make sure we commented on aspects important to BERA**.
5. The future of both Council run golf courses seemed to be under threat. We should support FoBRA efforts to keep these spaces green.
6. We agreed that we would write out to local residents following concerns raised about risky cycling on our roads by some children. **Charles would do so based on the draft provided by Amie**.
7. The cancelling of our AGM, and the subsequent health restrictions, had meant that it had not been practicable to collect BERA subscriptions so far this year. We would therefore waive them for the current year. This meant membership arrangements would be rather fluid for the remainder of the year. **We should use the experience of the lockdown, the increased community interactions during it, and our role in them, to try and increase recruitment to both the Association and Committee next year**.
8. It was not clear whether it would be sensible or practicable to go ahead with either our usual social event in early September or the idea of an Estate producers show. **It seemed best to see how lockdown easing developed, over the next few weeks, and to be ready to support promising local ideas as they arose**.
9. The idea of an Estate Newsletter, electronic only on about a quarterly basis, seemed viable once we had a volunteer to set it up and run it.
10. Next Meeting – tbd. We could meet at quite short notice via Zoom if need be.

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