

ACTION NOTES FROM BERA COMMITTEE ZOOMEETING ON 9 December 2020

Those (virtually) present: Charles Draper (Chair), Nola Wright, Sally Galsworthy, Alasdair Barron, Ric Jerrom

Councillors Manda Rigby and Yuktेशwar Kumar

Apologies: Ken Ayers, Sylvia Ayers, John Mudford, Amie Berkovitch*, Valerie Hayward.

(* Amie couldn't get in to the Zoommeeting)

1. BERA funds now stood at £1322.74, now including the trees grant.
2. On some current issues there might be attractions in finding ways to raise funds for potential legal action. Crowdfunding itself could not be used for this purpose. **Manda thought there was another possibility; she would let us know.**
3. We had conflicting information on the number of HMOs in the Estate. **Manda would try to obtain a reliable figure.**
4. Manda gave us a useful briefing on the merits of Parishing a city in a Unitary Council, on either a large or small scale. There were pros and cons.
5. There had been suggestions that FoBRA might be willing to organise petitions on contentious local issues, to get round the difficulties caused by their being run by local political parties. **Charles would ask if this was still on the cards.**
6. Alasdair thought he had developed a good collaborative relationship with Council Officers in relation to trees on the Estate, so it was disappointing (to put it mildly) that two trees appeared to have been removed from Rockliffe Rd with no consultation or warning. **Alasdair would draft a note expressing this concern for Charles to send to the relevant Officer.**
7. The rationale for Residents Parking Permit allocations was likely to spark many different points of view amongst our Residents. **Manda would try to get a reliable picture of the current situation, though it was difficult.** It could well be a good topic to discuss at our next AGM, if it were in person, and possibly even if, as seemed likely, it would be by Zoom.
8. While it would be possible to set up a Facebook site for the Estate, it would only be beneficial if there was a good flow of issues and interest. We also knew that there were various WhatsApp Groups on the Estate, though none specifically tied to BERA or the Estate as a whole. What might be more useful was a newsletter, particularly if it sought views on a controversial issue such as Parking Permits. Sally would be willing to put the newsletter together, but would need help to get an attractive design. If no suitable volunteer could be found, she could enquire with Minuteman Press, who offered a service. We should aim to agree to the basis of the Newsletter at our next meeting, as it could include details of our April AGM.
9. We agreed to co-opt Francoise Pace on to the Committee. She lived in Forester Rd, but would be happy to deliver leaflets to Forester Lane, which was currently a gap.
10. Next Meeting – Wed 10 February 2021.

CD 10/12/2020