

Minutes of the Committee Meeting of Camden Residents Association

27th June 2018

<p>1. Present: Jeremy Labram, Nigel Pollard, Stephen George, Janet Anderson, Chris Smith, Gloria Goodsell, Nancy Coppock</p> <p>Apologies: Nigel Sherwen, Julie Platt (Deepali Gaskell excluded)</p>	Action
<p>2. The Previous Minutes</p> <p>were approved.</p>	
<p>3. Matters Arising</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nigel S had written a response to Mark Shelford's comments on the Traffic Report • Nigel P was considering the marketing of the CRA, membership subs, the newsletter and the AGM and a terms of reference was now a priority and needed drafting before the next meeting. • Janet had looked into changing the venue of the AGM. The main church at Claremont would be available, though slightly more expensive. This was agreed. St Swithuns was considered to be too remote. • Janet had spoken about a radio programme about the success of community speedwatch schemes. She had emailed the link to committee members and would do so again. It is well worth listening to. 	<p>NP</p> <p>JA</p> <p>JA</p>
<p>4. Internal item for Committee members only</p>	
<p>5. Chairman's Report</p> <p>Jeremy said that the most important issue was the Clean Air Zone. Public awareness still seemed to be very low. We must step up our communication with our ward councilors, cabinet member Mark Shelford and our MP. We need to be ready for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In August the analysis of the number plate recognition survey of traffic journeys in Bath was due to be published. • On 30th Sept the plan for the CAZ was to be published for consultation, for approval by the end of December. 	All
<p>6. Treasurer's report</p> <p>Nigel P said that the current account stood at £1300, the savings account at £5000.</p> <p>He was considering changing banks because of the poor service we receive.</p>	NP

<p>7. Wild Camden</p> <p>Nancy said that she had delayed the launch of the gardening club and litter pick until the end of September. At the moment it was impossible for her to get into the area because it was so overgrown with brambles.</p> <p>Steve confirmed that the area in front of the Crescent was owned by the Council and they were carrying out tree pruning and clearing every so often. The last time was in Jan 2017. But the deal was that we would contribute to the maintenance of the area, which we had not really done.</p> <p>Nancy said that she would contact Mark Cassidy from the Council about work that needed to be done and to re-establish respective responsibilities.</p> <p>Steve said that work on the structure of the Crescent arches was scheduled to take place during this financial year and hopefully would include the railings.</p> <p>Nigel P thought it would be a good idea if Wild Camden could be treated as part of Hedgemoor Park and would then be better looked after. Chris Smith commented that this might imply public having general access to Wild Camden, but Camden Crescent residents would not want this because their houses have access tunnels under Camden Rd that are open to Wild Camden.</p>	<p>NC</p>
<p>8. Website performance</p> <p>Nancy explained that she had been helping redesign the website so that we can host it ourselves and make our own posts. This would require us to pay £28 per annum for hosting and using the web-site's domain. This was agreed and thanks made for the progress made.</p> <p>The web-site material had been transferred across to the blogsite. There needed to be a process put in place to transfer all the content to a new template on the old domain without losing current subscribers to the blog.</p> <p>She would circulate the new website template, in rough form, for the approval of the committee.</p> <p>Jeremy said there had been 24 posts as of 9th May, and 31 as at 27th June. The number of followers had almost doubled, from 43 to 83 which was a 93% increase.</p> <p>Steve asked Chris if he would put a link to the blog when emailing his newsletter recipients. Chris replied that there was already a link to the blog in his Neighbourhood Watch newsletter.</p>	<p>NC</p> <p>CS</p>
<p>9. Clean Air Zone</p> <p>Nigel P commented that we must stress the importance of the non-chargeable measures, such as a better bus service with other hubs such as the RUH as well as the bus station.</p> <p>Janet welcomed Jeremy's paper about the complexity and problems of the scheme with regard to Camden residents and she suggested the planners might make use of these observations. Steve thought it might look a bit presumptuous, but we might offer our services via Mark Shelford as a stakeholder group to test out the various options and the different scenarios. Jeremy said he would pursue this with Mark.</p>	<p>JL</p>
<p>10. Shelford response</p> <p>Jeremy suggested we acknowledge his response and interest. We should emphasise speed awareness on our road and point out that the road does not have 20 mph roundels. Another point is the very narrow pavement, particularly at Prospect Place, which is a danger to pedestrians.</p> <p>Jeremy said he would include these points in his contact with Mark Shelford.</p>	<p>JL</p>
<p>11. GDPR</p> <p>Nancy said she was dealing with this and emailing everybody on our list with our privacy policy.</p>	<p>NC</p>

<p>12. Terms of reference for run up to Newsletter and AGM</p> <p>Jeremy reminded us of his comments about the Circus Newsletter and their marketing.</p> <p>We could point to our achievements, snow clearing, the website and blog, and the value of membership.</p> <p>It was thought we should contribute to ‘The Local Look’ which GG would chase up</p> <p>Jeremy mentioned ‘Next Door Camden’</p>	GG
<p>13. Constitution</p> <p>Our constitution is very basic and has obvious weaknesses. Jeremy has been doing some research, looking at the constitutions of FoBRA and NORA. In the absence of interest or expertise from others he said he would look to make improvements to our constitution in time for the AGM</p>	JL
<p>14. St John’s Foundation</p> <p>Janet had received information about this charity’s grants of £2000 for community projects. The deadline for this year’s awards was the end of June, but we could perhaps think of putting in an application next year, perhaps for the Wild Camden gardening club.</p>	
<p>15. AOB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nigel had news of the Hedgemoor picnic on 15th July. He updated us on the restoration of the fountain. The eagle was being re-gilded and should be back in time for the picnic. • Gloria mentioned damage to car tyres in Belgrave Crescent and that some cars had been broken into. She was advised to treat this a police matter. • Jeremy said he had met Patrick A-J, with a view to an article about him on our blog, as our local councillor and now Mayor of Bath. Nancy said she would be happy to do the article. He had delivered his inauguration speech to JL in hard copy and that this would be passed on to NC. • He and Mark Shelford might be invited to speak at the AGM. 	GG JL NC JL
<p>16. Date of next meeting</p> <p>It was decided the next meeting would be late August. Janet would Doodle</p>	JA