

Minutes of the Committee Meeting of Camden Residents Association - 30th August 2018

<p>1. Present</p> <p>Jeremy Labram, Nigel Pollard, Stephen George, Janet Anderson, Chris Smith, Gloria Goodsell, Nancy Coppock, Julie Platt, Nigel Sherwen, Deepali Gaskell.</p> <p>Apologies: none</p>	Action
<p>2. The Previous Minutes</p> <p>were approved.</p>	
<p>3. Matters arising</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deepali had decided not to resign • Chris had as usual put a link on his newsletter to the website • Jeremy had contacted Mark Shelford through Environmental Monitoring, offering our help as a group in considering the CAZ, but this had been politely declined. • Nigel S had decided that the response to Mark Shelford's response to our report should be put on hold. • Nancy was still dealing with GDPR issues 	
<p>4. Chairman's Report</p> <p>1 Introduction</p> <p>Some of this will go into the August end of month post</p> <p>2 FoBRA</p> <p>We missed their last meeting. Next one due on Mon Oct 15th, 2018 6:30 pm. Widcombe Junior School. We need to be there. DG suggested she might accompany JL</p> <p>3 Blog activity</p> <p>6 posts since the last meeting which generated 11 comments. Overall now we have released 40 posts, 60 comments and have 85 subscribers.</p> <p>We've been quiet in August whilst we re-theme and re-platform the web-site. Now done – huge thanks to Nancy, and Neill Manner for use of photos.</p> <p>Post virtually ready on lack of ANPR data but we have some done some substantive original work without it which I think gives us a better perspective on traffic flows.</p> <p>4 CAP</p> <p>Eerily quite from the council. They are now running late and not providing ANPR data as they still suggest they will in August – ref RS</p> <p>We may have raised awareness with a piece in August's Local Look – thanks to GG. (NP following suit with Hedgemoad piece.)</p> <p>The Bath populus is going to get hammered with a massive CAP proposal in October with little time to read it, come to conclusions and be in a position to respond to it from a Camden point of view as well as a wider perspective.</p>	<p>JL</p> <p>JL</p>

<p>We need to prepare for this in October and be ready to include this prominently in AGM.</p> <p>5 AGM</p> <p>Several items on the agenda for this, but this has to be the big push.</p> <p>We need a lot of people through the door and a lot of good candidates for the Committee as we are losing at least two of us. There's an item on the agenda regarding this.</p> <p>We need to plan the agenda meticulously.</p> <p>6 Hedgemoor Park</p> <p>Our web-site is becoming the host for their public facing stuff, which I think is ok.</p> <p>Picnic was very pleasant and gave me a chance to speak at length with Patrick Rotherham, Transport Lead for FoBRA.</p> <p>7 UHR</p> <p>Item coming on this - applies also to Camden Road</p> <p>8 Wider issues</p> <p>8.1 Transport</p> <p>B&NES is proposing to link up with Bristol, South Gloucestershire, North Somerset and Wiltshire as well as with areas further afield – from Poole and Bournemouth to the south and Gloucestershire to the north.</p> <p>Together, these areas would form a new Western Gateway Shadow Sub-national Transport Body to speak with one voice to central government on strategic transport planning.</p> <p>8.2 BIG</p> <p>B&NES Independent Group. Aiming to take politics out of the Guildhall.</p>	
<p>5. Web site development</p> <p>Nancy reported that the new website was up and running, using the professional Wordpress platform. It was clear and easy to follow and add things to. It incorporated all the original information and the blog.</p> <p>It was costing £118 for 36 months including hosting.</p> <p>A vote of thanks was offered to Nancy</p>	
<p>6. Upper Hedgemoor Park narrows</p> <p>Jeremy recommended that we should add all our support to Caroline Groome in her dealings with the Council, so that she can say that the CRA are behind her.</p> <p>The proposed RTO had included the removal of some free parking spaces on UHR and others would be included in Zone 15 but the operating times were inconsistent with other parts of the zone. Objections had been raised to this RTO by Jeremy and Richard Samuel. A more comprehensive solution was needed to consider improved sight lines and/or priority signage. RS had suggested a site meeting with CG and council officials.</p> <p>CG has written to RS and Steven Mildren in the Traffic Management Team to request a professional review of the junction so we all know what is possible. It can then be presented to residents for discussion.</p>	<p>CG</p>

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7. Constitution

Jeremy had drawn up a draft constitution which had had contributions from committee members. The only thing outstanding was the question of proxy votes.

Jeremy explained why he thought proxy voting would prove to difficult, but Steve thought it was important where votes on controversial Issues were concerned.

Julie was also in favour of proxy voting. It would be carried out through one other resident, who would also be allowed their own vote, and the Chairman would have to be informed in advance and in writing.

A vote was taken and this was agreed. Steve was to provide a simple procedure for including in the constitution.

Subsequent to the meeting a workable clause to this effect has been included in version 0.5

8. Patch allocation

There was a discussion about the inclusion of Camden Row. The large block of flats there might prove difficult, but it was considered worth trying.

Deepali mentioned concerns about a planning application for more flats there.

The difficulty of contacting more people in Camden Crescent was considered and Jeremy and Nancy offered to help Deepali with this patch.

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		Number of Residences	Share of total	Penetration (# of email addresses)	Penetration Index	Representation required	Rep	
G 1	Camden Row	51	13%	0	0%	1	NC	New territory
A 1	Camden Crescent (1-10)	37	9%	4	11%	2	DG	Additional help required
A 1	Camden Crescent (11-20)	37	9%	4	11%	2	DG	Additional help required
B 1	Camden Road (UCR)	45	11%	45	100%	1	CS	Strong and relatively easy
B 1	St Stephen's Road	2	0%	2	100%	0	CS	
B 2	Camden Road (LCPetc)	30	7%	3	10%	1	SG	Moderately easy - need to realloc
B 2	Gay's Hill	1	0%	0	0%	0	SG	
C 1	UHR and Alpine Gardens	40	10%	21	53%	1	NP	Relatively easy
C 2	LHR	2	0%	0	0%	0	NP	
D 1	Camden Road (N)	35	9%	15	43%	1	JA	Relatively easy
D 2	Bennett Lane (Top)	3	1%	0	0%	0	NS	
D 2	Camden Road (S)	42	10%	0	0%	1	JP	Moderately easy
E 1	Belgrave Crescent	50	12%	3	6%	1	GG	Hard. Share some interests with 'D2'
F 1	Camden Road (E)	28	7%	17	61%	0.5	NS	Relatively easy
TOTAL		403	100%	114	28%	11.5		

Omitting:
Lansdown Grove
Rivers Road
Lower Hedgemoad Road
Seymour Road

9. Run up to Newsletter and AGM

The AGM had been fixed for Thursday 22nd November at Claremont Church at 7.30pm.

Patrick A-J and Mark Shelford were suggested as possible guest speakers.

We would make the AGM date and invitation prominent on the first page of the newsletter.

Content for newsletter:

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- SG: Wild Camden and Structural Repair to CC Vaults
- CS: Snow Patrol
- DG: Camden History
- NP: 130 years of Hedgemoor Park
- GG: CAZ
- JP: New recruits
- NS: Hedge trimming
- JA: Litter picking

We would also advertise it on our website and others, in the Local Look, Nextdoor Camden and in Fairfield Park Health Centre.

Jeremy said he would get the newsletter together and everyone agreed to send him contributions within the next week.

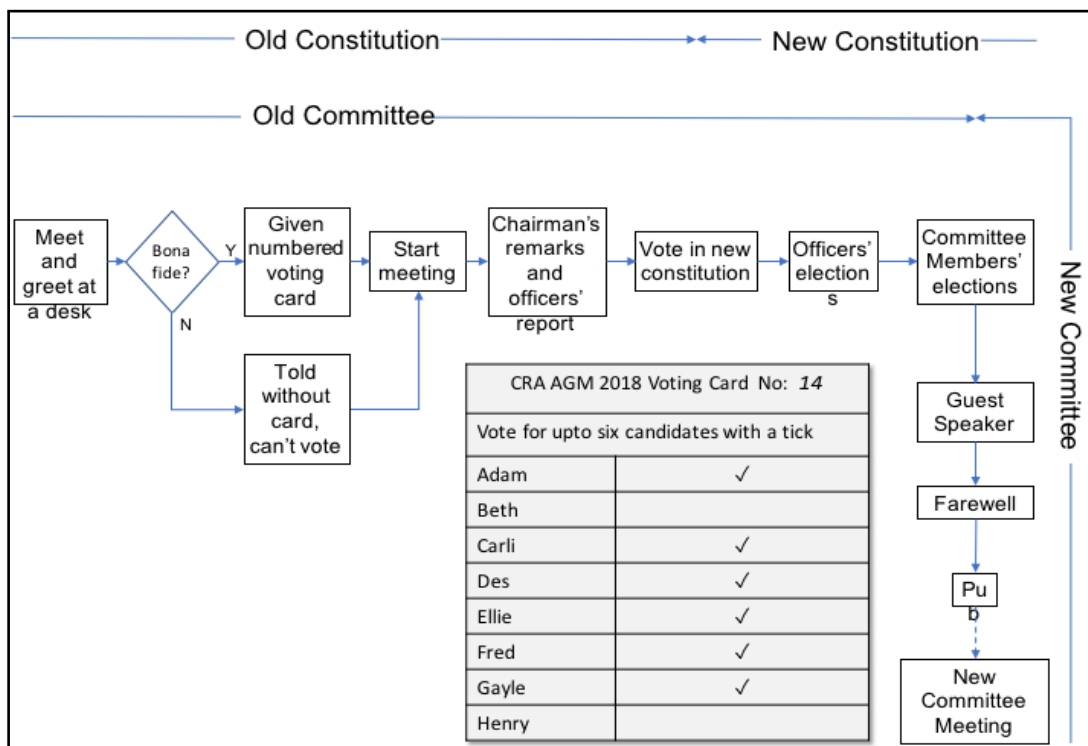
Jeremy would put together a non-obligatory script for door knocking

Jeremy explained the procedure for the AGM as set out below

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10. Treasurers report

NP presented the financial statement for the year to date.

There had been no further progress on switching banks.

11. Recruitment for next committee

There were several people interested in standing for the next committee and we must make an effort to contact those and others. A notice could be put in the Local Look

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and in our newsletter and names would have to be put forward well in advance of the AGM.	
<p>12. Wild Camden etc</p> <p>Nancy reported that the council were continuing to do two cuts of the vegetation on Camden Lawn each year and our role was to deal with the arisings.</p> <p>Nancy said that she was organising street litter picking from October. Deepali felt this is work the Council should be doing, but most people thought that it was it was just helping to care for our area where the Council was clearly not prepared to do any more.</p> <p>The litter picking was to be on every 3rd Sunday of the month, and we would appeal for volunteers on the Blog and in the Newsletter.</p> <p>Deepali had already spoken to them about the weeds on Camden Crescent pavement and they were sending someone to deal with it.</p> <p>Nigel P pointed out that we should separate the litter picking from Wild Camden.</p> <p>Steve said that the area under the railings on Camden Crescent had been cleared for the Council to carry out survey work and repair work was due to start on the structure of the vaults and railings during the next financial year.</p>	<p>NC</p> <p>DG</p>
<p>13. Snow clearance</p> <p>Chris is giving up leading the snow clearance team after years of very valuable work. We will ask for other helpers in our newsletter, but it is hoped that someone from the present team will step up, and it is believed that William Gaskell has kindly offered.</p> <p>Subsequent to the meeting Chris has agreed to remain as Deputy Snow Warden and bring on William Gaskell. Chris intends to major on communications and William will lead the physical work.</p>	CS
<p>14. AOB</p> <p>Deepali said that the speed signs at the entrance to Camden Crescent had still not been repainted. She had spoken to the Council again. She will continue to chase</p> <p>Deepali mentioned changes to the buses and the bus timetable, but none of us had noticed, apart from a slight change to Sunday times. Janet said she would look into it.</p>	<p>DG</p> <p>JA</p>
<p>15. Date of next meeting</p> <p>It was decided to meet during the first week of October, Gloria had kindly offered to host. Janet would Doodle</p>	<p>JA</p> <p>GG</p>