

Minutes of the Committee Meeting of Camden Residents Association 13th November 2018

1. Present: Jeremy Labram, Nigel Pollard, Janet Anderson, Chris Smith, Gloria Goodsell, Nancy Coppock, Julie Platt, Deepali Gaskell

2. The Previous Minutes

were approved.

3. Matters Arising

- FoBRA had sent around their Draft Transport Paper, which had not yet been published.
- The next FoBRA meeting is scheduled for 4/12/18
- There had been a meeting of councillors, residents and council experts about Upper Hedgemoor narrows. There was no firm conclusion, but it was established that it could not be made one way. It was likely that the free parking spaces would be removed. Caroline Groome was dealing with any developments.
- Geof Wood had agreed to act as returning officer.

4. Chairman's Report

Jeremy thanked the current committee for their hard work during the year, and he was thanked by Nigel P for his work as Chairman.

Jeremy pointed to the success of the new website and blog and said there were now some 124 subscribers and 51 invitations not yet taken up.

The main focus now was making the AGM a good public meeting.

Nancy explained that she had a new job and would be away for several months from Jan 19. She was persuaded to stay on the committee to give us time for someone to take over her role and for her to help with the transition.

5. Newsletter Distribution

Jeremy asked for feedback from the newsletter distribution.

- i) Deepali had found that a lot of flats were unoccupied or tenanted. Other occupants were too busy to talk.
- ii) Jeremy had had some great responses but had found it difficult to contact people in flats.
- iii) Nigel P said many people were away. There was a level of concern about holiday lets.
- iv) Chris said most people were concerned about pollution. Some expressed a need for an eastern Park and Ride.
- v) Gloria mentioned a single mum who would be badly affected by the car charging. Some were concerned about traffic to the RUH.
- vi) Julie had found lots of unoccupied houses. Most people had been in favour of the scheme.
- vii) Nancy reported concern about community events.
- viii) Janet reported most people to be in favour of the scheme.

6. Arrangements for the AGM

- i) Proxy votes were to be registered by Thurs.15th Nov
- ii) Jeremy would write a blog about the AGM, including motions for the meeting.
- iii) Janet would organise the distribution of the newsletter in public places such as the doctor's surgery , cafes and shops.
- iv) It was agreed that we would meet after the AGM at the Fairfield Arms
- v) At the AGM we will invite people to fill out a survey about the CAZ and vote on various motions so that the CRA can frame an opinion to submit to the Council which will have more influence than individuals.

Jeremy explained the procedure for the AGM.

Nigel P agreed to act as assistant returning officer.

Several members of the committee said they would come early to help with the set-up, meeting and greeting and seating people.

We would arrange proxies for Nancy, Steve, Nigel S, Patrick A-J and William Gaskell.

Proxies would need different colour voting cards.

7.AGM Motions

Jeremy suggested motions as follows:

- i) Whether the boundary on the Camden Road should be re-sited
- ii) The squeeze on parking because of more residents parking outside the zone.
- iii) The displacement of traffic
- iv) The need for an eastern Park and Ride
- v) Concern for extra expense for people in the zone.
- vi) Whether there might be subsidies for car exchange
- vii) A hardship scheme.

There was some discussion and it was agreed that we should only include issues that affected us in Camden, and this did not include the displacement of traffic, iii)

8. Treasurers Report

9. A O B

Gloria mentioned that drains were blocked in Belgrave Crescent, and Deepali complained about the mulch of mud and leaves on St Stephens Rd.

It was decided to contact Council Connect or 'Fix My Street'

16. Date of next meeting

It was decided to try to arrange a meeting of the new committee before Christmas.