

Minutes of the Committee Meeting of Camden Residents Association 2nd April 2019 held at 31PP

1. Present: Jeremy Labram, Bob Williams, Gloria Goodsell, Nigel Pollard, Janet Anderson, Chris Smith, Caroline Groome, John Long, Frank Benyon
Apologies: Nancy Coppock

2. The last committee meeting minutes were approved

Matters arising.

(A) With regard to the Snow Patrol, Jeremy had not yet met Steve Kamlish. He had spoken to Richard Samuel about the possibility of a local hustings for the May 2nd elections.

3. Chairman's Report

- a) Jeremy had written to the Council about the roundabout at the junction of the London Rd and Walcot St, which a resident had pointed out was dangerous. Cars approaching from the Paragon did not always realise until it was too late that it was a roundabout ([click here](#)) with priority to traffic from Walcot St. Jeremy had had a positive response from the Council saying they would look into improving this. Caroline said that she was more concerned about the safety of the zebra crossing.
- b) (A) It was agreed that the CRA would organise hustings for the local elections 2nd May, and that it might be an opportunity to recruit followers to our website. Jeremy agreed to chair the meeting and to arrange literature. Janet said she would organise the event and invite speakers.

4. CAZ update

a) Jeremy reported that he had had a two hour meeting with the traffic modeller from the project team. They had explained the changes to the traffic modelling and changes to traffic management which had enabled them to rule out option D (older diesel cars) from the scheme, which was liable to be politically unpopular. He had been assured that there were two independent levels of scrutiny.

Bob pointed out that the CAZ would now make no difference to the traffic on Camden Road. However the infrastructure for the scheme which would enable monitoring would be soon put in place, and there was still the option of including cars if the expected air quality improvement trajectory was not being met.

Jeremy said that we would need another meeting with the air quality expert from the project team.

b) Jeremy referred to his blog on our website about May being National Walking Month. If everyone in Bath with upto a 20 minute journey to work by either walking, cycling, or using an electric bike did not use their cars, there would be a 41% reduction in fossil fuelled journeys.

5. Review of 2018 report

It was noted that there had been several improvements on points mentioned in the report.

- a) Signage at the western end of Camden Crescent had been improved, including a 20mph sign and roundels on the road.
- b) Some road markings had been improved.
- c) There were now new euro6 buses which were quieter and would give off less NOx.

A discussion took place about the difficulty with blind spots on the road, and where a driver had to commit before being able to see what was coming. Bob pointed out that in itself that slowed traffic. It could really only be improved by removing parking spaces, which would not be popular. It was agreed that solar powered speed signs would be a good idea, and could perhaps be brought up at the hustings.

Improvements at the top of Marlborough Lane had been funded by CIL (Community Improvement Levy) and it was thought to be something we could look into.

Caroline had met Council officers with regard to the Upper Hedgemoor Park/ Lansdown Rd junction. It was decided that a priority system would not work and residents did not want UHP to be made one way.

The Council had agreed to remove the free parking and assign these spaces to RPX Z 15. Some parking spaces were to be removed and the double yellow lines extended at the very narrow part of the road.

Margarets Hill now had a new sign at the bottom giving no access to HGVs.

Bob noted that the Liberals were proposing ' low traffic neighbourhoods'. Janet had enquired about this from the Liberal representative at the last FoBRA meeting and had learned that it was to be regulated by number plate recognition technology. We would need to know a lot more.

(A) After Mark Shelford's response to our report, now we knew more about the CAZ, it might be a good time to prioritise our requests for improvements to be made on Camden Rd.

Nigel said he would send round a list so that committee members could mark their priorities.

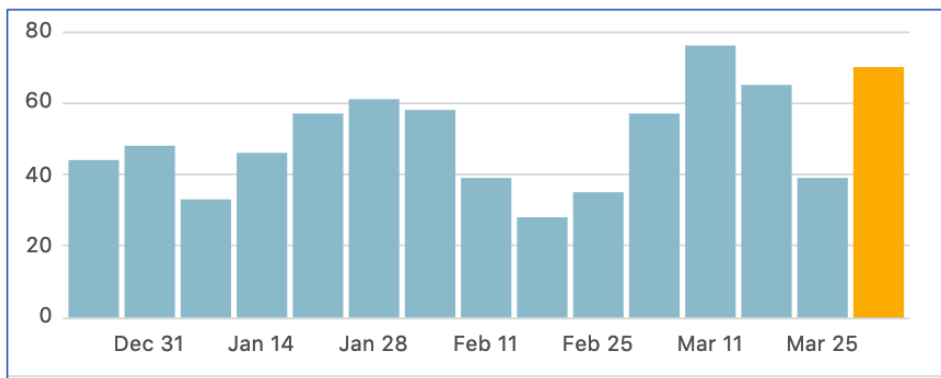
6.Accounts

Nigel said that he was arranging for the accounts to be moved to Santander. The RBS were contributing £750 for the move.

A donation of £109 had been made to Julian House, the proceeds from the carol singing at Christmas.

7.Website

Views per week for the last quarter.(graph inserted post meeting)



(ref Stats by Jetpack)

Bob reported that sessions and views were holding up well. JL concerned about the lack of new subscribers. The proposed hustings could address this.

8.Friends of Hedgemoor

Caroline said that there was to be a meeting of the Friends of Hedgemoor the following day. They were hoping for the support of the two local churches, the nursery and the three residents associations (Ainslie's Belvedere, Vineyards and Camden).

It was agreed that a member of our committee should also be on their committee. At the moment this was Caroline and Nigel.

The fete marking the 130th anniversary of the park is to be on July 21st.

Nigel explained that the Glasgow company that made the fountain had a program of bringing all their fountains back into use, but the Council were against the idea, and Wessex Water had withdrawn their offer of funding.

9.Wild Camden

(A) Both Jeremy and Frank had visited the site together and had contacted the Council to try to get a site visit, after which some commitments in writing might be forthcoming, but they had had no response. This will be chased up.

The possibility of getting funding from CIL (perhaps linked to the Hope House development) was discussed but thought unlikely as there was no public access.

Bathscape looked more likely. It is an organisation which says it exists to support landowners and local community groups to care for local green spaces. This would seem to be more flexible.

JL reported that Richard Samuel had stated that work on supporting the vault structure at the SW end of Camden Crescent was in this year's Council schedule and budgetted at £600k.

(A) Stephen George, who is an ex CRA committee member and who is a planner at the Council, had written to Jeremy about the Council's planned spring cut of the meadow and our commitment to clearing the cut grass afterwards. He was keen to chase up promised repairs to the railings. It was agreed we should liaise with Steve who had contacts at the Council, and Jeremy said he would contact him.

10.Nancy Coppock has resigned from the committee

(A) We agreed to look for possible new members

11. AOB

- a) It was agreed that we should all do our own litter picking in our own areas unless Nancy was willing to arrange street litterpicks in due course.
- b) The next FoBRA committee meeting + AGM was 9th May. Nigel and Frank? said they would probably be able to go.
- c) The committee noted the nextFoBRA dates as per agenda

11.Dates of committee meetings

It was agreed to cancel the May meeting, making the next meeting Wed 24th June and then 27th August. Venue to agreed.