

# Minutes of the Committee Meeting of Camden Residents Association

## 8th Oct 2019

1. Present: Jeremy Labram, Janet Anderson, Nigel Pollard, Caroline Groome, Bob Williams, Chris Smith, Gloria Goodsell  
( apologies John Long, Frank Benyon)

2. a) The minutes of the previous committee meeting were approved.

b) Caroline reported on the FoBRA meeting she had attended:

The police station in Manvers Street was being expanded. Crime was down 14%.

There had been a discussion about the stadium at the Rec, but a revised planning application had not yet been received.

There was a brief discussion of LTNs. Generally opinion was positive and it was thought that it should be carried out in an overall rather than piecemeal way. It was likely to be more successful in wealthier areas with more vocal residents.

There was a discussion about Bath Football Club, as to whether it should be supported as it was in a run down and deprived area.

3. Low Traffic Neighbourhood

Jeremy and Bob had met with Joanna Wright and Adam Reynolds 27/9 to walk our area and discuss possibilities. It was agreed that one set of busgates on Camden Rd might be possible. Bob felt that the initiative was coming from us. It could be set up initially as a pilot scheme, which might make it more acceptable to those affected.

It might be possible with numberplate recognition to allow residents through the bugates, but this would add greatly to the complexity of the scheme.

People expressed their concerns about the increased traffic on the London Rd, and the inconvenience which people needing to travel to work and school would experience.

Joanna, it seems, had spoken about plans for a separate cycle and walking route from the east of Bath, away from the London Rd., and more link-and-ride arrangements.

There was a discussion about what further measures would have to be taken to avoid rat runs, and it was agreed that more scrutiny was required.

Gloria suggested we might at specific area in detail to see exactly how they would be affected. Jeremy agreed that we must be more inclusive and look at the affect on all the surrounding streets, not just Camden Rd.

4. Newsletter and AGM

The newsletter had been printed and we had four weeks to distribute it by 8<sup>th</sup> November in good time before the AGM on 21/11/2019

5. Accounts

Nigel said that there was about £2000 in the CRA current account. He had paid £25 subscription to the Friends of HP, had paid for the hire of the hall and for the hosting of the website. The Association needed at least £125 a year to cover expenses.

6. Web Site Performance

There were 162 subscribers.

There had been 7 joiners of the campaign for a LTN

Jeremy said he had been approached by a firm of fast speed broadband providers. He would do a post about it to see if there were any interest subject to doing some due diligence first.

7. Wild Camden

Caroline pointed out the difficulty of getting the Council even to do the yearly maintenance they used to do. The excuse they made was the problem of getting the equipment into the site. She thought that when the contractors for

the repair of the vaults made a temporary entrance and route for their machinery, this might be a good time to ask the Council for proper gates on UHR, and to ask them to do some clearing work. She thought we might form a sub-group to decide what we want to do about it.

#### 8. AOB

There was likely to be long-term disruption of traffic at Camden Crescent when the vaults were being repaired. Jeremy said he would take it up with Joanna to find out what was happening, and when

#### 12. DONM

17th Dec 2019 at Gloria's, 35 Belgrave Crescent