

CRA Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: 17th December 2019, 19:30

Venue: Gloria, 35 Belgrave Crescent

Present: JL, NP, FB, BW, LC, CS, RD, DS, GG.

Apologies: JML

ITEM	ACTION
<p>1. Introduction</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Louise, Rachel and Debra introduced themselves and then the incumbents did likewise. A quick totalisation of our combined length of residence came to 167 years of living in Camden. Gloria has the longest experience of 45 years. b. [REDACTED] has deferred joining until later in the year but will continue to fulfil his snow warden duties c. 12 is the maximum complement, so a vacancy exists for the Secretary role. We will rotate as meeting secretary until that post is filled. <u>JL to act as secretary at this meeting. Louise to act as secretary at the next meeting.</u> 	<p>JL LC</p>
<p>2. <u>Minutes</u> of last committee meeting 3. <u>Minutes</u> of AGM</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. These were both accepted and we agreed that any matters arising would be covered in the agenda below 	
<p>4. Ways of working</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. JL emphasised the need to spread the load across the committee and the need to find pockets of time and talent from all committee members. b. This would mean delegating work to sub-groups. To keep all committee members aware of progress, it was agreed to trial the use of Trello as collaboration and reporting tool. <u>JL to continue with initial set up over Christmas. BW to take over and champion and support its use.</u> c. The place of social media was debated and led by RD. <u>An Instagram presence for the CRA would be set up and maintained by RD and DS, with assistance from Anna and Sean.</u> 	<p>JL BW RD DS</p>
<p>5. Post AGM news (<i>some redacted on public web-site due to personal details</i>) JL ran through his interactions since the AGM on 21/11.</p> <p>Residents</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. 200 blog followers and 98 campaign subscribers b. [REDACTED] Very supportive, as a resident, rather than a public figure but will not join the committee c. [REDACTED] Very supportive and helpful already and wil help with the LTN campaign d. [REDACTED] JL to meet soon e. [REDACTED] to assist DS on Instagram <p>Professional contacts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> f. [REDACTED] (Buro Happold). Collaborating on Larkhall Square redesign as part of NE Bath plan g. [REDACTED] (First Bus). Looking for synergies and thereby advocacy for an LTN + Busgate h. [REDACTED]. Meeting with BATPR which was very warm i. [REDACTED] (FoBRA) and [REDACTED] (Cycle Bath) complementary about our work on LTN j. [REDACTED] (Waltham Forest Council) invited to B&NES event on ¹28/01. JL trying to get phone call with him over do's and don'ts. k. Van du Bose (BATPR). JL now on Steering Group l. All local councilors for Walcot, Lansdown and Lambridge. Prompted us to bid for VASx2 funding. Expect answer by 31/01 	<p>JL</p>

¹ Changed from 29/01

<p>Other</p> <p>m. Sgt Jonathan Raisey. Supported our VAS bid to Avon and Somerset Police</p> <p>a. <u>Final balance on Newsletter distribution income to be finalised and banked</u></p>	NP
<p>6. Snow patrol</p> <p>a. See appendix 1, first item for Chris's report. Main additional points:</p> <p>b. If we are in a position to help in the event of a snow fall, then a shovel and wheelbarrow will be a great help. <u>All please note.</u></p> <p>c. <u>CS to check on public liability insurance for us as volunteers</u></p> <p>d. <u>Consider use of Instagram for communications thereto</u></p>	All CS RD
<p>7. Carol Singing on Friday 20th – link here. Malcolm and Laura Edmonton leading</p> <p>a. Start at Ainslie's Belvedere at 5pm</p> <p>b. Singers to bring own music</p>	
<p>8. LTN Campaign</p> <p>JL ran through the main activities since the AGM</p> <p>a. Website reorganised here to create an LTN resource. <u>20 Q&A</u> constantly being developed. Attempting to get the council to correct if necessary</p> <p>b. Cleveland Bridge weight restriction and summer closure. JL has now completed objection to the Planning Application 19/05077/LBA</p> <p>c. Met with Michael Levy – Now attempting to get hold of Clive Loakes re dos and don'ts</p> <p>d. Extended newsletter distribution into Tynning Road, Frankley Buildings and Snow Hill</p> <p>e. Attended BATPR meeting with Richard Samuel and Jo Wright but no direct contact possible</p> <p>f. Excellent wide ranging phone call with Tom Davies, who has been most helpful</p> <p>g. We agreed to set up formal and active campaign sub-group. Members: JL, BW, DS, RD, Michael Levy. <u>JL to set up.</u></p> <p>h. <u>Chase up contact at</u> [REDACTED]</p>	JL JL
<p>9. Speed gun initiative</p> <p>LC reported upon our early morning risk and speeding assessment with Avon and Somerset Police on 11/12. This was unlikely to lead to success due to inopportune traffic conditions at the time. Post this committee meeting they have offered to conduct the exercise again. <u>LC to action</u></p>	LC
<p>10. Sheep on Camden Lawn</p> <p>FB briefed the committee using his previously distributed note</p> <p>a. We have two farmers interested now</p> <p>b. Sheep rearing is now regarded extremely positively by climate change experts (ref Soil Association and Sustainable Food Trust).</p> <p>c. We need to consider other options for the area and weigh up the pros and cons</p> <p>d. First step is to meet the farmer 1. <u>JL to send contact details</u></p> <p>e. <u>FB and LC to act as a sub-group to pursue</u></p>	JL FB LC
<p>11. AOB</p> <p>a. DS keen to make the street prettier to improve residents' experience to encourage all users to increase respect for the look of the place</p> <p>b. DS passed on suggestion for Lib Dem placard idea to be used for 20mph / LTN campaign</p> <p>c. DS suggested using the Claremont for future meetings</p> <p>d. CS reported upon further interactions with Cllr Mark Elliott (see last part of appendix 1). Little prospect of any work on this in view of the LTN. <u>A zebra crossing provision on Camden Road to be included in any LTN proposal.</u></p>	JL
<p>12. DONM</p> <p>a. We agree to aim for six formal meetings per year. Initially that would be on a Monday. Subsequent ones may include Tues or Wed.</p> <p>b. First one to be on Monday February 24th. Subsequent request for Monday 17th. <u>Please look out for doodle poll.</u></p>	All

Snow patrol.

As I'm now 80, handling heavy bags of salt and pushing the heavy salt spreader up & down hills is no longer for me. Steve Kamlish has kindly taken over the role of Snow Warden & will liaise through me as Deputy Snow Warden & CRA Committee member.

Council are no longer supporting Snow Warden pavement gritting activity, are unwilling to service our salt spreader and are no longer supplying us with salt/grit. But we have salt stocks that will probably last a couple of years, so long as our winters are mild. And we also make use of Council's grit bins in our neighbourhood, especially when we grit dangerous, steep road intersections like the bottom of St Stephens Rd. and the Belgrave Crescent/Bennet Lane and Gays Hill intersections. The only road in our neighbourhood that Council grits is Camden Rd itself, *and they don't grit our pavements.*

With kind help from Jeremy, Steve has moved a supply of salt grit bags to storage in Beacon Wood House garden and has supplied some bags to those of our team of snowmen helpers that needed them. Steve is currently greasing and trying to get our salt spreader up & running again, *but so far not too successful.* If we can't get the spreader to work, we will increasingly need to manually spread salt on pavements and key road intersections.

It is important that all of us, as Camden Residents Association committee members, encourage our neighbours to assist by shovelling any snow off the pavements where we live, moving the snow onto the edge of the road or against a wall. Clearing away the snow stops it being trodden down and turned into dangerous ice. *Public Liability.*

Camden Road/Lansdown Rd 6 lane junction

I've been speaking twice ^{again} recently with Lansdown Councillor Mark Elliot about how to make this dangerous intersection safe, especially for pedestrians. Putting zebra crossings near the end of Camden Rd. and across Lansdown Rd near the Chinese takeaway have been discussed by Councillor Mark Elliot with Council's technicians. However, lack of Council money and its current local emphasis on a LTN mean that nothing is likely to happen short term about this intersection. A Camden Rd LTN itself may reduce the high traffic flow and associated dangers at this junction.