

# CRA Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: 24<sup>th</sup> February 2020, 19:30

Venue: The Claremont

Present: JL, NP, FB, BW, JML, LC, CS, RD, DS, GG, plus guest Michael Levy

ITEM	ACTION
<p>1. Introduction</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Secretary – LC this evening</li> <li>b. Check on use of The Claremont in future – all happy</li> <li>c. Carol Singing on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December '19 - £94 to RUH Oncology Unit Appeal – via Andrews. LC volunteered to spearhead next year's event, to include flyers ahead of the date &amp; end with singing in The Claremont for those happy to do so. Date &amp; details to be arranged</li> </ul>	<p>LC JL LC</p>
<p>2. Minutes of last committee meeting and matters arising:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Update on followers: Blog up from 200 at last meeting to 215 now; LTN campaign up from 98 to 127</li> <li>b. JL yet to meet up with Kit Routledge re LTN (5.d from last minutes)</li> <li>c. JL asked for views on current/ better bus routes ahead of meeting James Freeman (First Bus), recognising that Camden Road is already well served – to be continued (5.g from last minutes)</li> </ul>	<p>JL JL</p>
<p>3. Ways of working/ coverage</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. JL continuing to ask for volunteers for roles and sub-groups</li> <li>b. Debate over extending CRA coverage to other roads – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Seymour Rd (in RPZ15)</li> <li>• Arundel Rd, as well as Tynning Road &amp; Snow Hill, no one of which are currently in the RPZ 15.</li> <li>• JL to consider canvassing interest, as these areas will be impacted by the LTN</li> </ul> </li> <li>c. JML introduced a discussion on how people are finding Trello – mixed opinion on its usability but agreed to keep trying, as it's more efficient than group emails. Bob and Jeremy may be persuaded to lead a small demo, otherwise we should all look at the Help function here: <a href="https://trello.com/guide?utm_source=trello&amp;utm_medium=inapp&amp;utm_content=header-tips&amp;utm_campaign=guide">https://trello.com/guide?utm_source=trello&amp;utm_medium=inapp&amp;utm_content=header-tips&amp;utm_campaign=guide</a></li> </ul>	<p>JL JL JL, BW, All</p>
<p>4. Snow patrol</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Gritter has now been serviced, greased and tested and salt acquired; Steve Kamlish has taken over from Chris as Snow Warden, whilst Chris will remain as Advisor &amp; link to the CRA (for more detail see Appendix 1)</li> </ul>	<p>CS</p>
<p>5. Other members' issues</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. FoBRA January meeting; LC &amp; DS shared main topics raised: student accommodation, Queen Square traffic alterations &amp; concerns, collaboration projects between University of Bath &amp; BANES, climate emergency. No CRA action required</li> <li>b. JL added his experience from a 3-day Incubator Workshop – possible funding available for a student M.Sc. on our LTN; JL will also be hosting a prototype dynamic pollution monitor in his front garden.</li> <li>c. UCR Speed bump: John very concerned after two near misses &amp; wondered how to get another speed bump. Group advised that unfortunately this is unlikely to get finding in the foreseeable future. JL added that an LTN might make this less necessary.</li> <li>d. 'Eyes on the Street' – from John's expertise the fact that many houses along Camden Road face away from the street can mean that the road looks deserted and is thereby more vulnerable to everyday street crime, of which he mentioned three examples. JML to work up a proposal with ideas to make the road look "more active" for next meeting</li> </ul>	<p>LC, DS JL JML JML</p>

<p>6. Cleveland Bridge</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. 18 tonne weight restriction in place since 03/02/20; all agreed the effects and benefits are evident already</li> <li>b. Lib Dem petition to make it permanent has been a big success – 1,174 and rising</li> <li>c. Summer total closure – funding not yet found so no further info available but strong concern that little/no consideration has been given to the impact of the closure on other areas of Bath. This led into long discussion on the merits of CRA proposing our LTN plans as a way to mitigate the effects of the closure, as RS had suggested to JL (see 7 below)</li> </ul>	<p>JL</p>
<p>7. LTN</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Proposals: JL has worked up some excellent analysis &amp; proposals, comparing different options. In addition to the merits of the NE Bath LTN as it stands, an option is to present a worked through plan as a way to mitigate the ‘knock on effect’ of the Cleveland Bridge closure on local neighbourhoods. GG suggested holding a “drop in” event to gather opinion and help field questions and concerns. The main point is that Camden Road, unlike London Road, was never built as a thoroughfare but is increasingly being used as get-around (avoiding terms with “rats” and “mice”)</li> <li>b. Campaign sub-group: BW, NP, GG to consider &amp; critique JL’s proposals in detail; JL’s statistician neighbour to be encouraged to assist; JML &amp; ML to help at later stages to bounce ideas and get to prototype proposal which can be put forward to the Council (ideally with more insight into what criteria the Council would apply – JL to try to investigate)</li> </ul>	<p>JL</p> <p>BW, NP, GG, JL</p> <p>JML, ML</p>
<p>8. Social Media (Sub Group): Facebook page now live, called Camden Bath Group, aiming to attract a wider demographic. It is a private, ‘by invitation’ group, although anyone can request to join.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. JL to include post on Facebook Group page</li> </ul>	<p>DS RD</p>
<p>9. Avon &amp; Somerset Police (Sub Group)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Speed gun initiative; December trial did not yield expected results; next speed trial Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March, 10.30, along the straight “M4 stretch”</li> <li>b. VAS application: very disappointing that the proposal was rejected; Cllr Tom Davies reporting back to JL after further investigation of the reasons and what can be done to expedite this.</li> </ul>	<p>LC</p> <p>JL</p>
<p>10. Sheep on Camden Lawn (Sub Group)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. JL met farmer 1 – encouraging input that the ground could be cleared and fenced, and cheaper than the Council’s cost projection; the land could provide grazing for 3 sheep, April to October, subject to various conditions</li> <li>b. FB has also had contact with a consultant who posed some good questions and aspects to consider.</li> <li>c. Sub group to meet to consider next steps</li> </ul>	<p>JL</p> <p>FB</p> <p>JL, FB, LC</p>
<p>11. Railings (not discussed, out of time) – bring forward</p>	<p>JL</p>
<p>12. Finance/ Gay’s Hill Triangle: quorum agreed on this one occasion and without setting any precedent that George May would be recompensed the £120 paid to Abracadabra to clear the foliage</p>	<p>NP</p>
<p>13. DONM: JL to set up survey on dates, Mondays, roughly two-monthly. JL to doodle</p>	<p>JL</p>
<p>14. AOB: none - meeting dispersed due to the late hour</p>	

## Appendix 1. Snow Patrol

As you know, Steve Kamlish, being younger than I am, has taken over the role of Snow warden for Camden, which does involve some heavy lifting. I will remain as an advisor for him and a link to our Camden Residents Association, with my past knowledge of what parts of our area's pavements and roads (not serviced by Council) are tricky if snow or ice comes. But so far this season, the weather has been very clement & we have not needed to spread any salt. The finer grained salt bags and the spreader machine have been moved from Ed Cole's field to open air storage in the grounds of Beacon Wood House to which we have been given access. Steve will be approaching the owner of Beacon Wood House to see if we can move the spreader itself into one of his sheds for protection against the weather. Steve has delivered some salt bags to those of our team of some 20 helpers who were running short of them. Steve, with the aid of Jeremy, has serviced and greased the spreader machine so that it is now functioning well. BANES Council are no longer supporting our snow warden efforts, but we have enough salt to last for at least 2 years.

Chris Smith