

CRA Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: Monday 28th June 2021, 09:00 - 10:30

Venue: Zoom Pro

Attended: JL, LC, NP, BW, CS, RD, BC, Apologies EM, JMLg, JMLb

ITEM	Action
<p>1. Minutes of Last Meeting - May</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. May meeting minutes accepted b. Matters arising and actions, covered in later points 	
<p>2. Chairman's Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Liveable Neighbourhoods: JLL briefly talked about the Cabinet meeting 230621, for further info see his emails and further discussion in point 4. b. Cleveland Bridge: closed from today 280621 and Wessex Water starting work on Camden Road tomorrow, 290621, for three days. 	
<p>3. <u>Camden Lawn Sub-group report</u></p> <p>John's Report is available at the new web-site of the Friends of Camden Meadow. JMLg not there to discuss the report and answer our queries:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. LC concerned that there is still a litter problem at the bin and in the meadow area and that the fly tipped sofa is still there and how can this be resolved, including dragging it into a vault short term? b. We talked about progress and that the weather had been bad on the last session with only 4 volunteers, but they still got lots done. Nigel suggested that perhaps we could pay for double gates from the fencing fund so that a chipper could get on site. c. RD asked if and when the Council would strim the meadow, L C said when they can fit it in which makes scheduling the support work difficult d. RD had noticed that gate was unlocked last week. We thought this was possibly to do with council workers on site. 	JMLg
<p>4. <u>LN Sub-group report</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Council Cabinet LN Decision that the Camden scheme would not be included in Phase 1, but that there will be work done in the Walcot Ward to residents parking in the London Road/Snowhill area and that Tying Lane may be made one way for the sake of pedestrian safety b. For reasoning on this decision see JLL email stream from 150621 to 220621 plus Quick Report 250621 with youtube link on JLL 3 minute speech at the Cabinet meeting 230621. c. We discussed their decision. BW saw some positives in the decision that it would help our tougher LN bid if the first schemes were successful. CS had hoped that having two prominent councillors on our side would have helped our cause. JLL suggested that perhaps they both were busy with their new portfolios. NP hoped that if the first schemes were popular that would encourage a more positive general attitude to a city less car centric. LC said that the Camden Road LN was always going to be a difficult one to agree on. d. Response and next actions. We discussed Vehicle Activated Signage (VAS) on Camden Road, JLL filled us in on why, having proved the case in 2019 we had failed to get them implemented since, but now we would push for VAS and hoped that if we agreed to the removal of the speed bump on Camden Road near Gays Hill, this might give us leverage with the council to install two VAS. 	JL

<p>We all agreed that VAS would help to slow the traffic down, BUT we also must not just agree to sticking plaster resolutions and must continue with our campaign to make Camden a LN.</p>	
<p>5. <u>Cleveland Bridge (work commences on 28/06)</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. First day of bridge closure, JLL counted cars for 10 mins outside his house at 8:10 and counted 68 travelling towards town and 28 away from town, that would be almost 600 an hour! He didn't have a bench mark so doesn't know if it was more than usual. JLL said that he thought the council had been very recently counting vehicles and would check if they will publish their findings. b. BC joined the meeting after his Radio Bath broadcast from Cleveland Bridge and didn't report any out of the ordinary snarl ups, just the usual queueing on London Road back up to the main roundabout. c. We discussed how it would be good if more of us counted cars and that JLL would ask for volunteers and a draw up a rota. RD to check if more traffic on Belgrave Crescent. BC said that traffic would reduce with school holidays. JLL said that the Council has the power to put in Emergency Traffic Orders if necessary, but we would need car numbers to demonstrate how bad it has become. 	<p>JLL (done)</p>
<p>6. <u>St Stephen's Road Trees</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. In the absence of JMLb, CS and JLL reported on this. There are two main areas in question: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the steep escarpment above St Stephen's Road beyond the hairpin, with its retaining wall and woodland above • the small woodland squeezed between the arms of the hairpin b. The wall for the former had been inspected by the Council and had not shifted recently. The trees above remained a concern for CS and his neighbour. Ownership of the land was likely to be the house above on Mount Road c. As for the latter, CS reported that there was a leaning pine which was concerning. Ownership of the land was not clear despite research in the past and pursuit of the last vendor. As the likely the default, the Council is to be pushed to take responsibility for this. 	<p>JMLb CS</p>
<p>7. <u>Camden Tidy Up</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. LC reported that the last tidy up postponed as it clashed with Fathers' Day and the weather was bad, LC said that it is losing momentum with few people coming forward to help, her suggestion is to target specific areas each time with a leaflet drop to encourage people to join in clearing outside their houses, we all agreed that this is a good idea. 	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> b. <u>Camden Cares</u> LC reported that 'quiet which is good'. The Racecourse is now the only vaccination site in Bath, no longer at the Pavilion or doctors surgeries. c. James Carlin, 3SG, recently received the British Empire Medal and JLL and BC to do a 'good news' blog post, as his parents are Camden residents. 	<p>JL/BC</p>
<p>8. <u>Update on benchmarking exercise on roles and responsibilities</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. No further progress yet, but JLL will work on it and must be in place before AGM in November 	<p>JLL</p>
<p>9. <u>CRA Blog Hosting</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. BW reported that the current hosting company will charge us considerably more from the renewal date in July. He has this sourced a less expensive provider that uses renewable energy so 'two ticks'. b. The committee agreed to this and BW will action 	<p>BW</p>

<p>10. Accounts</p> <p>a. attached, but no change except for 6p of interest</p>	
<p>11. <u>AOB</u></p> <p>a. JIL asked for suggestion of where we could hold a 'live' AGM and suggestions were St Swithin's, Museum of Bath at Work, New Oriel Hall or even the Claremont. Nexus Centre looks out of action but worth pursuing too.</p> <p>b. JIL also wanted to work towards 'in person' Committee meetings, but with Covid on the rise this may not be for a while. Committee members to provide view to LC who will arrange the next meeting to suit as many as possible. (Current DoNMs – Mondays :26th July, 23rd August, 27th Sept, 25th October (AGM preparation)</p>	<p>All LC</p>
<p>12. The meeting finished at 10:30am</p>	

