

CRA Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: 28th February 2022, 17.30

Venue/ Platform: Zoom Pro

Attending: JLL (Chair), NP, RW, LC (Sec), CS, BC, AS-R, JML

Apologies: EM, RD

ITEM	ACTION
<p>1. Minutes of Last Meeting</p> <p>1.1 January meeting minutes accepted; to be posted on the website</p> <p>1.2 Actions from last meeting covered in items below</p>	
<p>2. Chair's Report</p> <p>2.1 JLL reported that anecdotal conversations with workmen on Cleveland Bridge suggested that the works will need to continue into next year. Given that the impact on Camden Road has been noticeable but not overly serious, it was decided to continue observing the situation rather than raise further objections</p> <p>2.2 JLL also reported that analysis of the Council's report <i>Liveable Neighbourhoods Report – Public Engagement Report</i> was published last week (several committee members had contributed to the survey last autumn). Residents from all areas of Bath reported very similar priority concerns – the volume of through traffic and speeding. Cars idling and on-street parking were far less significant issues. The CRA can only agree – we are not alone in our pain</p> <p>2.3 Successor as Chair of CRA. Following last month's request for any committee member interested in standing for Chair, in addition to John Long (JML), to come forward by 31/3/22, JLL reported that there had been no applications. However, as there is currently no provision in the CRA Constitution for an officer resigning mid-term, JLL proposed that the committee should make two votes, which was agreed:</p> <p>3.2.1 1. To agree to the addition of a resignation clause to the constitution, operational henceforth and to be ratified at the next AGM – unanimous agreement</p> <p>3.2.2 2. Recognising that it is the Chair's wish to resign the post before the next AGM, to vote for John Long as the stand-in Chair, again to be formally ratified at the next AGM – unanimous agreement, and noted that committee members not present had already voiced their support for JML</p> <p>3.2.3 Following an official hand-over, JML will take over the role from the 23rd May committee meeting. The committee expressed congratulations and full support to JML and thanks that JLL's excellent work will be continued, whilst retaining JLL as a valued committee member</p>	<p>ALL</p>
<p>3. Camden Meadow</p> <p>3.1 JML reported that the first beehive is thriving, with an estimated population of 5 – 10,000 bees, and a second hive has just been installed next to it on the meadow. It is hoped that bees from the first hive will also populate the second. Thanks to Tulio, local resident, for his expertise in bee-keeping and care for our growing Camden population</p> <p>3.2 AS-R suggested encouraging bee-friendly planting in window boxes etc along Camden Crescent, especially as CS had asked whether there would be sufficient food for the bees; AS-R to take this forward</p> <p>3.3 BC offered to help get coverage with the Bath Chronicle; AS-R also offered to get a press pack ready</p>	<p>AS-R</p> <p>BC, AS-R</p>
<p>4. Jubilee Street Party Sub-Group</p> <p>4.1 JML & LC updated the committee on plans for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Lunch Party (Sunday 5th June). Following a visit to consider the viability of closing all or sections of Camden Road for the event, the council responded with an option for</p>	

<p>limited closure. On careful consideration with the sub group, it was decided that that the requirements (PL insurance, marshals, consultation etc), are potentially too onerous. Instead, a smaller scale event on the pavement in front of Camden Crescent, with no road closure, would be aimed for. Another event at the Claremont end would be managed by the Claremont landlord who would arrange road closure. Overall it could still be great fun, with plenty of opportunity for street-wide activities such as window art and wreath competitions</p> <p>4.2 LC & Carrie Stockton met with the Claremont Pub landlord, Daniel Matica, to update him and share the information and forms gained from the council; he is making progress with suppliers and entertainments, and will apply independently for a road closure and bus redirection as required</p> <p>4.3 NP reminded the committee that FHP are planning to decorate the bandstand for the occasion but not hold a Jubilee event as such on that date</p> <p>4.4 JIL suggested a street resident who is renowned for organising children’s events, who could maybe contribute to the planning; JML to follow up</p> <p>4.5 Sub group meeting to be held at the Claremont on Monday 14th March at 19.00 to progress ideas, followed by a Committee Social at 19.45 – all very welcome</p>	<p>JML</p> <p>JML, LC, AS-R</p>
<p>5. Snow Patrol & St Stephen’s Road Trees</p> <p>5.1 CS reported that Steve Kamlish is waiting to hear back from the council about getting the salt spreader repaired, as it’s in a very bad state. Another option may be take it into the council depot (an employee said informally they could help); if so AS-R offered to provide transport to get it there</p> <p>5.2 St Stephen’s Road Trees - CS reported that fortunately there had been no significant damage to the perilously hanging trees during the recent storm. However, as ownership of the land (and therefore trees) is still unclear, the council states it is unable to take action beyond stripping ivy from the trees (Denise Hart is the contact). Whilst this seems to be at a stalemate, CS and JMLb will meet to consider next steps</p>	<p>CS</p>
<p>6. CRA Committee Socialising</p> <p>6.1 BC commented that the Fairfield pub could be a good venue, although not our most local, as well as the Claremont</p> <p>6.2 LC suggested adding a committee social get together on to the Street Party meet-up on Monday 14th March - agreed; see 4.5 above</p>	
<p>7. Bus Service Changes</p> <p>7.1 The committee expressed concern that shortening the 6, 6A, 7 bus routes (which now terminate at the Guildhall rather than the railway station) is both very inconvenient for many and highly detrimental to the aim of cutting car journeys, and in contradiction with the Net Zero mission. JIL to pursue the angle that due process (70 days’ notice) was not followed</p>	<p>JIL</p>
<p>8. £50k Camden Road Spending</p> <p>8.1 JIL had circulated thoughts by email to the committee previously about various Camden traffic and road design issues, prompted in part by Councillor Richard Samuel’s email that he has secured £50k funds towards “traffic safety improvements”. Proposal for a small group to get ideas together to present to RS was accepted</p>	<p>JIL, JML, RW</p>
<p>9. Camden Matters</p> <p>9.1 LC reported that there was no specific news</p>	
<p>10. Accounts</p> <p>10.1 NP updated the committee that the total of the Savings and Current accounts stands at £8,380.65</p>	
<p>11. AOB</p>	

<p>AS-R reported that she had contacted our Bath MP, Wera Hobhouse, to ask what her response is to the Russian invasion of Ukraine. AS-R read out WH's reply to the committee; contact AS-R for further detail</p>	
<p>12. Dates of Next Meetings</p> <p>12.1 Next meeting: Monday 28th March 2022, 17.30 pm, platform tba, then:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 25/4, 23/5 • 27/6, 25/7, 22/8 • 26/9, 24/10, 28/11 <p>12.2 2022 AGM - Wednesday 23rd November, venue tbc</p>	
<p>13. Post Meeting Update – Committee Member Chris Smith (CS) resignation</p> <p>CS informed the Chair and JML, then the full committee that he felt the time was right for him to resign from the committee, with immediate effect. Chair has accepted his decision with regret. The whole committee thanks CS for his 16 years of service to the CRA and will recognise his significant contribution in due course.</p>	