

CRA Committee Meeting Minutes

Date & Time: 11 July 2022, 17.45 - 19.00
 Venue/ Platform: Google Meet
 Attending: John (Chair), Louise (Sec), Nigel (Treasurer), Jeremy, Robert, Elaine
 Apologies: Bob C (resigned), Rachel (trouble connecting), Minty

ITEM	ACTION
<p>1. Welcome</p> <p>2. Housekeeping</p> <p>a) Last minutes (May) 2022 accepted, to be posted on the website; no outstanding matters or actions</p> <p>b) Chair's report: John ran through the new Agenda format which now reflects our new vision for Camden – the 4Cs, as below; also the resignation from the committee with immediate effect of Bob Crampton, due to his numerous other commitments (he will continue to support the CRA through his radio shows however); this prompted him to remind the group that if they have suggestions for committee members to contact him directly and he will visit people to discuss; John is setting up regular touch-points with our local Councillors</p> <p>c) Accounts: Nigel highlighted the specific larger spends of the last few weeks, which are in line with approved Jubilee Event expenditure (eg PPL insurance, Jubilee paraphernalia); whilst we are currently drawings a little on our reserves, the overall balance is healthy; Jeremy suggested a blog post to celebrate our contributions to the two charities from the Street Party (Dorothy House and DEC-Ukraine) of £150 each</p> <p>d) FoBRA: John was unable to attend June's FoBRA meeting due to Covid concerns. Jeremy did attend and updated the committee on the new executive and his work with the Transport group (see report at end).</p>	<p>Jeremy/John</p> <p>Note</p> <p>John</p> <p>Note</p>
<p>3. Celebrate (champion)</p> <p>a) Instagram – the Camden account which can now be utilised by the CRA and Camden Meadow, set up by John and helped by Johanna (CC), to highlight our vibrant community now has around 286 followers – a great achievement in such a short period of time</p>	<p>Note</p>
<p>4. Connect (community)</p> <p>a) John is in discussion with Minty to put together an overall CRA Communications Plan for the coming year which would be reviewed by the committee</p> <p>b) Lou gave a quick update on the street party with thanks to all the committee for the various roles they played; further thanks to the Cleveland Bridge Fire Brigade, Daniel (Claremont) and all the Council contacts with whom John worked so carefully behind the scenes – a great success we all agreed, and a solid foundation on which to build further connectivity</p> <p>c) CRA Membership discussion: following Robert's thought-piece as previously circulated on the pros and cons of returning to a membership arrangement, John asked everyone in turn for their one-line overall view. Given the complexity of the topic it was decided that a sub group should consider the various aspects further. It's worth noting that within the 32 members of FoBRA there is a mix of arrangements & that FHP have managed a simple sign-up database successfully (as has FCM).</p> <p>d) Future activities; prompted by the Street Party success and Elaine's email, numerous ideas came up – Camden-themed quiz night, games night, socialising with live band, networking, Guitar School – all at the Claremont, plus gardens and Museum of Bath at Work tours</p>	<p>Minty & John</p> <p>Note</p> <p>John (+ all 6 present; absentees confirm to John</p> <p>John & Lou, then others too</p>
<p>5. Contribute</p> <p>a) Camden Matters – to be considered what this looks like in practice – ongoing neighbourly support with visits/ phone calls?</p>	<p>Lou & John</p>

<p>b) Camden Meadow – Gilbert and Chocolate Brownie continue to delight with their antics (apart from the bad behaviour of eating our specimen apple tree); John thanked the volunteer goat carers; the goats are due to go off to other pastures green on 27th July and hopefully return in September; the bees are generally behaving properly too</p>	<p>Note</p>
<p>6. Campaign</p> <p>a) John and Jeremy gave an update that the dialogue with Councillors and Officers continues around road improvements, traffic calming, and LNs; Robert added that there are modest but positive steps being proposed; John will continue liaise with the Council to secure the best we can for our neighbourhood</p>	<p>Note</p>
<p>7. AOB</p> <p>a) Reminder that the next (rearranged) committee meeting will be on Monday 22nd August, replacing 25th July, then 26/9, 24/10 and AGM on 28/11</p> <p>b) AGM – venue and logistics to be considered imminently</p>	<p>Note (venue TBC) John & Lou</p>

FoBRA update from Jeremy:

Jeremy updated the committee on the new Executive Committee of FoBRA, post AGM. The new Chair is Rachel Hushon (also Chair of Lansdown Crescent Association). There is a refreshingly more modern and respectful tone being shown which is encouraging.

Jeremy is also part of the four-person FoBRA Transport Group which is currently interested in how the Milsom Quarter scheme will deal with traffic flow, which has not been considered, on this long term (20 year) development as it is likely to affect Camden.

The CAZ is now 16 months old and its performance is regularly reviewed. There is concern over traffic displacement from the 'traffic management scheme' in place on Queen's Square from RA's north of Bath.

The Cleveland Bridge work is further distorting traffic flows. Camden has been promised only one more review. Jeremy is pursuing the Council to use real data from the CAZ camera network rather than old data from previous surveys and pneumatic traffic counters.