

CRA Committee Meeting Minutes

Date & Time: 22 August 2022, 18.00 – 19.30
 Venue/ Platform: The Claremont
 Attending: John (Chair), Louise (Sec), Nigel (Treasurer), Jeremy, Elaine, Minty
 Apologies: Rachel, Bob

ITEM	ACTION
<p>1. Welcome</p> <p>2. Housekeeping</p> <p>a) Minutes from previous meeting (July) 2022: Accepted; posted on the website; no outstanding matters or actions.</p> <p>b) Chair’s report: Quick verbal update from John; busy month; all covered in agenda items below.</p> <p>c) Accounts: Quick verbal update from Nigel; no material changes this month.</p> <p>d) Committee membership:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. John has been in discussions with potential new members and has met with them to explain the role and direction the CRA will be taking going forward ii. Pen profiles had been circulated to the committee in advance; a vote was held at this point in the meeting and Carrie Stockton (Prospect Place) and Jonathan Saunders (Claremont Place) were unanimously voted in to join the committee (will be ratified at the AGM, as for all members); votes from absentee members were cast by proxy by John. iii. Johanna Schwartz (Camden Crescent) may also wish to be considered on her return from vacation. iv. John advised that a resignation had been received from Rachel (due to unavoidable personal circumstances, which John shared on her behalf), with effect from this point onwards; the committee thanks Rachel for all her good work and support. v. Elaine and Minty advised that they will also resign (also due to various unavoidable reasons); however they will both continue to serve until the AGM and then stand down. vi. This means that in the run up to the AGM, we have 9 serving committee members, so therefore space for Johanna to potentially join by another committee vote pre-AGM. vii. At the point of the AGM we will currently have 2 spaces for additional committee members; John will use the annual pre-AGM newsletter and email to call for any interested Camdenites to step forward if they would like to be considered. <p>e) AGM 2022: Wednesday 23 November; Lou proposed using Burdall’s Yard as this year’s venue, with a fee of £150 for room and equipment hire and use of the bar area; the committee approved; planning for the AGM will include the annual newsletter (design, content and delivery schedule), considering any invited guests beyond our usual resident community (councillors current and potential etc), updating committee member bios for those who will be re-standing for election etc; John will set up a tracker to aid planning; Jeremy will pass on last years to help.</p>	<p>John</p> <p>Note</p> <p>Note</p> <p>Note</p> <p>Note</p> <p>Note</p> <p>John Jeremy</p>
<p>3. Celebrate (champion)</p> <p>a) John reminded the committee of recent blogs (Camden Road repair works, CRA vision) and new Instagram success (nearing 350 followers).</p> <p>b) Minty gave an outline of a potential Comms strategy, to include a schedule for emails / blogs, regularity of output, consideration of physical newsletters, and a brief guide to GDPR requirements. Minty will now write up a draft comms plan,; John will assist once drafted; for review by the committee</p>	<p>Minty & John</p>

<p>c) Whilst Instagram is proving very popular, the Camden FB page has never had much interest and is time-consuming for Jeremy to approve posts etc - the comms plan is likely to advise its closing down.</p>	
<p>4. Connect (community)</p> <p>a) CRA 'Membership': question to be deferred until after the AGM; in the meantime Bob has investigated further how membership might be handled via the website.</p> <p>b) Future activities: John showed an outline of events being considered for the next 6 months, to include the Camden Quiz Night (Tuesday 6 Sept, created and run by Richard and Louise Coates), Trick or Treat (on or around 31 Nov, Johanna to organise), and repeat of the popular Bath Guitar School busk (Sat 17 Dec), plus more; John will share the planner with the committee so that all can advise which events they would like to help run, and / or share further ideas; with our new cohort of committee members, John will be seeking to create a role of Connect / Events lead / sub-committee to drive forward.</p> <p>c) Welcome to Camden: John unveiled an idea for the CRA to "officially" welcome newbies to the area – welcome card, bottle of wine, intro to the CRA etc; well received; Events / Connect lead to develop when in post.</p>	<p>Note</p> <p>John</p> <p>John Note</p> <p>Note</p>
<p>5. Contribute</p> <p>a) Camden Meadow: Gilbert and Chocolate Brownie (or others) hoping to return in September; bees doing well; honey likely mid Sept (to be split 50/50 with beekeeper / Friends of Camden Meadow volunteers.</p> <p>b) Caring Camden: On hold; to be picked up if and when a committee members would like to develop and lead – what it means, how to help if required</p>	
<p>6. Campaign</p> <p>a) Liveable Neighbourhoods: John and Jeremy have spent a huge amount of time over the last few weeks in discussion with the Council and local residents about the recent repairs to Camden Road and options for LN; in practice the recent Council works have made very few meaningful positive changes, much less than the CRA had been hoping for; the sub-group will continue the dialogue with our Councillors and officers.</p>	<p>John, Jeremy, Bob</p>
<p>7. AOB</p> <p>a) Lou & Jeremy raised awareness that the Council has launched a campaign to "improve the look of our neighbourhoods", as per the FOCUS newsletters delivered door to door in the last few weeks. Walcot will apparently get 2 designated weeks, the first being 12-16th Sept. See your newsletter for details and how to get involved</p> <p>b) Reminder that the next meetings will be 26/9, 24/10, AGM on 23/11 and then 28/11; meetings will typically be at the Claremont unless advised otherwise</p>	

Louise Coates (Sec)
John Long (Chair)
3 Sept 2022