CRA - committee meeting

Agenda, actions, minutes

 Date:
 Feb 21, 2024

 Time:
 19.00 - 21.00

 Venue:
 The Claremont

Present: Bob, Carrie, Jeremy (Chair), Nigel, Johanna, Jonathan

Apologies:

TIME	ITEM	LEAD	MINUTES	ACTI ON
18.55	Arrival, drinks -			
19.00	Welcome	Jeremy		
19.05	0.00 Welcome Je		 Minutes accepted Current account: nothing changed Balance - £100 less for the year so far. For street party we need insurance, last year was £157, this year will be £200 probably. So we need money. Savings account: £6700. 5 pounds of interest Nigel concerned as Camden Meadow is now effectively separate from CRA. To be duly diligent the CRA deposit account could not transfer funds to an informal entity. Railings with double gate should be a renewed priority for this money. Chain link is ugly and broken. (Subsequent to the meeting Jeremy has paced out the length of boundary involved = 100 paces. A quick market check of the cost of materials alone £25k!) Jeremy will discuss with John Long Too few committee members. Consequently we all have to attend committee meetings in order to be quorate and thereby make decisions. There is also potentially too little resource to sustain the CRA. Four more committee members required according to the constitution, with the possibility of two more co optees. We must all continue to find appropriate people, ideally with appropriate skill-sets, experience whilst adhering to the Constitution. General note: looking for a member who can build and update a database of the community. Possible new members.	JL

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			 Nigel & Helen (Carrie not sure, Jeremy to ask) Sharon Charlton-Thompson (Expressed an interest. Has helped out before at street party. Carrie or Bob will ask.) Richard at Carrie's old place (Jonathan says he's not ready yet.) Lorraine (Johanna not sure anymore as she's only here 6 months out of the year, but she will probably help with event). Fiona (Camden Crescent - we're going to see what she's like at the supper.) Nancy (maybe someone can tempt her back or has she done her bit?) Missing Officer roles- permanent Chair, Secretary. Pro tem: JJL will continue until March '24 as interim Chair and will try to find a successor Minute-writing for Committee Meetings to be rotated – next one JS again CRA AGM attendance Is Burdall's Yard OK? It's not in Camden and expensive and not hugely organised. Should we move to the Claremont? Let's all think on this. (Let's not forget the screen is at Burdalls.) Johanna suggested moving to a better time of year. All to consider when Try not to use whatsapp too much, use only for all-group communications Documents, both definitive and' inprogres' can be deposited on the G drive https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1FpX40iDzOaaLL6NWC5X3w3ta31zJcSlv?usp=sharin Bob to look into getting our own CRA google account so that we no longer have to use John's google account. 	JL CS JS ?? ?? JL JS All All
19.40	Celebrate (/Champion) 1. Comms a. Web: b. E-shots: c. Insta: d. Blogs,	Bob	 i. Bob repeated the issues we have with not being able to form a database with the current system. Bob to bring updated costs to next meeting for setting this up within WordPress - just to have the information to hand. Bob not a fan of Google as it's less user-friendly, possibly problematic with google forms? Johanna to ask John Schwartz and Jonathan to ask his developers if there's an easy way to use google forms with WordPress. Nigel to ask Graham Groom what he did for Hedgemead Park. Jonathan not sure we need a database that has street addresses linked to emails. At least for now. What is it we want?: A database of residents . Why do we want it?: ongoing thoughts on this, but so far, more focussed communication with residents, asking for money, informing people about events, ability for residents to fill out forms to join the CRA and indeed sign up for events, surveys. What does it need?: Flexibility, the ability to change. 	BW

		Johanna Jeremy	 We don't want/need a new website - that's too hard and not necessary. Johanna asked if Mailchimp is the answer to the issues - Bob thinks not. Johanna still needs to make video of Xmas busk Jeremy doing blogs for Feb/March. The subscription list has been increased 45 		
		Johanna	290 280 270 260 250 250 8. Johanna needs to take photo of elephant for wood carving ASAP		
19.50	2. Connect (/Community) a. Events i. Progressi ve Supper ii. Easter iii. Street Party, 26 May 2024 b. Welcome to Camden - Any	Carrie Carrie Jonathan xxx	 a. Progressive supper CS organising: recruitment, structuring the event JSc hosting the pudding course for all, with help from the rest of us. No official cost to enter but donations of £10 per person to be encouraged. Johanna has cash box. Nigel given SumUp machine to Carrie and she will bring to party. Set the code for "supper" so we know what the money is when it lands. After money is collected we see how much there is and decide how/who to reimburse. We need to think about something to do. Street party will be May 26th. Sunday. It is last day of Bath Festival Jonathan struggling to connect with Frankie. 		

20.10	update, new email dresses. c. FoBRA - no update this time.	 Next steps: Application should be filled out by February 29th. Jonathan sent relevant details. Jonathan and Carrie to offer to come in and sit down with him and fill it out all together. Ask Frankie to talk to his musicians and make sure he wants to do BBQ. Carrie to ask John to organise Fire Engine and Linda to do face painting. Bob and Jeremy to marshall the games. Carrie to ask Sharon to organise dog show. Marketing - the film Johanna cut to go out just before the event. Might need more marketing for the BBQ/Food or move it to the side/shephards hut - it was the only thing that was slightly not perfect. Figure out who "canned-wine" people were, they wanted to get it involved. Carrie to dig out names. Jonathan to check on insurance / liability that Claremont has.
20.10	a. Swifts: xx b. Snow Patrol: Je	a. Shall we deprioritise? b. Steve Kamlish on Villas is our man, ready and willing. He can relax now till December cxx c. Shall we deprioritise?
20.20	H <u>ere</u> . Any update? i. LN:	a. Jeremy read out: We agreed the approach: 1. to try to go with what the Council come up with which should include a bus-gate and let it take the initial flak and then offer the project some local wisdom, subtle advocacy and diplomacy from the CRA 2. At some point we can release our information on the Camden Accident Log. This has got further augmented after another prang on Coburg Villas last week – running total is £76,800 and 19 'events'. 3.

			 4. JL really keen to ensure we are representative of our own community's feelings and to be seen to be reaching out into other neighbouring communities. 5. Jeremy to set up sub committee for liveable neighbourhoods. 6. Jonathan not sure if he supports the Liveable neighbourhood but doesn't oppose it either. Is it our responsibility to fight for this? Do we want to be seen as an RA that does this? 7. Jeremy - We took a side in the past. But we don't need to take a side anymore as it's a done deal. Our role now is making sure the design makes sense from the work we've done in the past. And gently nudging general opinion. 8. This is a trial ETRO - residents will probably have a chance to comment on the thing in 6 months. 9. Johanna - happy for it to be done but doesn't want to be involved. 10. Carrie - nervous about people's reaction when it happens. How are we going to handle the backlash when it happens? 11. Nigel - when this happens, if people complain, what is our position? Do we try and convince them or do we let people complain as they want. 12. Bob - wants to survey the neighbourhood to see if people like it. 13. Jonathan - worried about the people on next door and change.org who are very anti-LTN. A survey only speaks for the neighbourhood. 14. Jeremy has done a "script" of Q&As, to circulate and we will all read and think about. 15. Johanna - my opinion is we take a backseat role now, no longer campaign active for it but act as information givers. 		
20.35	5. AOB a. Any?	xxx	a. xxx		
20.45	End		Beer!		
	DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS		Monday 18th March 7pm the Claremont Monday 22nd April. Wednesday 22nd May.		