

# Minutes – 23<sup>rd</sup> September – CRA Claremont Pub

## Attendees

- Johanna, Carrie, Jeremy, Nigel, Lorraine (part) and Ann

## Apologies

- Kate, Jonathan, Bob and Nick

## Guest attendee:

- Franky (Claremont Landlord)
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## **Welcome and introductions to new people.**

Johanna welcomed us all back and the new member in attendance – Ann, was formally welcomed and talked through the election criteria and membership protocol.

## **Re-cap on the 4 C's**

It was felt that a reminder of the four C's – originally established by John Long (ex-Chair) would be useful to the group. The original four have now been tweaked and essentially are the following (though sometimes we don't use the community one as its covered under connect):

- Community
- Connect
- Celebrate
- Campaign

Everyone was in agreement that these are still relevant and useful as a reference for our key purpose as a group.

## **Accounts**

Nigel had circulated the accounts prior to the meeting with supporting notes and there was a discussion around some of the numbers. It was noted that the cash funds carried forward this year were £174.40 less than the balance in 2023.

Also noted that not all of the silent auction money was received as a couple of people who signed up for the auction were then uncontactable after the event. Having said that, the silent auction funds that were raised exceeded the £350 that was gifted to the Claremont towards the Road closure security required on the day.

Also noted that there were no costs for the hire of a venue for the AGM in 2024.

### **Street party round up.**

**Official paperwork** – Johanna wanted to check that all of the necessary official paperwork that was submitted and completed for the party was filed in google drive.

- **Jonathan to confirm.**

### **Street party games bag**

Some of the resources from the games were missing. Jeremy confirmed he has some and we think Bob might have more. Any resources should be passed to Johanna for safe keeping.

- **Bob to confirm. Jeremy has dropped his off already.**

### **Feedback from Franky (Landlord at the Claremont)**

Although it was noted that the weather was not particularly great for a street party, there was a reasonable turn out and the party was seen to be a success. However, from a financial perspective Franky confirmed that the pub had just about broken even due to the high costs of running the event and that he would be reluctant to go through another road closure application next year.

### **Future Street Parties**

In consultation with Franky it was agreed that the street party in 2025 should go ahead but the road closure should not happen due to excessive cost. The party will either happen just within the Claremont pub or possibly utilising the carpark of Fairfield Park Dr Surgery (permissions need to be sought).

A date was agreed for the next party of Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> May after discussion around the suitability of holding the party on a bank holiday weekend and further consideration will be given to the format of the party and how the space inside the pub is best utilised. Anne suggested a jazz band she heard perform at The Holburne Museum that were very good and played for free – Bear Jazz.

- **Ann will look into Bear Jazz further directly with them - not urgent.**

### **Community - Future events:**

#### **Halloween**

Halloween to go ahead again – Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> October. Trick or Treating along the street with activities held afterwards at the Claremont – to include best costume award (to be judged by Franky and Ann at the Claremont) and best decorated house (judged by Jeremy). Johanna has volunteered to get candy for the pub and will print the flyers which will need to be distributed 2<sup>nd</sup> week in October. Ann will pick up Carrie's patch

as she is away 2-16 October. Carrie will send flyer to Jenny in Eastbourne Avenue to cover the Eastbourne Avenue and surrounding area WhatsApp group circulation.

- Johanna to organise flyer design and printing

### **Christmas Busk**

All set for 7<sup>th</sup> December as organised by the Camden Meadow Association. CRA will be there to assist. We discussed the possibility of taking a small administration fee from any donations received to cover the CRA costs (as a donation). As usual this will be hosted outside of Johanna and John's in Camden Crescent.

- Johanna to speak with John Long

### **Progressive Supper**

It was agreed that a further Progressive Supper should take place in 2024 and a date of Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> March was agreed. Carrie will organise nearer the time. Johanna will host the pudding party at her house. Thought will be given to how costs are covered this year and potential fund raising for the CRA

### **Street Party**

As above – 25 May 2025

### **AGM**

Agreed that the next AGM should move forward into 2025 and should take place at the Claremont. Dates considered are Monday 27<sup>th</sup> January or Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February – Franky is looking at both dates and will get back to us on which is best and a minimum bar spend cost in order for us to use the pub exclusively between 7pm and 9pm.

- Franky to email info on bar spend. .

### **Campaign: Liveable neighbourhood update**

Jeremy explained the brief and modern history of the CRA with the LTN. Jeremy then updated the group that the bid had been accepted and that the trial for the Liveable neighbourhood with a bus gate in place on Camden Road would be going ahead. Date TBC. A discussion took place on the stance of the CRA in this matter and it was agreed that at this point in time, there was no action for us to take as this is a council led initiative and they should take the lead on the communication of it to residents.

More thought to be given to this nearer the time of the AGM as it will likely be a point of interest around that time. We discussed the possibility of inviting an “expert” on ETROs or LTNs to speak. Not a representative of the council not the CRA but an independent outsider to help explain what it all is.

- No actions need to be taken at this time.

**Communication:**

Website – not discussed as Bob was not present. For next meeting

WhatsApp Group – also to be discussed at next meeting when Nick is present

Save the date flyer – needs to be produced to be distributed ideally with the Halloween flyer to include

- 31 October – Halloween
- 9 November – Sing-a-long at Claremont
- 7 December – Christmas Busk
- 27Jan or 3 feb – AGM
- 1 March – Progressive Supper
- 25 May – Street Party

**Other Notes:**

NEXT MEETING - will send details on whatsapp group. Next meeting will cover the topics we didn't get to on this date.

Lorraine will be in Bath Dec 1 -10th roughly and then will be gone until January 22nd.

Minutes taken by

Carrie Stockton

Johanna Shwartz

Co/chairs