

CARA
Committee Meeting (5th of 19/20 year)
Friday 21 st February 2020
12 Gay St
9 am to 10.30 am

Present: Barry Gilbertson (Chair), Richard Brown, Anne Love, George Feiger, Malcom Baldwin, Mike Richardson, Ron Temperton, Bernard Horn

In attendance (for social events discussion) Rosemarie Tunstall, Caroline Brown, Santosh Chaston

Apologies:

Minutes of meeting held on 6th December 2019 approved

Matters arising: none other than those covered elsewhere

Short updates

Chairman

Advised the meeting of his intention to stand down at the AGM from both his role as Chairman and the Committee after 5 years as a committee member of which 4 have been as Chairman. If the new Committee (post-AGM) agree, he would like to run projects on the ownership of the Circus and improving Gravel Walk on behalf of CARA

As vice chair, RB has agreed to run the process , as per the extant Constitution, to find a successor and possible additional committee members given BG's resignation together with Anne Love who is moving locally but outside the CARA area so will stand down at the AGM (she will remain an associate member)

Treasurer: £11,035 current balance (net of payment to Salvation Army from the Carols £1225 plus £300 from Circus Restaurant mulled wine)

142 members

Secretary: Nothing to report

Social events: Rosie, Caroline and Santosh advised the following: -

Carols in the Circus. A useful debrief. Will return to the Circus next year given that the Piazza location was only because of the waterlogged Circus grass. All agreed that the event would benefit from amplification. Bath Newseum and other avenues to alert people considered very useful. In addition to our collection which it was accepted was difficult in the Piazza location with c900 people present-perhaps 200 people up on 2019. Circus Restaurant mulled wine produced a further £300 for the Salvation Army.

MB wondered re possibility of part/whole closure of Circus to traffic for say a 2 hour period. He also suggested incorporation of non-religious readings /poem.

Xmas lunch. Another very useful debrief. Overall worked well – Hotel to improve service /CARA to realise last Sunday of Xmas market brings its own pressures on the Gainsborough. Clear that the Committee and CARA members all prefer a venue where the event can be held in our own room rather than in the middle of a restaurant, however good. Other venues to be investigated.

Need to give Hotel more credit next time in their (and others) support of the raffle which raised £200 for Julian House.

Spring social.

Not this year. Too near the AGM

Decided to keep AGM for May 7 acknowledging there is a Bank Holiday this year the following day.

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RT advised of meeting scheduled for early March with Council. Focus on CAZ

Traffic Management, Residents Parking

Coach ban to be permanent from Feb 27th. Richard and Stephanie were thanked for their significant efforts leading to the ban. The local area is much better from an air pollution standpoint.

There is consultation currently re residents parking/more traffic bays restricted for residents only.

GF suggested CARA consider setting a joint company with the council for enforcement and with the income(fines) to be shared 50/50. Action by GF to enquire possibilities.

Low Traffic Neighbourhood:

Discussion re way forward. An early meeting with councillor Joanna Wright seen as very important.

Action. MB to follow up with RB/GF

Cycle Stores

AL keen to take forward (including after standing down at the AGM.) Committee were shown examples. AL has ideas on how stores might be 50% funded alongside the Council. Committee supportive.

AOB

It was agreed that, without setting a precedent, BH would be reimbursed 50% of the cost (£100) for redecorating a rear gate (not owned by BH) in Miles's Buildings to obscure extensive graffiti.

Date of next meetings:

6th Committee Meeting: 9th April 2020: Pre-AGM matters only: 20 Gay Street at 9 am

AGM: Thursday 7th May: 6pm for 6.30pm: Royal Avenue Pavilion (venue and canapes/drinks to be booked by Rosie as previous years, with budget of say £500)