

CARA
Committee Meeting (2nd of 19/20 year)
Friday 16th August, 2019
20 Gay Street
9 am to 11 am

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

In attendance (for her presentation only) Rosemarie Tunstall

Apologies: none

Minutes of meeting held on 17th May 2019 : approved

Short updates

Chairman : Briefly discussed the following topics which had occupied time since the last meeting

Resurfacing, coaches and parking
Meetings with Wera (2), Richard Samuel, Manda Rigby (2)
Events, Rosie emails, Xmas lunch planning
Summer Garden Party
Helping three residents with their landlord issues
Party Houses
HMOs
Filming
Gravel Walk
Newsletter and Bulletins

Treasurer: £3938 current balance (including £750 film company contribution for disturbance)

GDPR. Need to ensure we have wording in documentation for new members to cover GDPR issue. RB will draft for Bulletin and Membership joining form

Secretary: Some outstanding subscriptions have been paid as a result of chaser. Some still outstanding (committee members to follow up as appropriate)

CCAG: RT reported on positive first meeting with new Council Leader. (BG asked RT to pick up need to repaint yellow boxes first raised by BG (junctions of George Street with Broad Street and with Gay Street) for traffic flow and pollution concerns, but no progress as yet)

Cumulative Impact Area (applications for on premises alcohol licences) : RT had supplied copies of current and proposed (reduced) area. Discussion ensued. Consultation period closes 12th September. RT will submit CARA response and a Bulletin will be prepared advising members of proposals and consultation period.

Traffic Management etc. RB updated the meeting on the very good progress on the Coach ban and ongoing action to reinforce. Currently, daily average is 85%-90% down on the average two years ago of 40-45 coaches a day.

Committee expressed the need to link all the issues and have a holistic approach (same Council officials dealing with the various strands) - more resident parking, more hours for visitors (rather than the 100 currently) and holiday let/hotel permits to apply only in car parks rather than on street and better incentive to use park and ride,

Low Traffic Neighbourhood : MB introduced the innovative outline plan developed by himself, RB and GF, following information and data supplied by the Chairman (and Adam Reynolds). Committee endorsed the outline and MB will firstly approach Catherine Place RA and then socialise the ideas with the relevant councillors before tackling Highways Officers.

RVP: RT updated committee on the recent Pub in the Park event , and some noise nuisance. There was some scepticism expressed regarding the ability of the promoter and the organising team to mount successfully a “concert for the people of Bath”, the original goodwill, philanthropic aims of which seem to have been lost as the idea has developed.

Open Top Buses : MB offered to open a dialogue with the Bath Bus Company and if necessary the French parent company regarding these busses often running with few if any passengers, causing pollution and congestion.

Filming: BG is currently unable to make headway with the film company who has indicated plans to film in various parts of the CARA area over the next few months and he will seek further help from the Council.

Inner Circus Parking Restrictions :RB presented a paper covering the responses to date following the Bulletin on the subject and committee reviewed various options that CARA might consider using as a formal response. Committee stressed the need for clear communication to Members-this is NOT a CARA initiative, but rather a Council Notice to which we are responding. It was agreed that the CARA response should be to push back on the Council proposal but to suggest that the Inner Circle (the whole not half) is no parking from 8 am to 6 pm on a Sunday (as with other days) and possibly some other more minor tweaks.

Social events. Rosemarie Tunstall updated the committee on the work that the new social team have been undertaking, and also plans for the future.

Rosemary's idea of a talk to be given by BG : “The importance of Bath's UNESCO world heritage inscription” (on October 17) and social evening. MoBA preferred venue.

Xmas Lunch at the Gainsborough. Full with a waiting list

Carols in the Circus 20th December

New Years Eve drinks - Jackie Hampton arranging (not a CARA event) at Hall and Woodhouse

Possible drinks party early February 2020 at MoBA

The Social team was thanked for their enthusiasm and drive on behalf of CARA members

Date of next meeting : 11th October 2019, 9 am 12 Gay St.