

Minutes  
Circus Area Residents Association Limited  
Annual General Meeting  
Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2019  
Royal Pavilion Café  
Bath

Meeting commenced at 7 pm with a welcome from the Chairman

**In attendance:** The Chairman, the Committee and approximately 40 members and associates

**Apologies** had been received from John Croft, Susie Koprowski, Caroline Frances-King on behalf of Museum of Asian Art, Kim Jones, Simon Ridley, Dr and Mrs Cheney, Andrew Fletcher, Sue Osborne, Angela Brown, Anita Tucker and Tom Moore

**Minutes of the AGM** held on 10<sup>th</sup> May 2018 were taken as read and approved unanimously by the meeting.

### **Chairman's report**

The Chairman, Barry Gilbertson had prepared a detailed and comprehensive report that he put to the meeting. He mentioned specifically:

Need to develop relationship with the new BANES Council and ongoing with the Bath MP.

Potential for CARA to assume control of the Circus including Trees and grass, (but with an associated budget provided by the Council).

Approach to him from BID about lighting the Circus properties' façade (Note: meeting against, but suggested end elevation of No 1 RC)

Update on party houses

Adoption of redundant telephone kiosk

Social Secretary vacancy: mentioned need for volunteer(s) but committee membership not necessary.

The Chairman thanked Ron Plant for his years of service and a presentation was made to him and his wife Juliet.

He also thanked specifically Richard and Stephanie Brown for all their work regarding the newly imposed Coach Ban of Circus and feeder roads.

Jackie Hampton was thanked for all her unstinting work as Social Secretary. She has stood down from the committee as a result of moving from the City. A presentation was made.

### **Vice Chairman update**

Richard Brown reminded the meeting of the three priorities for 18/19 namely Party Houses, Traffic management and Air Pollution. He spoke to each in turn

The meeting congratulated CARA's Committee on the imminent Coach Ban

### **Treasurer's Report**

Mike Richardson presented the Accounts, that were adopted unanimously. He advised the meeting that to date, 99 had paid and 30 subscriptions were outstanding

### **Committee for 19/20**

The eight existing members of the Committee had all indicated they were content to stand for re-election and were all elected unopposed. Thus : Barry Gilbertson (Chair), Richard Brown (Vice-Chair and Traffic), Malcolm Baldwin (FoBRA), George Feiger (Traffic/Pollution), Bernard Horn (Secretary), Anne Love (Waste Collections, litter etc), Mike Richardson (Treasurer) and Ron Temperton (CCAG) will all continue for a further twelve months.

## **Priorities for 19/20**

The Chairman sought input from the meeting. Various issues were raised including, need for those affected by noise/nuisance to complain formally (Chairman reiterated need to use Council Connect), more Residents-only parking spaces (and scaling back of holiday let permits) and Graffiti which seemed to be more prevalent ,

It was mentioned to the meeting that May 24<sup>th</sup> is the anniversary of the Circus and could perhaps be recognised

Need to rope off trees and central area of Circus, if we are ever to get a better outcome from management of the ground and grass. Perhaps with use if CIL money (application yet to be made).

Provision of extra litter-bins.

The Chairman undertook to review these various suggestions with Committee colleagues at the next meeting and compile the priorities . He also undertook to arrange a separate meeting, if CARA is able to make progress with the Council on the issue of the Circus adoption.

## **AOB**

None

Formal meeting concluded at 8.10 pm followed by drinks and light refreshments and an opportunity to mix and socialise.

***BH/BGG/ May 2019***