

MINUTES

FoBRA Annual General Meeting 15th June 2023, Widcombe Junior School

Attendees:

Rachael Hushon, FoBRA Chair, LCA; Graham Feltham, FoBRA Vice Chair, Lower Oldfield Park; Elizabeth Curnow, FoBRA Treasurer, Cavendish Cres; Sylvia Sinclair, FoBRA Secretary, SJS Bath Limited; Jeremy Boss; Ceris Humphreys, FoBRA Transport Lead; PERA; Sally Parkes, SH&SR; Neil Barnes, SH&SR; Jeremy Labram, Camden; Mark O'Sullivan, Greenway Lane; Mike Wrigley, Widcombe Assoc; Jan Shepley, Widcombe Assoc; Nick Tobin, Ainslie's Belvedere & Caroline Place; Sally Galsworthy; Bathwick Estate; Tony Miles, Upper Oldfield Park; David Monson, Upper Oldfield Park; Julie Ingerfield, Bloomfield Road; Karen Baldwin, CARA; Malcolm Baldwin, CARA; Theresa Franklin, Cavendish Cres; Katina Beckett, Entry Hill; Patrick Rotherham, Vineyards; Laura Bold, Bath Spa SU (Observer); Stephanie Higgins, LCA; David Morgan, Bear Flat Assoc; Ian Tarr; TARA (Observer); Angie Paddock, Southlands RA (Observer); Nick & Laura Squire; Lambridge RA (Observers); Ghika Savva, Student Community Partnership (Observer).

Apologies:

Claire Jackson, Bathwick Hill; Richard Wales, Bathwick Hill; John Rushton, FoBRA Accounts Examiner; Marianne Evans, Bath Spa SU; Neetu Karwal, Bath Spa SU; Morny Davison, Catharine Place; Prof Phil Allmendinger, University of Bath; Julia Perryman, ML&B; Stephen Little, RCA; Rebecca Schaaf, Bath Spa University; Mark Thurstain, Bathwick Estate.

1. Minutes from 2022 AGM to be approved.
Secretary noted one change to draft minutes - Mark O'Sullivan's apologies were not noted.
Minutes Approved: Tony Miles; Seconded Nick Tobin
2. Chair's Report previously circulated
3. Signed Accounts
 - a. Treasurers noted slight surplus and suggested no need to put up subs up this year. Thanked Neil Barnes and Sylvia Sinclair for handover. Update on Courtenay's health.
 - b. Accounts have been approved by Accounts Examiner John Rushton
 - c. Set a Subscription for the ensuring year – unchanged
 - d. Accounts approved: Mark O'Sullivan; Seconded Neil Barnes
4. Elect Chair, Vice Chair, and Accounts Examiner

Chair – Rachael Hushon. Show of hands. Carried
Vice Chair – Jeremy Boss. Show of hands. Carried
Treasurer – Elizabeth Curnow. Show of hands. Carried
Accounts Examiner – John Rushton. Show of hands. Carried. Thank you to John in his absence.
Secretary – Sylvia Sinclair. Show of hands. Carried

Transport Lead – Ceris Humphreys. Show of hands. Carried

5. Appointments - Show of Hands. All carried

Transport Lead – Ceris Humphreys

Member Rep WHSAB – Caroline Greenwood & Jeremy Boss

Planning – Jan Shepley

Tree Policy – Theresa Franklin

Major Projects Working Group – Jan Shepley/Jeremy Boss/Ceris Humphreys/Malcolm Baldwin/Rachael Hushon

6. A.O.B

Camden RA noted that a four year election cycle just started and this means a settled council for next four year with no change on the whole within the leadership team.

He said this is a chance to grasp the nettle with the Council leadership team up and ready to work and not needing a year to get settled into roles. He asked can we ramp up things we are interested in as a group and get a firm pointer as to how we can make a difference.

CARA noted that constructive criticism of officers may be required in Bath.

Councillors appear motivated but officers need to start “upping the ante”. FoBRA has a role in ensuring the statutory obligation on behalf of the officers is fulfilled.

Chair informed Group that FoBRA Executive members will have quarterly meetings with Council leadership team. The Chair will attend the meeting with relevant subject leads. Cllr Rigby will continue as FoBRA/Council point of contact. Meeting summary note will be issued following these meetings

FoBRA Tree lead reminded members of the current Local green spaces registration process. Friends of Sydney gardens have already completed registration process so we have an example of one. Vineyards have completed one for Hedgemoor park. Secretary to circulate both to members as exemplars. Closing date 14th July.

Committee thanked Chair for her hard work as Chair of FoBRA for the past year.

7. Close Meeting