

**MINUTES of the FoBRA Committee on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> October May 2018**  
**at 6.30pm in Widcombe Junior School**  
**Preceded by Coffee at 6pm**

- 1 **Chairman Robin Kerr** welcomed all to the meeting after tea and coffee had been served. The **Secretary** read out apologies.(details at end)
- 2 **Stephen Taylor, Joy Chambers and Jess Milton** were welcomed from BIG (Banes and North East Somerset Independent Group) Stephen explained how BIG was formed one year ago; they intend to have 35 candidates standing at the local elections in May 2019. He then gave an outline of what BIG intends to have in its manifesto. There are a number of Independent groups and some Towns, Frome for example, have councils, which are run by an independent group. They are not a national party. Ten representatives asked questions and the members of FoBRA were left to decide whether they would back BIG. FoBRA is inviting other parties to talk at future meetings
- 3 **Minutes** of the meeting on July 14th, already circulated, (**Charles Draper** proposed and **Tony Miles** seconded) were approved.
- 4 **Chairman's Report:** The Chairman had circulated his report. He asked that FoBRA would agree to give £200 towards helping the Bath Preservation Trust's application for a Judicial Review of the Cricket Club plans for student accommodation. The members agreed. He also asked that £200 be given towards the Alliance's Transport conference on 16<sup>th</sup> November, for which applications to attend had already been circulated by the Secretary. Again, the members agreed. He also said that individuals could also donate if they wished.  
Studentification; There had been an excellent Observer article, Bath is not alone! Robin has written to the Chronicle asking why no student housing policy; the letter can be seen on FoBRA's website. The Petition regarding students having to vote at their home constituency had been notified to FoBRA members. Ceris Humphreys believed that this should not have happened. Robin said that FoBRA had not recommended a position just that there was a petition, which was straightforward information.  
NORA Robin is on the Committee Zofia Lovell to be new Chair.  
Litter: There are now litter patrols in Bath with contract enforcement officers, self funding! Fining for dog poo, fly tipping etc. Fix My Street is the web site to put in any complaints - just put in the postcode.  
Rugby Stadium proposals racing along. Stadium for Bath about to put in planning; there may be an 800 space car park under the new pitch.  
Tim Warren had had a meeting with Robin and Nick on 25<sup>th</sup> September, during which re-instating the police station was discussed, at the moment there is only a desk at the one stop shop. There is little money, but what there is can either be spent on men on the ground or a new building. The police are at present housed above the Kia garage. Robin said the police are out at night, others said they never saw any! Hopefully things will be better when the one stop shop moves to Waitrose. The custody suite is in Keynsham.
- 5 **Cleveland Pools:** Charles Draper gave an excellent report on how his Residents Association had conducted a consultation of all the residents in the area. Every house had a questionnaire for every one living in the property. Of 222 questionnaires 1/3 were returned: this was considered a good result. A 17-page document of comments had been produced. If any other RA would like to find out more, Charles would be delighted to discuss how the consultation was achieved.
- 6 **Transport:** Patrick Rotheram had circulated his report, but he was away and could not attend the meeting. The CAZ were due to be published on 16<sup>th</sup> October (the next day) - with a 6 week consultation. Ceris Humphreys noted that the Widcombe Junior School was in very poor quality ( $40\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$  of  $\text{NO}_2$ ) and that she had pointed out to the council that the figures they had produced ( $28\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ ) were in fact for Widcombe Parade. She hoped that the CAZ revised plan would have considered this. It was wondered how many other figures were incorrect. Jeremy Labram suggested that there were questions along the London Road. Since the report was late, there were only 6 weeks to finalise the proposals. How will FoBRA deal with it and produce a meaningful result? Robin pointed out that FoBRA would be concentrating on the Bath-wide aspects, while individual RA's would also be making their own representations.

Richard Colston asked if there was anything new on the coach strategy, as it appeared to consist of what the coach companies wanted. Robin agreed, adding that he had asked the same question of the Council Leader.

There is to be a coach ban on the Circus from November and a width limit in Lansdown Crescent also traffic restrictions in Kingmead Square. Adam proposed that there should be low traffic areas. There is unnecessary through traffic in Sevendials area. There is a Local county walking plan. ATAP meeting on October 16<sup>th</sup> at 5.30. The Charlotte Street car park is being extended by 100 places; Patrick had contested this as it means more traffic and the Cabinet Members seemed to agree.

U1 bus route causes problems in Lower Oldfield Park at night. Graham Feltham (Chair of LOPRA) had had a meeting with 1<sup>st</sup> bus trying to persuade them that they could run along the Lower Bristol Road (as they are at the moment with the closure of Brougham Hayes) All First Group suggested was reversing the present route at night!

- 7. Planning:** Nick Tobin had circulated his report. He noted that there were too many bed spaces in Bath. A study of 2015 had concluded that 500-750 more would be needed by 2019, but this was not a cap. The design for the Ralph Allen building for a 220 bed hotel had been turned down, but on aesthetics and not the fact that such a large number of rooms are not needed. The planning has been resubmitted and there do not appear to be many objections, FoBRA objected on the grounds that there is not a need for more bed spaces. The Council Officers have recommend approval, Nick is going to object, and propose a deferral until the bed-space report is published. This was put to the meeting for approval.

Visit Bath has submitted application for the Christmas Market with the closing of Milsom Street, where there will be 16 stalls. The route will take cars round New Bond Street. It will be interesting to see whether Milsom Street could be pedestrianised in the future. There will be a preview night of the Christmas Market when Bath residents will receive 10% off prices.

The Fashion museum is in the process of looking for other premises, the Assembly Rooms is too small. Dogs may be banned on the Skyline walk after a sheep was killed.

- 8. Any other business:** Henrietta Park has been having a problem with drug dealing and the RA has had to become involved. The Police and Council appeared not to be interested. The lavatories will now be locked as they had been being left open for use by the homeless. Green Park and Sydney Gardens also have a problem with visible dealing. It was thought that the Council should enforce their own bylaws. Robin said that he would bring it up at the next Police Independent Advisory Group.
- 9.** Those present were asked their opinion of having meetings and perhaps the Winter Reception at the Edge. There was a general opinion that it was not a good idea.
- 10.** The next meeting will be **on December 4<sup>th</sup> at the Widcombe Junior School at 6 pm** for tea and coffee the meeting starting at 6.30

## FoBRA Attendees – Meeting 15<sup>th</sup> October 2018

Ayres	Ken	BERA	
Baldwin	Malcolm	CARA	Representative
Barnes	Neil	Sion Hill and Summerhill RA	Treasurer/FoBRA Treasurer
Battersby	Enya-Jayne	Bath Spa University	VP Community
Bellamy	Terry	Macaulay Prospect	Representative
Colston	Richard	Green Park	Representative
Chambers	Joy	BIG	To give talk
Davison	Morny	Catherine Place	Representative
Draper	Charles	BERA	Chairman
DuBose	Van	St. James's Square	Representative
Feltham	Graham	LOPRA	Chairman
Herve	Ian	PERA	Representative
Humphreys	Ceris	PERA	Representative
Hushon	Rachel	LCA	Representative
Isherwood	Nicola	RCS	Chairman
Kerr	Robin	LCA	Chairman/FoBRA Chairman
Kinner	Caroline	PERA	Committee
Labram	Jeremy	Camden RA	Representative
Lobo	Alisha	University of Bath SU	Representative
Maude	Michael	Sion Hill and Summerhill RA	Chairman
Miles	Tony	UOPRA	Representative
Milton	Jess	BIG	Observer
Pimentel-Reid	Emilo	Cavendish Road Society	Chairman
Redwood	Leslie	Visit Bath	Observer
Reynolds	Adam	Cycle Bath	Representative
Rowlandson	Kirstie	UOPRA	Secretary/FoBRA Secretary
Rushton	John	Sydney Buildings	Representative
Sandford	Paul	UOPRA	Chairman
Saudner		BIG	To give talk
Shepley	Jan	Widcombe Association	Representative
Spragg	Nigel	HERA	Representative
Stephenson	Teresa	Foxhill RA	Observer
Taylor	Stephen	BIG	To give talk
Tobin	Nick	ABCPRA	Chairman/FoBRA Vice Chairman
Wiley	Brenda		Observer
Wrigley	Michael	Widcombe Association	

### Apologies

Clerk	Colin	BHRA	Chairman
Hallam	Liz	LOPRA	Representative
Hunter	Clyde		
Henderson	Barry	RCV	Representative
O'Sullivan	Mark	Greenway	
Edwards	Nola	Foxhill RA	Chairman
Lockwood	Diana		