

Minutes of BRAT Committee Meeting 3rd March 2015

Present:	David Evans (chair)	Al Forsyth
	Jane Clist (secretary)	Brian Glasser
	Franceska Brown	Mary Loughnan,
	Judy Easter	Analiese Richards
	Alantha Evans	Wendy Roberts

Apologies: Matt Clark, Claire Fox, Annette Morreau, Mary O'Connor, Celia Purcell, Jacqui Heywood, Paul Schulte, Councillor John Duffy

1. Minutes of meeting held on 20th January 2015

The minutes were confirmed.

2. Kilburn Neighbourhood Forum: minute 4 of 20th January 2015

Noted that the boundaries of the proposed Kilburn Neighbourhood Forum were to be formalised before the application was made. David was emailing a survey to people and the aim was to get 200 responses on what should be included in the area of the Forum. It was proposed to include the cemetery, the Prince of Wales pub', and possibly Kimberly Gardens and Kilburn Station.

3. Marylebone Boys' School planning application

Noted that the school had made a planning application to enclose an area of land in Priory Park Road that had been used by local people for many years. BEST was objecting to the application and it was agreed that Al would write, lodging an objection, after liaising with BEST. The loss of a right of way and of a community open space would be the grounds of the objection as well as the poor design of the proposed fencing. It would be suggested that the school might allow public access when it did not need to use this land itself.

4. Proposed cuts by the London Borough of Brent: minute 5 of 20th January 2015

Noted that no decision had been made by the Council on the budget cuts to be made. A Council meeting was taking place that evening to discuss the matter. David would ask Cllr. Rita Coneelly what was happening about the street cleaning and whether she had found out what the legal situation was, including the distance along residential roads that had to be cleaned from the point at which they joined a commercial road.

5. Willesden Lane: minute 8 of 20th January 2015

Noted that £1,721 of Anna Dennemann's invoice was outstanding. Agreed to pay this, noting that the total cost of Anna's services had been £5,303 and that £5,000 had been received from a Ward Working grant.

Noted that the road works had been started much later than expected. Brian and Al were overseeing the work on behalf of BRAT.

Noted that the Willesden Lane improvement programme had resulted in timed waste collections and the start of the highway works. Brent Council was willing to help

Christchurch School buy the adjoining waste land, previously a salvage yard, but that the school would have to have the agreement of the Diocesan Board first, so it was up to the governors to act. Franceska could no longer coordinate the steering group as she was moving out of the area. Agreed that Al would drive forward street improvements, i.e. paving, planting and signage. Al would approach Anna or the Neighbourhood Coordinator at Brent Council to find out if there were any funds that could be bid for to enable further improvements.

Noted that BRAT had £2,991.19 from Section 106 funds to be spent on Streatley Gardens. Agreed to consider this at the next meeting.

6. Website and Webmasters: minute 7 of 20th January 2015

David agreed to share the communications role with Judy and Wendy, who would contact Matt to find out what was involved.

7. Dyne Road developments: minute 9 of 20th January 2015

Al had had a site meeting with Cllr. Rita Coneelly, who had been very enthusiastic about rethinking Brent Council's proposal. Brent's Chair of Housing had been quite receptive to BRAT's idea of using the site for small units for elderly people and retaining the properties as social housing. Al had drafted a document covering those points, which he would circulate, asking for quick responses, so that the final document would be ready within a week.

8. Hustings

Details of two hustings events were given to the committee by David. He was aware that there were others happening in April and he would email details of these when they were available.

9. Mary Arnold

Noted that Mary Arnold had thanked those who had attended the events at the House of Commons held in her honour as she retired from being a Brent Councillor.

10. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting would be held on 5th May.