

BruNK Residents Association Minutes
March 26th 2007

Present: Roger, Leonie, John M, Wendy, Mary, Sue

Apologies: Stephen, Dundy, Mike A, Charlotte, John L

Minutes of the February Meeting approved

Core Scheme 5

Wendy, Leonie, John Lawton and Roger were present at the workshop today.

One impression they got was that there will be no pressure on the council to relieve congestion while Stagecoach can still move freely. It is anticipated that it will be three or four years before the knock on effect from the massive increase in housing will result in some kind of action.

In the short term there could be funding and recommendations for:

- A pedestrian crossing around James Street.
- A weight limit on HCVs' with a 24/7 access only.
- Removal of the third lane for access to the Grafton Centre, replaced by a cycle lane either side. This item was only raised during the meeting.

Re speed: it is unlikely that they will install cushions, tables or a 20 mph speed limit due to lack of funds although a Transport Innovation Fund could be made available.

Someone will investigate the new council guidelines for speed reduction as Maids Causeway certainly falls within these limits.

It was decided that BruNK will write a letter conveying that we would like to see the installation of a crossing, cycles lanes both ways but north if only one is possible, a weight limit and a speed restriction.

Wendy and John M will write a short comment to submit to the AJC by the 6th April.

FoMC

The walkabout is on the first Monday of every month. Roger went in March, accompanying Anthony French, Cyril the Pinder, city council engineers, and friends of MSC, Geoffrey, Barry, and Rosemary.

Action will be taken to make the pound safe for the cattle.

It was agreed that we would decide on the level of our involvement with FoMC when there was a fuller group present. One possibility would be to appoint a BruNK rep. It was thought to be important that we copy Geoffrey in to any communications we may have with Alistair.

Developments on the common will include:

- Removal of white rocks from in front of Midsummer House.
- Self-closing gate, which can be opened with a slide card available to a limited number of people.
- A wild flower patch outside the toilets.

FoMC and Cam boaters are doing a river clean up on Sunday 15th from 10.00am for 4 hours and need volunteers.

Drug Abuse

John Sargent did not pursue his complaint. We will put drug issues on the agenda of the AGM.

We need check the email address of the Community Police – Joye will have it.

AGM

Thanks to John M for organising the venue at Christchurch on Tuesday 17th April.

The following practical details were agreed:

- There would be a formal seating arrangement.
- We will provide wine and water.
- Send around a hat for contributions.
- We will ask John Lawton if he will take the minutes.
- Mary will invite Angelika.

Salmon Lane

There is nothing to report.

Committee Meetings

It was agreed that we would meet three or four times a year.

AOB

Christ's Pieces/Bowling Green – we will support the Christ's Pieces Resident's Association in campaigning to prevent Stagecoach from taking over the bowling green.

Roger and possibly Wendy will go to the AGM.

Next Meeting: there will be a short meeting at 7.00 p.m before the AGM.

Mary Chadwick
April 2007