

Notes of BRA Directors Meeting Tuesday 11th January

In Attendance: Peter Seaward, Chris Pullan, Clare Curran, Carolyn Elson, Andrew Freeman, Les Huett, Simon Edge, John Howarth, Nancy Goodacre,

Apologies: Geoff Tranter, David Smith

1. **Appointment of new directors:** Simon, Les, Geoff (to be ratified at the next AGM). Proposed by Peter, Seconded by Andy, and approved
2. **Clarification of committee members and roles.** It was agreed that the Directory, as presented by Les, was accurate. It was further clarified that Committee Members have a specific role or portfolio and that Associate Members are representatives of another organisation.

Regarding the position of 'Honorary' President, Peter will speak to Ann Anderson to suggest that Michael steps down at the next AGM, and to ask Michelle to step-up.

3. **Noticeboards:** It was noted that Nick will step down from his noticeboard role due to ill health. Andy agreed to step-in in the interim, but we will need to ask at next Committee meeting, for a longer term replacement. It was also agreed that if an organisation wants to have a poster put up, then they must provide them, i.e. we will not print them.
4. **Succession Planning:** It was reiterated that the Association needs a Chair and a minutes secretary.

There was a brief discussion as to the future of the Association and have residents associations run their course, including the possibility that parish councils might provide an alternative solution. There is a need to raise awareness and use various means to communicate the need for new members, via targeted email, Look Local (perhaps the February edition) and the website (inc. ILIB).

Re. the AGM, Andy to book the hall for the 25th May.

Re. new chair and minute secretary, Peter and Andy to write a brief 'job description'.

5. **Budget and expenditure forecast:** Chris reported that in total there is a total of £27k in assets but much of this is committed for various projects, leaving a surplus of between £2k to £9k surplus, depending on the clarification of commitments.
6. **BRA Strategy:** There was a discussion as to what the Association would like to achieve in the coming years. The following was highlighted:
 - GP surgery
 - Use CIL funds
 - Queen's Jubilee
 - Redevelopment of Lower Shott.

Peter and Simon to discuss further and come up with a list for future discussion.

7. **Membership:** Overall membership appears to have fallen by 12.5% in last year but income was up because fees had risen to £5, and subscriptions had now risen above £10k, with 62% raised via road stewards! It was agreed that the Association should aspire to raise membership to 2,500.
8. **Zoom contract:** Andy said the current contract expires on 15th March. It was agreed that we would renew the Zoom contract.
9. **Future meetings:** Forthcoming dates until the AGM are:
 - 7th February – Full Committee meeting
 - 7th March – Full Committee meeting
 - 5th April – Directors' meeting
 - 9th May – Full Committee meeting
 - 6th June - Full Committee meeting
 - 5th July – Director's meeting (TBC)
 - 13th July - AGM