

BruNK Committee Meeting Minutes Monday 24th April 2006

Apologies: John M, Mike Ashby, Geoffrey, Stephen

Present: Roger, Wendy, Mike C, Sue, Charlotte, Leonie, John L, Dundy, Mary

Minutes of last meeting and AGM approved.

Core Scheme 5:

Brian Stinton is to make a press release in relation to Core Scheme 5 and in response to the coverage by the business sector in the Cambridge Evening News.

With regard to this coverage we think that the views of the residents' association has been linked to an emphasis on the solution and not our concerns about the serious problem of traffic. A 23% increase in traffic was predicted seven years ago when Emmanuel Road was closed and since then all the related traffic issues have been postponed to this stage of the Core Scheme consultation.

Wendy suggested that we articulate this and also find out what other residents think. We discussed whether, as things stand, we have a mandate from local residents to express a point of view. Dundy thought it was important to stress the traffic problem rather than the solutions especially the bollards. John thinks the council have no intention of installing bollards anyway and Wendy stressed that the Core scheme 5 only exists today because of the pressure we have continued to put on the council. John added that doing nothing was not acceptable.

As a resident's association we have always stated that there is a problem with traffic. Charlotte referred back to the context in which the Core Scheme was conceived: to protect the historic centre of Cambridge, to consider the air quality and to enable visitors and residents to use the city centre without the congestion of traffic. Maids Causeway and Victoria Avenue won status as part of this scheme because they are part of the old Georgian city centre with several listed buildings. Also it is only the through routes that will be closed and not routes to the centre. This is at the heart of the core scheme.

Wendy stressed that if the core scheme doesn't go through the council will have reneged on their original pledge.

Roger wondered what we do about increasing residents' participation. Sue said that we should welcome Jeremy Waller's reaction to the proposals as it enables us to clarify the situation. Dundy suggested that we give out more information. She stressed that we are in a position to communicate in detail about both the present and the potential problems.

There was discussion about how to communicate our concerns with all residents - suggestions included leafleting, a door-to-door survey, a public meeting. In the end we agreed unanimously to produce a flyer, which gives facts and figures and explains why we have been involved in this scheme.

Wendy will produce this flyer and would like our feedback. She stressed that we should not take a view but state the fact that the council voted this scheme in and that we support it. **Roger** and **John** will do the layout and printing.

We may consider speaking at the AJC on July 3rd and if so we will need to gather a petition. The flyer will be released to the press and delivered to every household in the BruNK area. We need to comment by May 19th.

Midsummer Common (MSC): The council are looking into the question of **allotments** on the scrubland. They are thinking about 31/2 plots.

Roger is due to meet with **Midsummer House (MSH)** and Chris Robertson on Friday 5th May.

We discussed the viability of a **residents' herd**. Geoffrey and Dundy are looking this into.

There is a **Drinks Licence Application** for MSC. Mike to email Anthony French to ask what it is for.

There is to be a **movie** sequel of the film Elizabeth that is using MSC as a base. There will be two marquees by the loos, one for make-up and one for catering. They will be there for 10 days.

The Resident's Association has been informed and given an opportunity to voice concerns. We have asserted that there should be no private parking and that the revenue earned by the council should be used to improve conditions on the common e.g. providing a self-locking barrier for access to pub and MSH.

Parking: A union between Brunswick and North Kite is not likely to happen. Leonie will liaise with Graham Lowe about the Parking Review and find out about the specific plans for King Street. Also the number of bays allocated per permit across the zones.

BruNK BBQ: It was proposed that this should be on the 25th June or 2nd July at the Burleigh Arms. Sue will investigate possibilities.

AOB: The situation at the **Zebra Pub**, and the parking of the white limo on double yellow lines was discussed. We will continue to monitor the situation on a regular basis. Committee members have offered to assist with this and will report back at the next meeting.

Next Meetings:

Monday May 22nd@ Dundy's

Monday June 19th @ Charlotte's

Mary Chadwick
4th May 2006