**BRADWAY ACTION GROUP Minutes**

Committee Meeting: Monday 5th May 2014, 7.15 p.m. at the Old Mother Redcap.

Present: Chris Morgan (Chair), Mike Bloy, John Child, John Kirkman, Peter Smithson, Andrew Tabor, Fiona Vallely.

**1. Apologies:** Nancy Maitland, Frank Richardson, Philip Righton, Rob Wilks.

**2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting 4**th **March 2014:** agreed as a correct record.

**3. Reports.**

**a. Chairman.**

i) **The website.** Progress is being made, albeit at a slower pace than I had originally hoped.

ii) **Ward changes**! The draft document leaked to us makes logical reading for a number cruncher as Central ward is clearly too big. However, the proposals basically entail shunting more voters around the south western side of the city until it all fits. As has been pointed out in the latest Bradway Bugle the report misrepresents the views expressed by BAG as we had requested the return to the Dore and Totley Ward of that part of Bradway switched away by the last review. What is proposed ignores the integrity of Bradway as a Community thus undermining the principles of Localism.

iii) **Bradway Bounds Walk:** **Sunday 1st June.** Peter Stubbs hopes that Tony Smith will once again be able to lead, supported by Peter. Please ensure everyone who may be interested knows about it. Posters will be produced and the walk is included in the Bugle and the Environment Weeks Leaflet.

iv). The **Sainsbury’s** development is proceeding well up to schedule and a June opening date is possible. A planning application has been made for led lighting for the car park that may have an impact upon No's 138 and 140 Bradway Road.

**b. Secretary.**

i) **Old School Field:** We continue to await a formal response fromSCC on the Village Green application. The On a recent visit by the Chairman he noted the splendid work by Peter Smithson’s family to keep litter under control. He also now has the BAG strimmer. A volunteer is required to take responsibility for this. Amey deny any responsibility for emptying the bins. As the field is the responsibility of SCC this will now be pursued with the appropriate departments. Two of the benchesare in need of new seats and two appropriately stout planks are being sought. The degradation of the surface of the all-weather football pitch continues a matter of concern.

ii) **Planning Issues:** No new issues have been identified that give rise for concern over their impact on the Bradway environment.

c. **Treasurer.**

The bank balance on January 6th was £2834.17.  Since January £165membership fees and £205.50 indonations have been received, an income of £370.50. Expenditure of £235, £220 to Tom Makinson from the SCC Small Pot grant, to provide flowers and compost for the planters throughout this year, and £15 Bugle related costs leaves a net balance of £2969.67. A cheque for £153 from John Baker for Bugle delivery has just been received and there is £217.30 outstanding for Public Liability Insurance A more realistic balance will therefore be £2905.37, with more membership dues and donations still coming in. The PLI is higher than last year as we have included a borrowed PA system that will be needed for the Fun Day. The PLI specially excludes Bouncy Castles though they may be used at events where the supplier of the Castle provides the insurance.  The Fun Day planning group are aware of this.

**d**. **Community Hall.** The partial refurbishment of the Small Hall was completed on 15 April, somewhat earlier than completion date in the contract-23 May. The contract had been extended to cover rebuilding all, rather than part of the front wall; replacement of the rotten timber lintel above the external door, forming a new door head height to suit a standard height door; replacement of the door (and frame) from the corridor into the Small Hall; and rebuild of poor sections of brickwork at gable cut ups and around the external doorway. Some other minor works were also undertaken. At the contractor’s request the provision of drainage etc. for the planned accessible WC was excluded from the contract and paid for under a separate invoice for zero rated VAT work. The total cost, inclusive of VAT will be £36,956, some £2,826 (7%) lower than the original quoted contract price. This includes the 2.5% retention which is not due until the end of the 12 months defects liability period.

e. Membership: The current membership numbers stand at 33 Individual and 72 Household, including3 new members. Some 10 Individual and 31 Household memberships have not yet renewed most of which have been approached via email. Further follow up would appear to be most likely to produce a positive effect if through hand delivered renewal forms.

**4. Fun Day.** Fiona reported that plans were well in hand. A PA system has been arranged and the Scouts will provide tents and assistance. More volunteers are being sought. The new Sainsbury's will be approached with the prospect of some goodwill sponsorship. The sub-committee will be reviewing progress in a couple of weeks.

**5. Bradway Bugle.** Due for delivery Wednesday 14th. A number of changes to the distribution list were noted.

**6. Environmental issues**: The paths through Poyton Woods are slowly recovering from the very wet spring though a number of muddy holes could benefit from filling. There are some trees that need to be examined. Action: Chair to approach John Gilpin SCC trees man.

**7. Any Other Business.** (i) Open Meeting. This had provided an opportunity for members and others to share concerns on traffic related issues. Poor parking remains a key concern for many. An unfortunate growth in the problem of un-cleared dog mess was raised. (ii) Succession planning is becoming critical as the Secretary has indicated that he will be standing down at the end of the year and the Chair had taken on the roll for 12 months.

8. Date of next meeting: The next meeting will be on Tuesday 1 July.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.55 p.m.