

# **BRADWAY ACTION GROUP**

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting  
Tuesday 12 October 2010 at 7.15p.m. Bradway Primary School

Present: 23 members including Councillor Ross, and one non-member resident of Bradway.

The Chairman, Peter Stubbs, opened the meeting at 7.20p.m.

Apologies had been received from 7 members and two committee members. Kevan Holloway was absent on work business. Rachael Smith was unable to attend through sickness and it was agreed that a card be sent to her providing the best wishes of the meeting.

## **1. Minutes of the previous meeting 6 October 2009.**

The previously circulated minutes of the last AGM were agreed.

## **2. Matters Arising.**

There were no matters arising that were not covered on the Agenda.

## **3. Chairman's Report.**

In brief, Peter Stubbs reported that there had as yet been no response from the City Council to the application for "Village Green" status for the Old School Field. We were continuing with the regular maintenance sessions on the first Saturday of the month. The trees vandalised last year had been replaced and a new seat installed near the entrance to the playground with the benefit of a grant from the South West Community Assembly (SWCA). Our main priority for fund raising in future years would be the refurbishment of the playground which was already showing signs of wear and tear, a testimony to how much it is being used. A further SWCA grant had allowed for the provision of a planter outside the Wollaton Shops. A further 1000 crocus and 500 daffodil bulbs had been planted around the area, and the planters at the top of Twentywell Lane and outside S17 restocked.

Both Open meetings this year had environmental themes. The first explored the level of support there might be for promoting the concept of "Sustainable Bradway" and the second was a presentation from Veolia on Sheffield recycling. Whilst the annual "Bounds Walk" had not been well attended the Fun Day was enjoyed by many though despite a £400 grant from the SWCA net receipts were down due to our having to pay for the climbing wall this year, it having been free last year.

On the Planning front we had provided objections to the proposed construction of three flats at 31 Rosamond Close citing concerns over parking and the loss of green space.

We had continued to attend meetings of the SWCA and to support the Dore and Totley Ward Forum, the next meeting of which will be on Tuesday 30 November, at Bradway Primary School. As this will provide Bradway with a chance to lead the input rather than Dore or Totley which have been well represented at previous meetings, it would be lovely to see a good turnout of Bradway residents.

Full copies of the report were made available and it will be posted on the BAG web site.

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There were no matters arising and the Chairman's Report was accepted. Some suggestions were made for where this years supply of bulbs could be planted.

### **4. Treasurer's Report**

Peter Smithson presented the accounts which had been independently examined by Mr R Boddy in return for a small donation to a good cause of his choice. Peter drew specific attention to:

- (i) Once again the timing of the Fun Day meant some inconsistencies relating to income and expenditure as the costs and income for 2010 will be shown in the 2010/11 accounts.
- (ii) Income from the Bradway Bugle was slightly down on last year reflecting the current economic climate as BAG benefits from the remaining surplus after John Baker covered his costs from advertising income.
- (iii) BAG had received a transfer of £685.55 from the final settlement of the former Bradway Neighbourhood Association's accounts with the caveat that these be dispersed for the benefit of the people of Bradway. £230 had already been passed to the Community Hall leaving £455.55 over for which decisions have yet to be made.

### **5. Membership and Subscriptions**

In the membership secretary's absence the Chairman reported that membership had been maintained showing a slight increase year on year. The meeting accepted that BAG should remain a subscription body as this provided credibility as a representative body necessary to allow it to attract grant funding. It was agreed that the membership fee should continue at the current level.

### **6. Update on transport issues affecting Bradway**

There was some discussion regarding the PTE consultation on its "Bus Vision". It was generally agreed that although it had eventually been clarified that no changes were imminent, the whole exercise had been poorly handled and that the strong response the PTE had received from Bradway residents will have left them in no doubt that there is total opposition to any future possibility of the 25/25A route being removed. It was noted that Stagecoach are to introduce new routes to Low edges and that First have introduced single-decker buses on the extended 76 route which is proving a considerable inconvenience to users at peak time. The Petition regarding Tinkers Corner had been presented to the SWCA where because it was an e-petition which lacked addresses it would be treated as a Request rather than a Petition but the contents and sentiments were duly noted. Some progress had been made over the Bradway Traffic Action Plan. The School advance warning sign was finally installed in June after a number of reminders to the Council. A Speed Indicator Device (SID) had been acquired by the SWCA which will be moved around to designated priority spots one of which will be Twentywell Lane. The introduction of Camera signs on Twentywell has allowed for reminders that this is a 30mph road. Following changes in legislation it has been agreed that in Sheffield the Community Assemblies should decide whether or not to introduce 20mph zones in built-up areas.

The possibility of limiting waiting times at the Twentywell shops had been deferred due to cost and conflicting concerns. The positioning of new drop kerbs at the top of Everard Avenue did not reflect what BAG understood had been requested but is probably a "best compromise". It was hoped that the SYPTTE would be in a

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position to make an announcement about parking at Dore Station before the end of the year. Given the costs already incurred in land acquisition the PTE could be expected to want to move ahead as quickly as possible. The provision of traffic lights at the bottom of Twentywell Lane would be too expensive in the absence of a developer contribution. Hopefully this and other traffic flow issues will be reviewed when the Dore Station changes are fully implemented.

### **7. Election of Officers.**

The following were elected unopposed:

*Chair* Peter Stubbs *Deputy Chair* Fiona Vallely  
*Secretary* Andrew Tabor *Treasurer* Peter Smithson  
*Membership Secretary* Rachel Smith

*Committee* Stephen George; Kevan Holloway; John Kirkman; John Pritchett; Philip Righton.

### **8. Any Other Business.**

Concern was raised over Boundary issues between the South and South West Community Assembly Areas and their potential affect on some Bradway residents. There was concern that the South Community Assembly officers might be treating the whole of the S17 postcode area as being covered by the South West Assembly. This was of particular importance when issues arose where voting was open to South Assembly residents and preclusion of some Bradway residents might affect the outcome. Councillor Ross would check out the position in respect of the South West Community Assembly and the Secretary would raise the issue with the South Community Assembly.

Members were reminded that the last collection of Green Waste (garden) bags would be in the week commencing 25<sup>th</sup> October. Thereafter collection would have to be arranged by telephoning Viola. Councillor Ross informed the meeting that it was expected that the system would change in the New Year with reusable Hessian sacks replacing the current green plastic bags.

The meeting closed 9.00 p.m.