

# Victoria Road Group

## Notes of the meeting held on Sunday 12 March 2017 at Paul and Mary's, no.46

### Present:

Sam (Chair), Jonathan (notes), Paul, Mary, Sally, Philippa, Vickie, Bob, Sue, Anna, Gordon, Pen

### 1 Apologies

Received from Mick, Ali, Jessica and Alfred.

### 2 Notes of previous meeting

Those present agreed they were a proper record.

### 3 Matters arising from the previous meeting

#### *Victoria Road logo and graphics*

Sam presented some text samples in various typefaces from his graphic designer acquaintance.

There were various suggestions for how to move forward:

- there could be a call for proposals with voting on the results
- use one of the older street name signs as a logo
- use the "VR" monogram from a Victorian postbox (to which others expressed a preference for something more modern)
- emphasise the importance of getting recognition on leaflets
- consistent and striking colour of paper is important

Sam agreed to go back to the designer for further ideas for consideration. Philippa suggested a silhouette or outline of some of the more distinctive houses in the street (checking that the owners didn't object!) and will ask Peter Street if he could come up with a drawing.

*Action: Philippa, Sam*

### 4 Events since previous meeting

#### *Media Madness held at No.50 on 5 Feb 2017*

This was generally felt to be successful and fun. The choice of time seemed to work well. Thanks were expressed to Mike and Mireille for hosting so warmly.

### 5 Future VRG events

#### *Green Balloon Day (13<sup>th</sup> May, postpone to 14<sup>th</sup> if wet on the 13<sup>th</sup>)*

Sam noted that results from the small planning group were mostly recorded already in the previous meeting's minutes. Approval to close part of the street (from Kings Cross Road to about 4 houses from Lucerne Road) had been secured, giving us more space than we will need. Noted that the event will be afternoon/evening on this occasion.

Summary of the discussion:

- Small recycling items should be delivered to a central location in the closed-off area, but people should be able to post notices about larger items they are offering. We will provide tables for the small items.
- There should be some kind of auction for any more valuable items notified to us in advance. Proceeds could be split between VRG and the donor.

- It would be good if the new logo and graphics could be ready in time for the leaflets for this event.
- Publicity should be sent out twice, roughly 4 weeks before and 10 days before the event. Jonathan agreed to prepare the leaflets but noted that he's away on holiday 11<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> April.
- The existing small group (Mary, Paul, Sam, Ali, Sally) should continue with detailed planning.

Tasks:

- **Jonathan** to arrange a photo display, and collect photos from residents (digital or paper)
- **Paul** will arrange a drumming session
- **Mary** will run a workshop on plant cuttings
- **Sam** to arrange a bicycle repair workshop
- **Mick** to organize games and serve as *Custos Ludorum*
- **Sally** and **Ali** to plan the auction
- **Gordon** suggested inviting Peter Street to celebrate by piping
- **Sam** to confirm whether any formal permission is needed for a donations bar
- **Paul** will check that the insurance covers an event of this kind

***Action: those highlighted above***

Sally noted that there might be some security concerns, and suggested inviting the Community Police officers to visit if possible.

A risk assessment should be undertaken, and provision made for medical/first aid support to be accessible.

### ***Garden Party (16<sup>th</sup> July)***

To be held at No.59. It was noted that the date does not clash with Wimbledon.

### ***Safari Supper (21<sup>st</sup> October)***

We should check, at a later meeting, that we still wish to do this in view of the similar 7 Roads Group event in May. Sam noted that he would prefer to stand down from leading the process and asked for volunteers to do it.

## **6 AOB**

- The Welcome Pack still needs some updating. Jonathan has done some work on it already, and will pass it to Vickie for review as soon as it is in a reasonable state.

***Action: Jonathan***

- Newcomers to the road: there appear to be new residents at Nos. 27, 31 and 79.
- Signatory for VRG finances: The bank has now accepted Bob as a signatory.

## **7 Date of next meeting**

Sunday 30 April 2017, at Jonathan and Sally's (no.59), 5:00-6:30pm.

The meeting adjourned at 5.45pm after thanking Paul and Mary for their hospitality.