

## Minutes of CMPCA Management Committee Meeting Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2010

### Present

Tony Bailey, Judy Bow, Richard Brown, Adam Jones, Aidan Lunn, Steve Pavey, John Riddington (Chair), Philippa Sankey, Nick von Tunzelmann. (John Warmington attended to report on item 3)

### Apologies

Jane Gray, Jane Osler

### 1. Minutes of the Management Committee meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> May 2010

The minutes were approved.

### 2. Matters arising not dealt with elsewhere on the agenda

*Notice Boards and website masthead* Further action was expected in the near future.

### 3. Local Action Team and the Brunswick & Regency Neighbourhood Action Group

John Warmington gave an account of the history and functions of these two organisations.

**The NAG** came into being when government funds were made available in 1999 for 'areas of deprivation' Membership consisted of local community associations and voluntary organisations providing services in the area. Over the next few years two action plans were produced and various funds were dispensed within the area. The NAG still exists but has little funding available.

It was agreed that John Warmington should continue to represent CMPCA on the NAG

The **LATs** were established to facilitate liaison between the police and local communities. CMPCA is designated the LAT for the conservation area (although the NAG appears also to be designated). Currently, liaison is achieved through the attendance of a community police officer at Community Meetings. The committee discussed possible ways of improving liaison but without any clear resolution.

It was agreed that whom should represent the LAT at meetings convened for chairs of LATs in Brighton would be agreed on a meeting by meeting basis.

### 4. Street Surveys

Tony Bailey and Adam Jones circulated a street survey form that they had designed and requested feedback.

It was agreed that the way the survey would be conducted would be to get a few residents from a street together to share their views and then to publish these initial results on the website. The newsletter would then be used to invite the other residents to comment on the initial findings, via the website.

CMPCA could then offer assistance and advice on how the results of the survey might lead to action by the council.

It was agreed to set up a trial in at least one street; Richard Brown agreed to explore the possibility of conducting a trial in Upper North Street.

#### **4. The Festival**

Philippa Sankey reported on preparations for the festival. These were going according to plan. However, there was an urgent need for more volunteers to attend each event and take charge of box office, refreshments and general preparations of the venue.

Volunteers were also needed to increase publicity including the distribution of the brochure outside the conservation area.

Richard Brown agreed to promote the festival on the SNIGSA stall at the St Nicholas fair.

#### **5. Future Community Meetings**

The Chair reported that topics for the next three meetings were:

- Brighton Buses
- City Transport Plans
- Caroline Lucas

Refreshments would be available at the next meeting.

#### **6. Web Site**

The Chair reported that very little activity was taking place and invited members to make new contributions.

Carolyn Sansbury has agreed to coordinate local history contributions.

#### **7. Newsletter**

The next issue will be available for distribution on 12<sup>th</sup> June and will include the Festival brochure.

#### **8. Treasurer's Report**

Authority to sign cheques was being transferred to new officers. This should be completed within the next two weeks.

The council grant to the Festival had now arrived.

#### **9. House Colours and BT Street Boxes**

A copy of a resident's letter to the council complaining about house colours in Montpellier Street had been received.

The proposal by BT to erect boxes in Upper North St was also raised.

The Committee confirmed its present policy of offering advice on ways of pursuing such complaints with the appropriate authority and providing a platform for the expression of views via the web site, but declining to lend the formal support of CMPCA.

#### **10. The Big Lunch**

The committee noted that this national initiative would be repeated this year and discussed the possibility of a lunch in the rest garden.

It was agreed to leave it to individuals to register their intentions on the national web site.

**11. Next Meeting Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> August**