
Federation of Bath Resident's Association

Ordinary Committee starting 6.30pm held at Widcombe Junior School

Thursday 4th June 2026

Minutes

Attendees:

Rachael Hushon FoBRA Chair (LCA), Theresa Franklin FoBRA Secretary (CCRA), Kamla Gardner, FoBRA Treasurer, Jeremy Boss (Bathwick Hill RA) Ceris Humphreys (PERA), Michael Wrigley (Widcombe RA), Nick Tobin (AC&CPRA), Rob Richardson (Avondale Rd RA), Julia Perryman (MBMLRA), Charlotte Hanna (Wells Way RA), Benjamin Orford Thomas (SU Bath), Izzy Downer (SU Bath), Angus Gueterbock (SU Bath), David Monson (UOPRA), Dan Baker (RCS), Mark Snell (Widcombe RA), Catherine Greenwood (PERA), Ian Tarr (TARA), Stephanie Higgins (LCA), Sabrina Earnshaw (CARA), Jeremy Labram (Camden RA), Dorigen Couchman (Sydney Buildings RA), Elizabeth Taylor (Entry Hill RA)

Apologies:

Tony Miles, Upper Oldfield Park RA, Stephen Little, Royal Crescent Association, Claire Jackson Bathwick Hill RA, Julie Ingerfield Bloomfield RA, Tricia Owen SJS RA, Suzanne Chase Sion Hill and Summerhill Rd RA, Corinne Evans – Deputy Vice Chancellor University of Bath, Laurence James - Wells Way R.A., Malcolm Baldwin CARA,

Minutes approved from Committee Meeting 11th September 2025

Approved by Nick Tobin

Seconded by Caroline Greenwood

Planning Group Report

The DRAFT Local Plan comes before the Cabinet in July and public consultation to follow. FoBRA have not heard back from the Council on the paper sent about issues around the new Rugby Stadium. The planning group intend to set up a meeting on the same with Sophie Broadfield.

Charlotte Hanna (Wellsway R.A.) asked about the FoBRA process on the development of Papers. The chair explained that a FoBRA takes a collective view that residents' perspectives are vital when shaping future development plans. Input is based on individual, local, and city-wide perspective. Incremental stages include first draft, observations, comments from all member RAs, and views all of which shape the relevance for FoBRA's comments.

Both the Chair and the Vice Chair invited Charlotte to consider joining groups within the Association.

Charlotte said the impact of the local plan will be "felt on our roads".

Transport

Ceris Humphreys raised the fact that Manvers Street roadworks will result in road closure until November. Many buses have been rerouted causing city-wide confusion. FoBRA would like signs that tell people where to catch their usual bus. Bus companies' communication has been inadequate so date. Bridge street will reopen by 12th June and this will represent a new opportunity for improved communication to travellers.

Consultation is now open for Resident Permit Parking.

The Council were investigating the increase of people using the Park n Ride parking areas but not using the bus.

World Heritage Site Advisory Board (WHSAB)

No questions were raised from the written report submitted in advance.

Jeremy Boss mentioned the WHSAB workshop which he and Ceris would attend. Feedback from RA's would be appreciated. Jeremy commented on sustainable building improvements to listed buildings. The Chair said a fire hazard could exist due to poor risk assessment routine, particularly in Solar panel roof installations.

Shared Living Agreement

Benjamin Orford Thomas and Izzie Downer (Bath University Student representatives) presented the premise of a Shared Living Agreement,

A lively debate ensued.

Points made:

- Engage with Landlords
- Many students are involved in Charity work, share this more widely.
- Get involved with the Council Clean and Green Team
- Recognise the contribution Bath students make to the community.
- The Bath Award which recognises contribution to Bath which goes beyond academics
- FoBRA can provide a more pragmatic approach.
- Safety for our students is crucial
- Get more involved with permanent Bath residents of all ages.

FoBRA agreed to send out the Survey link to all RA's requesting them to send it to the members.
(Emailed on 7th June 2026.)

A.O.B

Skittles anyone?

Mark Snell (Widcombe RA) said that skittles has a history in Bath since the 1930's.

He said skittles was losing a lot of venues and teams.

He appealed to members, especially the students to get involved.

A farewell to Benjamin and Izzie. You have made an outstanding contribution to FoBRA.

Welcome to Natasha Moscuzza and Angus Gueterbock, University of Bath Student Union.

Next meeting date scheduled for 10 September 2026.

Meeting ended.