

Summary – Minutes of FoBRA Meeting 10th July 14

Steve Bradley: Steve is the Lib Dem Parliamentary candidate. Since he first came here as a student 25 years ago, Bath has risen in wealth, employment and facilities. Questions he answered included Democratic Deficit, Curo's role, Transport Strategy, need for legislators to recognize the wants of city centre residents, and affordable public transport.

Masterplan: Tim Hewitt presented on Bath's Enterprise Area Masterplan. He addressed questions on student housing, upstream flooding, need for residents to be consulted, river safety and improvement of the A36 through the city.

Bath Governance: Stephen Taylor spoke about the petition for a B&NES Executive Mayor, explaining the process and listing its aims. Questioners wondered what its advantages were, competition with Bristol, and separate legal existence.

Secretary: No FoBRA Secretary has yet appeared, so options for attracting one were discussed.

Transport: The Transport Group has prepared a response to the Council's draft Transport Strategy. This was discussed.

Queen Square: We discussed Council proposals for rejuvenation of Queen Square, including experiments in closing part or all of it for events.

Planning Report: This covered Rec progress, Sydney Gardens, Core Strategy approval, Public Lavatories in parks, Student Housing, new proposals at Western Riverside, Craneworks, Control of advertising, flooding and Neighbourhood plans.

Next Meeting: This will be on Tuesday 9th Sept at 1830 in Widcombe Junior School – including an address by the UKIP candidate.