

## Minutes of 14 December 2005 – TRESA Committee Meeting

### TOTTERDOWN RESIDENTS ENVIRONMENTAL & SOCIAL ASSOCIATION (TRESA)

#### MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING 14th December 2005

#### PRESENT:

The following committee members were present:

Tim Sterling  
Suzanne Audrey  
Margaret Davis  
Patrick Hulme  
Ed Bramall  
Helen Sterling  
Dan Cooke

Also present:

Shaneem from Ashton Park School

#### 1. APOLOGIES

Apologies had been received from Kerry Chester and Kate Pollard

#### 2. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

It was noted that the minutes as circulated included the date 14<sup>th</sup> November 2002 and that this was an error. The meeting had, in fact, been held on 25<sup>th</sup> November 2005 (as was detailed in the header on each page) and with this point of clarification, the minutes were agreed.

#### 3. LAUNCH EVENT

This was discussed. Although the weather had been bad, turnout had been encouraging and Tim had taken a number of photos that could be retained in TRESA's 'archives' and that could be used in the TRESA newsletter.

#### 4. NEWSLETTER

Margaret was affirmed as editor and it was agreed that it would be helpful for others to act as an editorial committee. Margaret is aiming for a January / February publication and has secured most of the required advertising funding.

Articles and photos are required and, as issues were discussed through the remainder of the meeting, Margaret took notes of who had volunteered to author various articles.

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It was agreed that the newsletter would be called ‘The Talk of Totterdown’ and that the intention was that it should be produced quarterly. Thought should also be given to the drafting of a suitable TRESA logo.

The newsletter was considered essential as a method of recruitment of a widely based membership of Totterdown residents. It shall include a membership application form.

It was noted that various other local organisations and/or groups are concerned with issues that TRESA might also have an interest in. However, it was agreed that it would be inappropriate for TRESA to associate with any such organisations at this early stage and that, until a substantial membership had been established, TRESA could not make a credible claim to be representative of the views of Totterdown residents. Consequently, early editions of the newsletter shall be silent regarding other local organisations and/or groups and shall be cautious in any views that might be expressed.

In the interests of reducing the likelihood of confusion, the circulation boundary was agreed as being the same as the membership boundary.

In her absence, it was suggested that Kate might be interested in producing a short ‘potted history of Totterdown’ article.

### **5. MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS**

It was agreed that membership application forms shall ask for the following information:

- Name;
- Address;
- Email;
- Phone number;
- Are you willing to deliver ‘The Talk of Totterdown’?;
- What, if anything, would you like to be involved with in TRESA?

Ed undertook to email application forms to the committee to give the option of circulating these to Totterdown resident friends and neighbours.

### **6. BRISTOL WATERSIDE ARENA**

The existence of another local group that is concerned exclusively with the Arena was noted and, as with the discussion minuted at item 4, it was agreed to simply ‘keep a watching brief’ at this stage.

It was also agreed that Tim shall try to contact the Arena developers with a view to finding out more about the development and consultation and that an article on this shall be included in ‘The Talk of Totterdown’.

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### **7. BANK SIGNATORIES**

As had previous been agreed Patrick Hulme, Ed Bramall and Margaret Davis shall be signatories. Paperwork was signed to open an account with HSBC and this shall require one signature for a payment in and two signatures for a withdrawal.

### **8. LITTER PICKING**

This was discussed as a possible activity that would combine environmental improvement with social involvement and TRESA recruitment.

Dan offered to contribute an article on a possible Totterdown Spring Clean to 'The Talk of Totterdown'.

### **9. BRUNEL 200**

It was noted that various events were planned during 2006 and that, in view of our proximity to Temple Meads, there may be a role for Totterdown.

It was also suggested (in her absence) that, in view of her interest in local history, this might be something that Kate would be interested in pursuing.

### **10. PLANNING**

The proposed developments of the YMCA, the Tesco car park, the Patco shop and the expansion of the waste transfer station in St Philips were discussed. However, in view of the points about being representative (minuted in item 4), no positions were adopted on these proposals.

It was agreed that 'The Talk of Totterdown' should include a development / planning column.

### **11. FUNDING**

At present, this is only required for the newsletter. Current funding sources include advertising and membership subscriptions. Further areas of expenditure are likely in future and possible sources of grants will be investigated in due course. The Council's Community Development Worker is likely to be a good point of contact.

### **12. CONTACT ADDRESS**

In the interests of continuity a PO Box might be a good option. However, this costs money and may involve regular collection from a sorting office or Post Office. In the short term, it was agreed that Tim & Helen's address (13 Bushy Park) could be used.

### **13. WEBSITE**

It was agreed that this could be a good initiative and that the newsletter could ask for local residents with suitable skills to volunteer their expertise.

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A good initiative would be to produce a booklet detailing local shops and other businesses. The traders concerned would pay to be included and TRESA would compile the booklet and circulate it locally. 'The Talk of Totterdown' shall invite local traders to express interest in this.

**15. EVENTS**

Some concepts were discussed including a smoke-free pub, a Totterdown music week or festival and a front garden challenge (a makeover project). This shall be given more thought and shall be an agenda item at the next meeting.

**16. AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING**

This shall be primarily an editorial meeting for 'The Talk of Totterdown' and shall include:

Newsletter  
Recruitment  
Proposed initiatives  
Times and venue for subsequent meetings

**17. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting shall be at 7:30pm at 13 Bushy Park, Totterdown on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2006.