

## Minutes of 13 February 2006 – TRESA Committee Meeting

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

## MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING 13 February 2006

Blue = jobs!

### PRESENT:

The following committee members were present:

Tim Sterling  
Patrick Hulme  
Kate Pollard  
Suzanne Audrey  
Margaret Davis  
Helen Sterling  
Steve Sayers  
Ed Bramall

### 1. APOLOGIES

Apologies had been received from Kerry Chester and Dan Cooke

### 2. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

The minutes were agreed.

### 3. MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS/DEVELOPMENT

No applications had been received prior to the meeting. Steve joined TRESA during the meeting. Kerry Chester had sent Tim an email indicating that she was considering resignation as she is currently over-committed and may not be able to stay with TRESA. This is sad for TRESA and Tim and Kerry are in discussion over it.

It had come to the Committee's notice that a potential future member has been put off joining because the info on the back of the Cycle Recycling leaflet and our perceived association with Christopher Orlik implied that TRESA is therefore party political. Members agreed that this was of concern and even the inclusion of the opinions of other local councillors in Talk of Totterdown was not going to solve the problem. It was agreed that although Christopher's input to TRESA was of value and that he is really helpful, his contributions must be downplayed in TRESA's publications as TRESA does not have any political affiliations and it would be a shame to put off applicants.

Ed had produced a TRESA flier with info on one side and a member application form on the other which was much approved by all. Kate asked if a poster in the same 'house' style could be produced to go up outside Patco's when the postbox is put up

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and Ed agreed to produce one. Margaret will send him the TRESA logo. Steve suggested a TRESA website and would be interested to help set one up but would have to learn on the job.

Steve noted that it is good to have membership applications acknowledged and the committee agreed this was an important courtesy and that our constitution required us to provide members with a membership card. This could be printed in sheets on a home printer and needs to be considered further.

### 4. PLANNING APPLICATIONS – THE ARENA

Steve has been actively researching the progress of the Arena. He wrote to SWRDA and asked when Consultation was going to take place, without receiving a proper answer. He recently wrote again and also to Christopher Orlik and Mark Bailey. Jeff Bishop of BDOR – the public face of SWRDA has now said it would be starting consultations after Easter.

Tim has contacted SWRDA to ask if they would like to put information in Talk of Totterdown but had not had a particularly helpful reply. A local public information meeting would be useful. Ed suggested TRESA could pre-empt this by inviting the developer to give a presentation in Totterdown and at the same time establish itself as a lead environmental organisation in arranging it. [Tim will be looking into this too.](#)

Members agreed that it would be great to make various favourable-to-Totterdown requests and recommendations in respect of the plan. For instance, John Grimshaw, CE of Sustrans (who had developed in the '70s, the riverside walk from Totterdown to Sparke Evans Park and also the bike path to Temple Meads, both on the opposite side of the river) had suggested to Kate that Totterdown should insist on a green riverside walkway from the May Mine steps to Temple Meads on the site. Members approved this idea, which must await our better contact with the developers.

### 5. FUTURE PLANS, ACTIVITIES & DEVELOPMENT

Various points were made as follows:

- Having some interesting projects in view, even if quite tiny environmental improvements, could better attract new members, vis a vis Sarah Townsend and her plans for competitions and a Totterdown dragon boat entry (see TofT!)
- Re: the proposed Garden competition. Sarah had organised one 16 years ago (see TofT. A photo show of that may still be around, [\(Kate to investigate\)](#). Would Sarah be interested in joining TRESA/organising the garden competition? [\(Kate to find out\)](#)
- George Ferguson had had a conversation with Kate and Tim about a South Bristol Jazz Festival, based at but also peripatetic from the Tobacco Factory and a plan to discuss it further had been mooted. Having a one-off or more jazz gig in Totterdown would be good but might also set a precedent for a more permanent jazz/music venue here. [\(Suzanne and Kate to follow up.\)](#) The upstairs room at the Cumberland was suggested as was the Constitutional Club, which is worth investigating from several standpoints. [Suzanne and](#)

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Patrick agreed to approach the latter. Kate will do the former if jazz seems to be on offer

- Kate suggested applying for Lottery funding to pay the salary of a part time professional environmental improvements worker vis a vis the Southville Centre. His/her remit would be to consult with Totterdown, float ideas (home zones or whatever) also using Talk of Totterdown as a vehicle and thereby paying the cost of the production of a year's issues
- Tim said that at an early TRESA planning meeting, delegates had already floated many ingenious and potentially exciting ideas

### 6. CONTACT ADDRESS

The Patcos have agreed to TRESA using their shop address on TRESA's letterhead and to the proposed letterbox, which will be beside the tills. This will be in exchange for free advertising in Talk of Totterdown. It all falls in with their re-marketing the shop as 'Totterdown's Community Store'. However they wanted TRESA members to know that the possibility of their shop remaining open is pretty slim right now. Their continuance in Totterdown depends on the success of their planning application to develop upper stories of the shop. They are anxious that Totterdown is consulted over the proposed letterbox in case it is brought up by someone in an objection to their application. To this end, Kate has written a piece for both the Post and South Bristol Observer. [A suitable letter-box was agreed with Suzanne, who will purchase it and Kate will have a TRESA logo produced to be stuck on it. Suzanne & Kate will put it up, as and when.](#) It was agreed after discussion that people should be free to put cash in the box as well as cheques/Pos.

### 7. FUTURE MEETING VENUE

The committee agreed that in widening and publicising TRESA to increase the membership, future meetings should ideally be held in a public venue rather than at Tim and Helen's. Possible venues were discussed. The Cumberland's Bowling Alley is often encroached upon; the Children's Workshop is a short-term possibility but does not hold more than about 10 people. The Constitutional Club was brought up in another context, (see 'Development') but is a possibility. The venue most immediately likely was the Methodist Church's meeting room. [Tim agreed to look into this option.](#)

### 8. 'THE TALK OF TOTTERDOWN'

Margaret reported it was close to being printed. This edition, which is 4 x A3 pages, has to be in black and white because of cost; hopefully there'll be more cash for future issues. The front page is not yet finished – it shows the 'two faces of Totterdown', and focuses on work needing to be done on the negative. Ads from Verve properties, 3 self employed local people, and a few shops are included. Two articles are still in the pipeline. Kerry has sent information about VPAG/Victoria Park activities to be included.

Circulation of the newsletter should be swift and it was noted that there were enough committee members to get it done.

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The next meeting is at 7:30pm on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2006 at a venue to be confirmed