

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

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING 13 JUNE 2006

Held at Assilah Bistro – our thanks to Bridget

PRESENT:	Tim Sterling	Stephen Petter
	Patrick Hulme	Matt Birnie
	Kate Pollard	Marilyn Webb
	Suzanne Audrey	Jane Burgoyne
	Margaret Davis	Terri Davey
	Ed Bramall	Chloe Rigby
	Jonathan Wright	Sue Avent
	Hayley Williams	

APOLOGIES:	Sabi Gosden	Richard Jones
	Johanna Holmes	Kate Stonham
	Kerry Chester	Adam Baddley
	Helen Stirling	Samantha Gaudion
	Steve Sayers	Greg Moss

1. INTRODUCTIONS & WELCOME

Everyone introduced themselves and Tim welcomed all members

2. BRISTOL ARENA

Steve reported that there had been delays in the agreement between SWRDA and BWA, putting plans back for a few months. They plan to carry out the consultation over the ‘summer’ and to make the planning application in early summer ’07. There has been a good response to TRESA’s survey and, following press releases sent out, the Evening Post has responded and Star fm radio for which Steve did an interview. Thanks were extended to everyone who helped put the survey together, especially Terri Davey who organised the collection boxes.

Stephen Petter, founder and Chair of BAC (Bristol Arena Concern), reported that until recently, BAC had met monthly, maintained its website and had been effective in disseminating information in the press. Unfortunately, due to changes in the personal circumstances of leading members, BAC was unable to continue this work. Stephen commended the work on the Arena that TRESA has been doing and asked if TRESA could take over the work of BAC. However, it was noted that BAC had aimed to represent all the surrounding areas, while TRESA represents Totterdown.

3. FRONT GARDEN FESTIVAL – 15/16 JULY

Suzanne updated the news on the various projects.

- About 35 households responded to the bulky front garden waste removal. This is to be effected soon
- There are currently 8 entries for the Front Garden Competition on Saturday 15th. We have agreed to include the Shakespeare’s garden, too.
- There are about 8 stalls so far for the market on Sunday 16th.

- Warwick at The Shakespeare has accepted the challenge of playing garden related music on Friday 14th July.
- Other events include Hayley's street dance session/s and a story-telling session for children with Totterdown writer, Sean Taylor –with possible use of the former Sunflower Café room for this if too wet or too noisy outside.
- After the meeting, Bridget (Assilah manager) said she may be able to organise belly dancing and flamenco displays by her class members and maybe juggling

The intention is to site many of the activities on Zone N where the market is due to happen. However we will need a licence to do so and also public liability insurance, which for the day would cost £55 if using the company which VPAG uses. It was decided, in view of the scale of events now, to apply for the licence and to acquire public liability insurance if possible to cover TRESA activities for a year.

We need volunteers on or before the 16th to help with pre Festival publicity, signs to go on stalls, making/acquiring bunting, stewarding the market, (the licence application required 5 over the whole site) etc. (Any offers, please email Kate or Suzanne or ring Kate on 9776744.)

4. TALK OF TOTTERDOWN

This has now been printed and circulated. There has been very positive feedback. The following points were raised:

- A 'noisy neighbours' nuisance article was requested. (Maybe this is a Lavender Broom project?)
- Re funding it – the Lounge company sponsored the current issue. We need to explore funding for future issues. Those interested in helping with this, please email Margaret

5. WASTE TRANSFER STATION NUISANCE

Margaret outlined the background of this localized (6-10 upper Totterdown streets affected) blight. The problems are of noise at unsocial hours, every day including bank holidays, rising up from these stations at St Philips. TRESA has publicised this issue in the recent Talk of Totterdown. It was also noted that petitions can be set up on-line at the Bristol City Council website. People interested in, please email Margaret.)

6. CURRENT PROGRAMME/FUTURE INITIATIVES

The following initiatives were discussed:

- A number of local residents have expressed concerns about activities in and around the Oxford pub.
- A naming Zone N competition at the Front Garden Festival.
- TRESA could compile a directory of local skills and businesses as a separate publication from Talk of Totterdown.

7. NEXT MEETING

We will email date and venue for this. Meanwhile, if members have suggestions and feedback in general or agenda items for the next meeting, please email them to Kate or ring 9776744 with them.