

**Totterdown Residents Environmental & Social Association (TRESA)
Minutes of the meeting held
at the Oxford Inn on 23 August 2006 at 7.30pm**

1. PRESENT

Committee members: Tim Sterling, Suzanne Audrey, Steve Sayers, Patrick Hulme, Ed Bramall

Members and guests: Jonathan Wright, David Gaunt, Jo Woodcock, Cllr Mark Bailey

2. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Kate Pollard, Bridgett Everett, Terri Davey, Margaret Davis, Helen Stirling, John and Ian Bouncer

3. TOTTERDOWN SQUARE SURVEY

Suzanne explained that a number of residents have expressed concerned about the area around Oxford Street shops ('Totterdown Square'). The purpose of the TRESA survey is to find out what the main issues are and assess the level of concern. Due to cost constraints the survey will not be put through every door in Totterdown. 500 copies have been printed. Cllr Mark Bailey was thanked for his help. Batches of the survey with posting boxes will be left at specific shops and businesses (Steve offered to give details of businesses where most of the Arena Surveys were posted). In addition Suzanne plus other volunteers will set up a table near the shops and ask people to fill in the survey. This will also be an opportunity to recruit new members. **Action: SA**

4. ARENA SURVEY

The response was excellent. Steve has summarised the results which are available from the website, and can be obtained in hard copy from TRESA on request. An article about the survey will be on the front page of the next issue of the Talk of Totterdown. Parking and traffic issues were the main concerns. It appears that SWRDA will begin consultation in the autumn. TRESA will continue to monitor progress and attempt to ensure that the views of Totterdown residents are taken into consideration. Steve will draft a list of key points for circulation and agreement, to form the basis of TRESA's case during the consultation process. Mark Bailey asked that a copy of the report and a letter of thanks for help with the printing be sent to Steve Perry, Head of Planning. **Action: SS**

5. ZONE N

Tim reported that an application for Town Green status has been submitted. It was accepted and circulated to local councillors but then the City Council solicitor emailed to say that it was not a valid application. Concerns were expressed about the way this application was being handled. It was agreed that Tim would continue to pursue the application on behalf of TRESA and the many residents who support it. **Action: TS**

6. TALK OF TOTTERDOWN

Margaret has indicated that the next issue is almost ready for printing and should be ready for distribution at the beginning of September. **Action: MD**

It was agreed that Ed would email members to try to recruit more people to cover delivery routes e.g. their own street + one other. **Action: EB**

Suzanne reported that a financial statement for 2005-2006 has been prepared in case it is required for future grant applications, and that the electronic 2006-2007 financial statement is also up-to-date. Thanks to a grant application made by Kate plus local advertising, there are sufficient funds to cover the next issue of Talk of Totterdown..

7. MEMBERSHIP

There are currently 62 members. It is anticipated that new members will join when the next issue of the Talk of Totterdown is distributed, and as a result of the ‘Totterdown Square’ survey.

8. MEMBERS IDEAS

David explained that he had attended the meeting because of his concerns about traffic relating to the arena development. He also said it would be helpful if TRESA’s open meetings were at a regular time e.g. the last Wednesday of the month, and at a specific venue. It was agreed that this should be regularised. However, meeting at different venues in Totterdown had been interesting and potentially helpful in highlighting TRESA’s presence throughout the area, and in establishing contact with a variety of venues and businesses.

Jo suggested that Zone N might be a suitable venue for a TRESA exhibition/event at the art trail. It was agreed that this was a good idea and should be pursued. Mark said that VPAG have some pagodas that they might be willing to lend to TRESA for the art trail weekend.

9. WASTE TRANSFER

The planning meeting took place today but, since the relevant report had not been available on the website, a decision could not be made and was deferred for another month. A letter is to be sent from TRESA in support of local residents objections. **Action: PH**

10. NEXT MEETING

Not set – we will email you nearer the time with this

Those present agreed the following points to be put on the website:

ACTION POINTS FOR WEBSITE

The following action points were agreed for the website:

- Arena Survey: key points arising from the survey to be summarised for further local consultation in order to produce a list of important issues which TRESA will take forward during the consultation process.
- Zone N: Application for Town Green status for the land in front of the YMCA building to be pursued.
- Totterdown Square: Survey to be undertaken August-October with a view to collecting residents views about ways to improve the area around Oxford Street shops.
- Waste transfer stations: a letter to be sent on behalf of TRESA expressing concerns about the impact of expansion on local residents.
- Totterdown Art Trail: TRESA to investigate the possibility of making a contribution to the 2006 art trail with an exhibition or event on Zone N.