

# **Notes of TRESA Members' Meeting**

**21 August 2007**

Present. Tim, Helen, Suzanne, Kate, Patrick, Jonathan, Martyn Trowbridge, Adam Baddeley, David Larcombe, Connor, Jenny

Apologies. Ed, Steve and Margaret

Tim welcomed everyone to the meeting and agreed to thank Totterdown Baptist Church for letting us have free use of their meeting room.

## **Finance**

Margaret had prepared the following which was read out in her absence.

Current balance = £542.75 of which £99.04 = protected Totterdown Square Project income and £220 = protected Talk of Totterdown income

Additional income = £20 from an advert not yet received by treasurer and banked

Additional expenditure = £190 for autumn newsletter

Donation = £5 received with thanks from FOSBR

Following the Finance Sub-Group meeting on 17 July, it was agreed to keep a rolling reserve of £200 in the bank for the printing of Talk of Totterdown. The way this will work is, of the current £220 protected ToT income, £190 will pay for the autumn issue, leaving £30 of protected income towards the Winter issue. So the next £170 of advertising and sponsorship will be protected/reserved to pay for printing of the following ToT. I hope that makes sense.

Current Grant applications are 2 Quartet applications, one for TRESA 'infrastructure' and the other for training of members to build TRESA's core competencies, the People's Millions School Road park application and the Publishing grant application.

## **Arena update**

There was no news on the proposed arena development.

## **Bellevue Terrace Allotments**

No decisions made as yet. The situation is still developing. Various options are being investigated and discussed.

## **School Road Park**

The grant application has succeeded in passing the first stage.

There is an e-petition on the Bristol City Council website concerning the S106 money from the nearby re-development of the Wells Road petrol station. TRESA continues to strongly consider that this money should all be ring-fenced and used exclusively for the improvement of the School Road Park.

There was some discussion concerning how best to encourage people to support this. It was felt that it would be best to work with, or via, Alice from the School Road Park group. Adam offered to pursue this.

## **Bath Road Petrol Station Site**

There is a planning application for a large re-development of the petrol station site on the Bath Road at the Totterdown Bridge. Details of this, and other planning applications, are available on the Bristol City Council website and at [www.ukplanning.com](http://www.ukplanning.com).

It was noted that this seems to be an intensive development and that we thought it should be in keeping with the local environment. We also had concerns about height, density, traffic issues and the use of Section 106 money. Patrick very kindly agreed to draft a response along these lines on our behalf.

It was also agreed that it would be good to liaise with other concerned groups including the Three Lamps Residents Association (Bridget Everett).

## **Talk of Totterdown**

Members were asked for feedback and this was positive. David offered to deliver to Windsor Terrace and Jenny agreed to deliver to Oxford Street.

## **Totterdown Market & Garden Festival**

Members were asked for feedback and this was positive. Various stallholders were interested taking part in any future markets. Entries to the garden festival were considered exceptional.

## **Totterdown Square**

Suzanne reported that weeding is ongoing.

Whilst we know who the tenants/leaseholders and agents are, we still haven't identified the owner of the site. Jenny offered to search the land registry on our behalf.

It was noted that William Hill do not provide ash trays for customers outside their betting shop whereas they used to provide facilities within the shop. This seems to have resulted in lots more outdoor smoking with lots of extra cigarette stubs in the newly enhanced flowerbeds. There is also a problem with discarded blue pens from the shop.

Providing no outside cigarette bins is, apparently, William Hill's national policy and this could form the basis of a Talk of Totterdown article.

The plastic bottle recycling bank continues to attract rubbish. All stakeholders have agreed that it's not in the best place. It was noted that there is a weekly clear-up of rubbish but that the site was still often unsightly and unhygienic.

Suzanne is hoping to get good quality recycled street furniture (benches, bins and cycle racks). She outlined a conceptual scheme for using these and this was well received.

## **Fly Tipping**

Martyn reported frequent fly tipping on the grass verge alongside St Lukes Road. However, it is owned by BCC highways dept but maintained by BCC parks dept. As such, rather frustratingly, the Council had had difficulty in working out who ought to remove the rubbish.

Particular in view of the compulsory purchase of much of Totterdown in the 1960s and 70s, it might be helpful in future if the ownership of such sites could be

identified. Martyn offered to draft an article on these issues for the Talk of Totterdown.

### **Art Trail**

This year the Art Trail will extend up the Wells Road and will include The Oxford pub and local Churches. It is also likely to include more outdoor events.

### **Street Fair**

There is going to be a Street Fair in Arnos Street. It was agreed that it would be good to have a TRESA presence there. Kate and Margaret offered to pursue this and Ed and Richard would be asked if they would be prepared to be involved.

### **Daffodils**

Tim noted that Totterdown's annual crop of daffodils always made the place look particularly fantastic for a couple of months in the Spring. TRESA had planted several hundred which the Council had kindly supplied in 2005 and it would be good to repeat this. Tim undertook to ask our Councillors if they could help with a fresh supply.

### **Date of the next members' meeting**

The date of the following meetings are set as 23 Oct, 12 Dec (AGM)