

**Minutes of 24April 2006 – TRESA Committee Meeting****TOTTERDOWN RESIDENTS  
ENVIRONMENTAL & SOCIAL ASSOCIATION (TRESA)****MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING 24 April 2006**

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**PRESENT:****The following committee members were present:**

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

**The following members and guests were present:**

Kate Stonham  
Jane Burgoyne  
Terri Davey  
Deborah Gubbay  
Richard Jones  
Naomi Berry  
Athene Lane  
Gerry King  
Abi Welsh

**1 & 2. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES**

The Chair introduced the meeting and stated that the minutes of the last committee meeting would not be agreed at this one owing to time constraints. Apologies had been received from Ed Bramall, Helen Sterling, and Kerry Chester.

**3. INTRODUCTIONS**

The committee was introduced to the meeting. Several members and non-members were present at the meeting. The Chair briefly described the aims and objectives of TRESA and handed round copies of the constitution. The Community Police Support Officer had asked to attend but had not arrived after all. A contacts list was sent round in order to obtain details of the attendees.

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### 4. WEBSITE

Steve reported that the Website was now up and running, and would contain more information and news as it materialised. He indicated that money would be required to cover the cost of ISP hosting fees. The meeting thanked Steve for all the hard work that had gone into setting up the site.

### 5. TALK OF TOTTERDOWN

Margaret explained that the first issue of ToFT had been successfully launched and distributed. The next edition would be issued in June. She indicated that although articles were welcome most of the space for the June edition had already been filled. There was some discussion about the problems of space in the newsletter and the difficulty of finding space for more adverts, which would bring in revenue.

The next issue would have a front page article giving the pros and cons of the Arena proposals and also prominent Garden Festival promotion. 15<sup>th</sup> May was the deadline for copy. 4 issues a year are planned, but funding needs to be found. The previously suggested Lottery Grant of up to £5,000 would cover 1 year and also a business directory supplement. Margaret circulated a delivery rounds list to facilitate the delivery of the June edition.

### 6. FRONT GARDEN FESTIVAL

Suzanne reported that the Garden Competition sub-group had met and were working behind the scenes. It had been decided to change the name to the Front Garden Festival, as coined by Steve on the website, as several events were proposed to take place over the weekend of 15/16 July. In addition to posters, a leaflet had been produced and was being delivered to possible contestants to encourage them to nominate themselves. If no nominations were received from this source they would be nominated by the Front Garden working group. Suzanne had negotiated a suitable DIY centre 10% off voucher for a year as a prize. Work was being done to engage local businesses and pubs in the Festival and to have a market event with stalls around either TESCO or the YMCA during that weekend.

Kate stated that she was attempting to arrange a music event on the 15<sup>th</sup> May at Bocabar with the group Babel. Margaret said that Streetdance (who advertise in Talk of Totterdown) were interested in arranging a street event.

Tim suggested that the festival could provide an opportunity for guerrilla gardening as well as clean-ups – the planters outside Tesco's redeveloped (was a Bristol in Bloom award a possible means?) and a Thunderbolt Steps area clean-up were suggested as likely sites. Suzanne is arranging a collection of front garden rubbish to be arranged by the Councillors who may be able to obtain a fee amnesty for this. Any nominations for improving further “grot spots” should be e-mailed to the Garden sub-group.

[The Garden sub-group will continue to pursue these activities.](#) Any suggestions or offers of help to Kate or Suzanne please.

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### 7. ARENA CONSULTATION

Steve reported that he had been endeavouring to find out what stage plans were at from the various parties involved. The amount of information coming out was sparse. He understood that Jeff Bishop had been appointed to organise the consultation process scheduled to start this May and leading to the planning application in the Autumn. SWRDA and the property group Savills were both involved in the development. [Steve would endeavour to keep people up-to-date with events.](#)

At the last TRESA meeting there had been a delegation from Bristol Arena Concern (BAC). TRESA committee members had also attended BAC meetings. BAC is very small but does represent the interests of all the surrounding and affected areas – the Dings, Redcliffe, Windmill Hill, St Philips. The committee explained that it felt that it was not the job of TRESA to support BAC, but to act as a research group to access as much information as possible and to flag up the negative impact of increased traffic of all kinds and parking problems such as are now experienced at Ashton Gate when a concert is on; also to raise common concerns and interests such as the introduction of a Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ). TRESA could look for as many positive outcomes such as a riverside cycle/pedestrian path around the Arena site to Temple Meads from Totterdown; as well it could act as a conduit for some of the necessary consultation, eg in Talk of Totterdown. It may be possible to raise funds from the consortium for this, given that Talk of Totterdown reaches around 2000 homes.

The possibility of writing a survey style article was discussed, asking questions on the Arena where residents could express their preferences on the scheme. [It may be possible for Margaret to include such a survey as part of a ToT article.](#)

### 8. OTHER POSSIBLE INITIATIVES

A regular market for Totterdown. Suzanne considered that it would be better to concentrate now on the Garden Festival market to act as a model for future markets, if successful prior to venturing onto more ambitious market projects.

Jazz Festival. Kate said she was still hoping to find a regular venue to hold music events, such as happened at Front Room Art Trail. There was now the possibility of Bocabar and the Lounge. A discussion followed about the Oxford pub, which had so much trouble recently and which Suzanne had an ambition to rehabilitate through community focussed activities. She reported that the landlady has expressed the opinion that only security on the door would deal with the pub's problems. It was considered that this would also be a good music venue. However Enterprise Inns the brewery were likely to close it. Kate said that she had been trying to contact Ian Storrer who formerly ran the Albert Hole to see if any interest could be generated in either using this pub or other venue in Totterdown for music.

### 9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Margaret mentioned that there had been a spate of Graffiti recently in Totterdown, and asked if anything could be done about it. She had been advised that her plans to raise it as an issue in Talk of Totterdown might backfire.

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The date and venue of the next members meeting will be relayed via an e-mail from Kate. It was noted that there were many members and non-members present and in the meantime, any ideas, suggestions and offers of support would be welcome.