

Totterdown Residents' Environmental and Social Association (TRESA)

Notes of Committee Meeting 23rd January 2007

PRESENT: Tim Sterling, Helen Sterling, Patrick Hulme, Kate Pollard, Suzanne Audrey, Steve Sayers, Margaret Davis, Ed Bramall, Richard Jones.

APOLOGIES: None

1. Minutes & matters arising

There were no minutes from the previous meeting since it concerned only arrangements for the AGM. Notes of the AGM will not be approved until the next AGM.

2. Membership

Ed reported that there are now 73 members of TRESA with a small flurry following the successful promotion with Kate's 'Totterdown Rising' book. Members joining since October 06 will have their membership automatically extended through 2007. Other members will be chased to renew.

Richard raised the possibility of applying for funding to support publications (for example buying a large number of books), which could then be sold for the benefit of TRESA. **Action:** Richard will explore this opportunity further.

3. Finance

A financial report was circulated by Margaret. It was agreed to set the 25 November as the start of the TRESA financial year to tie in with the date that the organisation was formed. It was agreed to ensure that any funding bids should be passed by the committee before being submitted in order to avoid clashes between different projects.

4. Talk of Totterdown

Margaret has handed over the fund-raising, editorial and distribution of the Talk of Totterdown over to Richard who will now edit the newsletter. The editorial committee that previously worked on Talk of Totterdown will continue to support Richard (members Suzanne, Patrick, Margaret). Richard will attempt to secure regular advertisers. TRESA members will be mailed asking if anyone would like to become more involved. The Bristol newsletter forum awards take place on 1 March. Margaret, Kate, Patrick and Suzanne will attend. Richard will write articles about Maggie's receipt of an OBE and the street party planned around Vale St & Balmain St.

5. Zone N

After objections from Bristol City Council and others the application for town green status was withdrawn. Part of what is apparently the green is actually still designated as public highway, which will complicate any further development (of any kind) on the site.

6. Totterdown Square

20 copies of the report written up by Suzanne have been made and will be distributed to venues in the area. It will also be made available online. Outcomes include an agreement to reposition the plastic recycling bin and permission to remodel the planters (funding will need to be raised to do this).

7. Bristol Arena

No news has emerged from the meeting between SWERDA, the City Council and developers on 15 December, despite requests. Steve has submitted a request under the freedom of information act to attempt to find more information from the city. Steve will be attending a meeting of the Bristol Neighbourhood Planning Network on 27 Jan. This is a new group aiming to share experience of dealing with planning issues.

8. Bellevue Allotments

Steve has received support from the City Council allotments office in pursuing the possibility of reviving the disused allotments at the end of Bellevue Rd. The land that they are on is unfit for growing food due to contamination. It will cost around £40,000 to make it fit for use. The next steps are to investigate funding opportunities (probably through the Landfill Tax Credit Scheme) and to contact the land owners (assumed to be Network Rail). Richard suggested the Allotment Regeneration Initiative (ARI) may be interested to assist in the project.

9. School Road Park Grant

Ed has submitted a grant to the lottery fund 'Breathing Places' for an urban nature trail at the School Road park.

10. Stanley Road

Tim met with Martyn Trowbridge regarding the rat running on Stanley Road and came to the conclusion that the best solution would be to ban the left turn from the A4 onto Angers Road. Martyn has since decided to leave the area. Unless another champion of this project comes forward it is unlikely to be taken to fruition.

11. T-Mobile phone mast

Bridget of the 3 Lamps association had expressed concern that a mast was to be placed on the Wells Road near to Tesco. T-mobile have appeared unwilling to engage in dialogue with the residents about the positioning of the mast, though have sent a standard letter in response to queries. TRESA will support action to request that T-mobile contributes to landscaping in the area of the mast to improve the local streetscape.

12. Spring Clean

The Council has requested nominations for areas of the city in need of a spring clean. Totterdown Square will be nominated.

13. Victorian lamp posts

Margaret will draft a letter to come from TRESA requesting information about two lamp posts that have been marked with yellow dots (possibly for replacement).

14. Dates of Future Meetings

Committee meetings
Tue 27 March
Tue 22 May
Tue 17 July

Members meetings
Tue 27 Feb
Tue 24 Apr
Tue 26 Jun