

# TRESA Committee meeting

27 March 2007

## Apologies

Ed, Steve, Kate, Helen, Richard

## Minutes of last meeting

It was suggested that minutes could not be agreed at the open meeting (held every 2 months). Therefore the "ordinary" committee meeting held every 2 months would need to agree the minutes of the previous 2 meetings.

These could not be agreed as the meeting was not quorate.

Suzanne asked if we had a "minute book." The consensus was that we did not. Suzanne wondered if it would be a good idea if we had a folder for the minutes that could be on display at meetings.

## Membership

The membership secretary was unable to attend the meeting. Margaret agreed to ask Ed to provide a membership report and check with him about circulating information to TRESA members. **Action: Margaret**

## Finances

Margaret stated that there was £497.50 in the bank. Suzanne handed over £20 from Jim Tigwell for an advert in the Talk of Totterdown.

## Newsletter

The latest edition of the talk of Totterdown had been issued. The meeting welcomed Richard's enthusiasm and good work and gave some feedback. It was agreed to organise an editorial meeting to discuss matters arising from the latest newsletter.

## Website

Although Steve was not at the meeting the rest of the committee acknowledged that £24 of hosting fees had been paid for the web site. The meeting expressed their thanks to Steve for maintaining such a successful web-site.

## Totterdown Square

Suzanne stated that good progress had been made on the flower beds. Some roots still needed to be cleared and top-soil was available. However maximum effort was required on Saturday (31 March), as plants need to go in shortly. It was agreed to have a working party from about 10am to 12.00 noon. To get maximum number of volunteers it was agreed that all members (on email) should be contacted to ask them to volunteer. Patrick agreed to do this.

## Action: Patrick

Tesco had donated £200 of vouchers, which Tim agreed to purchase – the money being used for plants. The Evening post could be contacted to do a feature with photos. In regard to Tesco and their assorted trolleys at the Wells Road side of the building – the area manager had tentatively agreed to move these. However, his hand would be strengthened if we had

numerous complaints from members of the public. These were to be emailed to Suzanne who would then forward them on to the manager. It would help in particular if Councillors complained.

Suzanne had cleared out the drains to alleviate the flooding position on the square. Essentially it was a landlord issue, and tenants (like Tesco) should put pressure on them. However, it was believed that if the situation caused sufficient public disquiet and nuisance the Council could intervene.

## **School Road Park**

Alice Cabbanas had contacted Suzanne saying she would be interested in getting involved in improving the park. Suzanne had passed this email onto Ed asking him to contact Alice direct.

## **Relationships with other groups**

### TACA and T&NCCG

These groups were to hold their AGM's shortly. Although members were welcome to attend as observers, it was not the policy of TRESA to get involved in any of these groups.

### Perrets Park Group

This was a new group that had been set up to improve the park, and a meeting had been held at Totterdown Baptist Church. Tim would keep us updated.

### Victoria Park Action Group (VPAG)

VPAG had written an article for Talk of Totterdown. We would keep in contact with them.

## **Zone N**

Tim had written a letter to the Council. Suzanne asked if another application for Town Green status could be made showing the new (smaller) boundaries. Tim said that it could in theory, but he was not intending to at the moment. It would require a lot more paper work.

However, Tim did have plans for a planting initiative on Zone N and he would write an article for Talk of Totterdown.

## **Arena**

Steve had sent an email showing a response from SWRDA stating that the hoardings had been removed and were being renovated because of storm damage. The email also revealed that the funding problem for the Arena has not yet been resolved.

## **Bath Road Bridge Safety**

There followed a long discussion on whether a speed camera could be erected or other safety measures introduced. Tim, with his experience in traffic management stated that a mobile camera could be introduced on the grounds of public concern. However, others felt that this was not enough and a permanent camera or other speed limit signs were required. Tim was to contact the council to see if they have any figures related to speed on this stretch of road. If not it may be possible to do our own speed check.

**Action: Tim**

## **Litter**

Adam Badderley offered to organise a litter-pick on Wells Road, and to attach some anti-litter signs – possibly designed by local children. The committee thought it was a great idea.

Margaret agreed to ask him to draft an email to circulate to the membership and to advertise on TRESA website.

**Action: Margaret**

## **Garden Festival**

Kate had advised that our public liability insurance ran out in mid-July. If we were to hold the garden festival on the weekend of 7/8 July we would still be covered by the insurance.

Suzanne made the point that unless the whole committee got involved and were prepared to at least organise an aspect of the festival there was no point in organising it – as it was too much to ask an individual or even a working party to organise all the events. Suzanne agreed to email the committee with a list of tasks for each committee member to consider.

**Action Suzanne:**

There was no time for Any Other Business – the meeting finished at 10.30.