

# **TRESA Members' Meeting**

**26 June 2007**

Present. Tim, Helen, Suzanne, Kate, Margaret, Ed, Patrick, Steve, Martyn, Jonathan, Richard, Tim introduced two new members - Nick and also Alice (from School Road Park improvement group)

Apologies. None

## **Membership**

Ed reported that membership currently stands at nearly 100 - he would be having a TRESA stall for Garden Festival on Saturday.

## **Vacant Committee post**

Jonathon was elected unopposed.

## **Planning**

There was discussion surrounding the £59,000 expected section 106 money from the proposal to build flats on the old Texaco site. It was understood that the money was already in the Council's coffers and to get our hands on this for School Road park would require local residents pressurising the council. It was agreed that Tim would send a TRESA letter to the council and also residents were to be encouraged to write to Peter Wilkinson at the council (parks dept.)

## **Arena update**

Steve reported that there was no news on the proposed arena development.

## **Allotment project**

Noel Lambert has picked up the lead for the project with a small network of people taking action forward. A meeting had been held among about a dozen residents of Bellevue Road. At the meeting it had been decided that keeping the space as a wildlife reserve may be preferable to turning it over to allotments.

Steve will follow up with Noel for more detail of what happened at the meeting and recommend a position for TRESA at the next committee meeting. Steve will modify the TRESA website to reflect the new position.

It was note that if the residents wish this to be a private space then it will probably not be possible to apply for grant funding.

## **Totterdown Square**

Suzanne reported that the planters would be weeded for the garden festival and that some funds remain to be spent on the square.

The possibility of placing more street furniture in the square in such a way as to reduce its amenability to use for ball games is being investigated. This should reduce damage to guttering and plants by balls.

The fact that the area is privately owned makes it more difficult to raise funds for changes.

## **Finance**

Current balance in the bank after allowing for expenses on the latest newsletter is approximately £200. Members with finance skills were invited to volunteer to join the finance group.

The publishing grant had been returned by the lottery as the chosen referee was not deemed to be sufficient. The grant will be resubmitted with a new referee.

## **School Road Park**

A decision on the Big Lottery fund grant bid is expected in August. Alice is about to launch a consultation with local residents with the support of the City Council to determine what improvements people would like to see.

One area for lobbying is to push the Council to allocate the money given over by the developers of the Texaco garage site on Wells Road (under section 106 rules) to use the funds for local improvements rather than it going into a general pot. All members were encouraged to write to the council to lobby for the funds to be used locally.

It was agreed that Alice, and other residents who were members of TRESA concerned with the development of School Road Park, would constitute a subgroup of TRESA.

**Action:** Tim will write to the council to urge use of section 106 money locally. Ed will email membership to encourage the same. Steve will use copy supplied by Alice to put an article on the website to the same effect. Alice will circulate a copy of the proposal to the TRESA committee members.

## **Garden Festival**

18 stalls had signed up for the market with a few others expected to join in. This promised an active market, despite the wet weather forecast. It may prove a good template for a monthly market.

10 entries had been received for the garden competition. Judges and prizes were still to be decided. Litter picking would go ahead in limited areas. Bulky waste removal seemed unlikely to happen this year because of changes within the council.

A band was scheduled to play at the Shakespeare at lunchtime.

## **VPAG**

Victoria Park action group are undertaking a consultation on the future use of the park. Totterdown residents are encouraged to take part. Forms for responses are available on the VPAG website.

## **Newsletter**

Production and distribution of this issue had not been as slick as hoped. Outstanding copies should be delivered by this Wednesday evening.

## **Street furniture audit**

Martyn invited members to contribute to the audit of historic street furniture that he was about to reinstate.

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

The date of the following meetings are set as 21 Aug, 23 Oct, 12 Dec (AGM)

