

TRESA Committee Meeting

17th July 2007

Present. Tim, Helen, Margaret, Jonathon, Patrick, Ed

Apologies. Suzanne, Kate, Steve

Previous Minutes

Minutes for May and June meetings approved.

Membership

Over 10 new members joined at the garden festival. Now approx. 102 members.

Finance

Current funds are £279, unprotected funds (£64 from the doughnuts Tesco sold at garden festival) and £99.04 unspent from the Totterdown square project. Finances discussed: could consider inviting a voluntary contribution in addition to the annual subs of £2 (to be discussed further); Kate suggested a benefit gig at the "Star & Dove": Grant applications for gazebos, chairs, tables etc to support future activities to be considered. Insurance is an issue. Suzanne is seeking quotes and we will renew, cost permitting.

Talk of Totterdown

The aim is to make the T of T more financially sustainable and possibly to make a small profit with sponsorship and adverts.

Patrick and Suzanne are due to meet the Mosque committee with a view to making links with the local Muslim population and preparing a 'Behind The Doors' article.

Arena update

No further info.

Totterdown Square

The plants are doing well and local residents have given positive feedback. Suzanne is continuing to seek funding for street furniture for the square. Art work in the square was discussed – issues: design; opening to tender; prioritising funds.

Garden Festival

Very successful despite the rain. The committee agreed that a regular market would be a good idea although organisation would be an issue. It should be self-funding and should not be detrimental to existing local businesses.

Use of meeting places in Totterdown

There was lack of clarity as to how the church buildings in Totterdown are being used and some members had a concern that they "have a lot of space and it would be good to ... make better community use of it". Can TRESA work together with the churches to utilise any of the facilities, bearing in mind that the buildings are owned and maintained by the churches? Youth work was a particular interest.

Tim & Helen agreed to find out how Totterdown Methodist, Totterdown Baptist & Holy Nativity Church of England used their buildings and their thoughts on joint working. They will also prepare an article on this for the T of T.

Roles of Committee Members

1. Secretary to coordinate arranging members meeting and venues, and jointly with chair, prepare an agenda.
2. As a target, the Membership Secretary should be notified of meeting venues at least 2 weeks before members meetings so that the members can then be notified with good notice. The agenda can be sent with less notice. It was agreed that it would be good to have the date and venue of the subsequent meeting available for each public meeting although, given the current preference to try different venues, it was also recognised that this may not always be possible.

School Road Park

Copy of "People's Millions" grant application is held by treasurer for our records. There is now a petition to lobby councillors re:S106 money.

Publishing Award

Proceeding with application

Other business

Ed – Would like to find an interactive way of looking at Totterdown's Carbon Footprint

Margaret – Distribution list for T of T being compiled.

The date of the next member's meeting is Tuesday 21st August 2007 at 7:30pm at Totterdown Baptist Church.