

Minutes of TRESA General Meeting – 17.6.08

Present: Suzanne Audrey (Chair), Nick Walters, Anne Solieke, Penny Darnton, Alf Havvock, Steve Sayers, Andrew Cowler, Anne Silber, Andrew Hawkey, Ed Bramall, Margaret Davis, Conny Kowalczyk, Alex Denman, Mary Takahama, Patrick Hulme, Catherine Mazza, Eleanor Glover, Veronica Harris, Mark Fletcher, Luke MacFadyen, Martyn Trowbridge, Colin Bird, Sue Beale, James Lynch, Julian Noble, Mark Bailey.

Apologies: Allan Keen, Alice Pollet, Jonathan Wright

1. Welcome and introductions

Suzanne welcomed members to the meeting and introduced the committee.

2. Members' concerns

Publicity of TRESA through Myspace was discussed. Andrew Hawkey to liaise with Steve Sayers over this.

3. Treasurer's report

£10 has been received in subs this month. £10.82 in interest over the same period. Income from Talk of Totterdown advertisements is expected soon. The pros and cons of setting up an ethical bank account were discussed. It was agreed that James Lynch would draw up some criteria against which the committee will make a decision.

4. Membership Secretary's report

93 members have now fully paid. 65 subs remain unpaid. Margaret Davis has sent out reminders.

5. Update on TRESA activities:

a. Garden Festival 2008

Garden Awards have been distributed through the Talk of Totterdown. Judges have been identified. It was suggested that TRESA should enter for a Bristol in Bloom neighbourhood award next year. A number of stalls have been secured for the market, but more are welcome. Weeding of the planters and litter-picking will also take place. It was suggested that advice on recycling and rubbish should be included in a future edition of the Talk of Totterdown.

b. School Road Park

The lease has been signed by Ed and Alice. Avon Wildlife Trust workshops are under way at Hillcrest School. Detailed designs are being completed, after which further consultation will take place.

c. Totterdown Square

Street furniture will soon be available for viewing so we can agree where in the Square it should be located. Suzanne hopes to be able to make some progress on this in August.

d. Totterdown in Print

No representative of this project was available. However, Suzanne reported that as far as she is aware the cookbook is still on schedule, and urged everyone present to participate in the 'Totterdown Ted' activity.

e. Totterdown Book Group

The book group is going well. Some members said that they would like to take part, but do not find Sunday afternoons convenient. Anne Silber will make enquiries with the organiser, Stuart Turner, to see what arrangements can be made.

f. Website

Ideas, articles and photos to Steve Sayers (webeditor@tresas.org.uk).

6. Planning applications

Martyn explained that he cannot continue to monitor all planning applications for the whole of Totterdown alone. Nobody put their name forward at the meeting, so Ed will email round the members to see if anyone else is interested.

7. Forthcoming neighbourhood police meeting

Many local people attended the last meeting, and there is evidence that their input influenced police priorities in Totterdown over the past couple of months. TRESA members are encouraged to attend the next meeting, therefore, which will take place on 14 July at Victoria Park Bowling Club.

8. Any other business

- Extra volunteers to deliver Talk of Totterdown in Lower Totterdown and New Walls were identified.
- It was agreed that Suzanne could submit an application to Bristol City Council for a grant of up to £5000 towards a personal travel planning scheme in the area.
- Alex Denman offered to organise another treasure hunt around Totterdown. This idea was welcomed.
- The following issues were put forward as agenda items for a future meeting:
 - The benefits of trees in urban areas, and identifying sites for planting in Totterdown.
 - How Totterdown can make use of extra government funding for play provision (especially for 8-13 year olds).
- Martyn reported that he has made contact with a local resident who would like to advise (for free) on landscaping the steps and verge by St Lukes Crescent. It was agreed that he should proceed and report back to a future meeting.

Date of next general meeting: Tuesday 19 August.