

## **Minutes of TRESAcic General Meeting – 19.8.08**

**Present:** Suzanne Audrey (Chair), Steve Sayers, Catherine Mazza, Peter Daly, James Lynch, Sue Beale, Luke Macfadyen, Mark Fletcher, Anne Silber, Julian Noble, Mark Lloyd-Davies, Richard Eddy, Nick Walters, Patrick Hulme, Charles Hutchings, Martyn Trowbridge, Ed Bramall, Mia Harris, Richard Jones, CJ

**Apologies:** Margaret Davis, Colin Bird, Andrew Cowler, Mark Bailey, Alice Pollet

### **1. Welcome and introductions**

Suzanne welcomed members to the meeting.

### **2. Minutes of last meeting and matters arising**

The minutes of the meeting held on 17 June were approved as an accurate record. There were no matters arising.

### **3. School Road Park project update**

Alice provided an email update as she is on holiday. There has been a successful second round of workshops with Hillcrest School to design a butterfly and bee border, which will be planted some time next academic year. The play equipment company has been chosen following community consultation at Hillcrest School, as a result of overwhelming feedback in their favour. Equipment has been chosen following consultation at Hillcrest, with input from Bristol Parks. Management of design layout has now been handed over to John Knowlson at Bristol City Council (as they still own the park), who will have overall control of what goes in and where it goes so any queries about the precise design should now be directed to him. Seating will be built as a community project towards the end of September. Start date for build in October, with 4 week turnaround.

### **4. Members' concerns**

Anne raised the need for more urban/street trees. She will contact Richard Ennion at Bristol City Council, who is looking for potential projects to fund.

### **5. Next edition of Talk of Totterdown**

20 August is copy deadline. Anne has written an article about the psychological effects of having a green environment. Steve explained that he is happy to upload members' articles onto the website as well.

### **6. Implications of TRESAcic**

Suzanne explained that during the process of becoming a community interest company she was advised that 'association' should be removed from TRESA's full name. She proposed that the full name be changed to 'Totterdown Residents Environmental and Social Action Community Interest Company' shortened to TRESAcic for regular use. This was agreed unanimously.

Suzanne also reported that PATCOs are concerned about the possible financial and legal implications of having a community interest company registered at their address. Further advice is being sought, and Suzanne will report back to a future meeting.

The meeting agreed that an AGM would not need to be held until April 2009.

## **7. Treasurer's report**

Steve reported that the balance is healthy, with around £14500 in the bank following first payment of School Road Park project funding. Unrestricted funds in the year to date are around £1100; in the same period we have spent around £750 of unrestricted funds.

There has been some investigation of ethical bank accounts. Steve will look at this information to find out how easy it will be to transfer, and maintain access to, these accounts.

## **8. Membership Secretary's report**

No major changes on earlier months' reports.

## **9. Any other business**

Martyn circulated leaflets on simplified ways of contacting Bristol City Council and the need to confirm details for the electoral register. He also explained that some problems with antisocial behaviour and a collapsed drain in St Lukes Crescent/Road are being addressed.

There may be a competition as part of the Art Trail for wheely bin decoration. A greeting card competition is also being planned.

## **10. Cookery book launch arrangements**

Mia, Richard and CJ reported on the proposed street party, which is planned for Sunday 14 September in Totterdown Square. People who have submitted recipes will be demonstrating them and providing samples. There will be a number of stalls too. The Lord Mayor and local councillors have been invited. A poster has been produced, which Ed will circulate around TRESA members. Amendments have been made to the cookery book following proof-reading; a final proof is now available for approval.

Date of next general meeting: Tuesday 21 October.