

## **Minutes of TRESAcic General Meeting held on 21.10.08 at 7.30pm at the Star and Dove**

**Present:** Suzanne Audrey (Chair), Pete Daly, Kate Stonham, Sarah Jones, Martyn Trowbridge, Alf Havvock, Mark Bailey, Patrick Hulme, Steve Sayers, Nick Walters, Allan Keen, Lou Campbell, Margaret Davis, Ed Bramall.

**Apologies:** Catherine Mazza, Alice Pollet, Anne Silber.

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

Suzanne welcomed members to the meeting.

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

Cookery book launch went very well. Ed and Steve will co-ordinate book sales during the Art Trail (15-16 November). Pete Daly, Steve and Suzanne will organise a stall at Hillcrest Craft Fair on 29 November.

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

Work has begun, and is due to be complete in 2-3 weeks. The City Council has thinned some of the bushes, separately from the lottery-funded project, and will organise some replacement planting.

### **4. Bath Road e-petition**

An e-petition on the City Council website, posted by Suzanne on behalf of TRESA, has already received 139 signatures. This calls for section 106 monies from developments around Temple Meads to be spent on upgrading pedestrian/cycle routes over Bath Road Bridge between Temple Meads and the Three Lamps junction. TRESA members and friends are urged to show their support. Suzanne will also contact a council officer responsible for Cycle City funding.

### **5. Talk of Totterdown**

Richard Jones, the editor, has been doing a good job but is very busy and additional editorial assistance may help. Lou has some experience of desk-top publishing and put her name forward. Suzanne to contact Richard to set up a meeting.

### **6. Members' concerns**

Pete raised concerns about parking on School Road by Holy Nativity Church. Mark Bailey reported that double-yellow lines will be introduced when the flat development is complete.

Recent notification of street lighting improvements was also discussed with differing opinions expressed about the need for higher quality lighting. Concerns were raised about the City Council policy of removing and refurbishing Victorian lamp-posts for relocation in conservation areas. This part of the lighting strategy is being reviewed by the City Council.

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

Steve reported that TRESA's accounts are currently healthy and some unrestricted income is available. Around £11,000 has been received so far for the School Road Park project. Steve explained that it would cause considerable problems changing bank account in the middle of a lottery-funded project, but once it is complete it might be possible to investigate transferring to an ethical bank.

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

114 members are paid, 67 unpaid. The latest edition of Talk of Totterdown has brought forward a number of additional members.

## **9. Any other business**

- There have been a number of muggings in Victoria Park and reported drug problems in Lower Totterdown.
- Mark Bailey reported that he is trying to get rid of the graffiti on Viva Oliva. The City Council's Clean & Green team will do the work, but need the permission of the occupants, who are difficult to contact.
- Ed will send an email to members to ask for volunteers to help tidy the flower beds in Totterdown Square. Suzanne will buy some materials to reduce weed growth.
- At the recent PACT meeting it was decided that Perretts Park, Hill Avenue and Cotswold Road would be the policing priorities. The next PACT meeting will hopefully be at the Star and Dove.
- The Front Room Art Trail will take place 14-16 November, and members were urged to get involved.
- Steve complained that bike access to Victoria Park has been restricted by a new gate. An enhanced 'A-frame' will be installed in the next few weeks to rectify the situation.
- Sarah Jones has produced a report into possible improvements to St Lukes steps/verge, with a mind to make some funding applications shortly. Mark suggested she consider applying to the local neighbourhood partnership, which has £5,000 to spend. Suzanne mentioned that UWE student volunteers may also be able to help with improvements.
- Steve is looking for someone to take on editing the website. Ed will email members.
- Martyn has made contact with two people willing to monitor planning applications but more may be needed if we are going to cover the whole of Totterdown. Ed to remind members.
- Developers who submitted the planning application for a tower block on Bath Road have appealed after they were refused by the City Council. A public inquiry will probably be held.

## **10. Date of next general meeting**

Tuesday 16 December, 7.30pm upstairs at the Star and Dove.