

Minutes of TRESAcic Committee Meeting – 20.1.09

Present: Suzanne Audrey (Chair), Ed Bramall, Lou Campbell, Luke MacFadyen, James Lynch, Allan Keen, Patrick Hulme.

Apologies: Alice Cabanas, Martyn Trowbridge

1. Minutes of last meeting and matters arising

Agreed. No matters arising.

2. Plans for 2009

- Talk of Totterdown – four issues will be produced.
- School Road Park project – complete remaining elements.
- Garden Festival – Suzanne to investigate whether it is possible to combine it with the music festival to become a more general ‘Totterdown Festival’.
- Transport project – Suzanne provided an update on the number of applications for the co-ordinator that have been received and confirmed that an interview panel of Suzanne, Patrick and James would make the appointment in early February. The project is set to run for 6 months.
- Public art – an initial project to secure some kind of public art for the junction of Windsor Terrace and St Lukes Road was discussed, with some support for a Totterdown-wide approach.
- Bath Road e-petition – this will be used to campaign for improvements.
- Totterdown Square – maintenance of the planters will be needed four times during the year.
- General meetings – James suggested varying the format of the general meetings to enable members to get more involved (e.g. through small group discussions). A regular slot will be included on each agenda.

3. School Road Park project

The Lottery Fund representatives were pleased with progress when they visited yesterday. A planting day is still planned for March. Alice and Luke to meet to discuss the presentation of accounts.

4. Officer changes and handovers

Allan has settled into the role of web editor. All directors asked to supply up to date biography and photo to him. Ed to resend the committee contact list, with Luke’s new email address. Remaining committee vacancy to be held open until the AGM. New officers need to complete forms for Companies House.

5. Treasurer’s report

The accounts have been updated, and we have a balance of £13,500. Totterdown in Print account will be closed once remaining we have received payment for remaining

invoices. Lou will find out what should happen to the payment from the Primary Care Trust towards an advertisement that was never placed in the Talk of Totterdown.

The accounts for the period up until November 2008 will be presented to Companies House, then another set for November 2008 to March 2009. Thereafter they will be submitted in March of each year. Luke will check whether the accounts need to be audited, and what the requirements of the 'community report' are.

Luke will investigate whether it is possible to change our bank account to the Co-Op.

6. Membership secretary's report

Subs for 2009 are now due. Patrick has sent an email reminder but so far has only received 20 renewals. He will chase these over the next month.

7. Any other business

- The death of one of TRESA's founder members, Kate Pollard, was marked with sadness. The exceptional contribution and energy she gave to TRESA, and to the Totterdown community more widely, was recognised by everyone present. Suzanne suggested that this should be recorded in the next issue of Talk of Totterdown and through the website.
- Preparations for the Annual General Meeting need to be made at the next committee meeting.
- 'Smokey Joe's' on Totterdown Square was discussed. It was agreed that Suzanne would approach them to find out more about their plans.
- VOSCUR's training booklet was passed to Allan.
- A letter from Awards for All requesting a final report was passed to Luke.
- Ed will encourage members to respond to the West of England Partnership's waste strategy.
- Suzanne will find out more about the funding difficulties of the Methodist Church.

Date of next committee meeting: 17 March