

## **Minutes of TRESAcic General Meeting held on 17.2.09 at 7:30pm at The Star and Dove**

**Present:** Suzanne Audrey (Chair), Bernadette Lewis, Phil Horner, Hildegard Dumper, Jason Phillips, Luke MacFadyen, Ed Bramall, Patrick Hulme, Martyn Trowbridge, Sue Beale, Lou Campbell, Allan Keen, Geoff Davis, Kai Paulden, Janine Derry, Gethin Williams, Alice Cabanas, Alexandra Allen, Mark Bailey, Pete Daly, John Bowen, Jonny Williams, Lucy Holland, Nigel Wilson, Caroline Nunn.

**Apologies:** None.

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

The minutes of the last meeting were agreed. Two volunteers have come forward for vacancies on the committee – Patrick Hulme (Membership Secretary) and Luke MacFadyen (Treasurer) – so these appointments were approved. Alice provided an update on School Road Park. The planning application to convert the shop unit next to Fig One into flats has been refused, but there is still a possibility of appeal.

### **2. Planning applications – Bath Road and Wells Road**

Suzanne explained that TRESA had been approached by a developer who wants to redevelop the rank of shops on Wells Road between Holy Nativity Church and the former Texaco garage site. No planning application has been submitted yet, but the plans were circulated to members ahead of the meeting.

There was a lengthy and wide-ranging discussion of the advantages and disadvantages of the proposed scheme. Particular disappointment was expressed at the failure of the developers to consult existing businesses operating from the premises over the plans, or make provision for them during the building work. It was agreed that TRESA will oppose the resulting planning application, and will encourage its members to do the same.

Suzanne then told the meeting that the developers of the former Esso garage site on Bath Road have appealed against refusal of planning permission, so a public inquiry will take place from 18 March. Geoff presented a number of objections to the meeting and urged TRESA members to attend and voice their opposition. Alice agreed to set up a separate meeting to co-ordinate speeches at the inquiry.

Ed will circulate information to members about the waste strategy drop-in at Knowle Methodist Church Hall on 4 March.

### **3. Projects for 2009**

A big priority for 2009 is the Totterdown transport initiative, which Kai Paulden has been appointed to co-ordinate. The objectives of the project were explained, and Kai asked anyone who has ideas, or would like to volunteer help, to contact him. It was suggested that it might be a good idea to combine the transport event with the garden festival.

Hildegard highlighted the area from Thunderbolt Steps to the bottom of Park Street as needing attention (e.g. clean-ups; tree pruning). A number of potential problems with such a project were identified, due to the fact that much of the land is privately owned and working on the steep gradient may have health and safety implications. However, it was agreed that it is a valuable part of Totterdown so some action should be taken. Mark will provide contact details for the City Council's tree officer; Suzanne will tell Hildegard how to get in touch with the UWE volunteers; Hildegard will act as contact point for the project.

#### **4. Members' forum**

[Owing to the discussions above there was no time for this item].

#### **5. Treasurer's report**

Luke reported that we currently have a balance of around £13,000 - £5,000 for School Road Park, £5,000 for the transport initiative, and £3,000 unrestricted funds.

#### **6. Membership secretary's report**

Patrick reported that there are currently 179 members on the list, but only 32 have paid for 2009.

#### **7. Any other business**

None.

Date of next general meeting (AGM): 21 April.