

## **Minutes of TRESAcic Committee Meeting – 17.3.09**

**Present:** Suzanne Audrey (Chair), Ed Bramall, Lou Campbell, Luke MacFadyen, James Lynch, Allan Keen, Patrick Hulme, Martyn Trowbridge; Kai Paulden (transport initiative co-ordinator), Alf Havvock (observer).

**Apologies:** Alice Cabanas

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

Agreed. No matters arising.

### **2. Preparation for annual general meeting**

Suzanne will approach Greg's café to see if we can use it for the AGM – if it is unavailable we will use the Star and Dove. Ed will distribute notices and nomination/motion forms. Each officer needs to prepare a report that will be circulated at the meeting and published on the website subsequently.

### **3. Wells Road shops/flats development and traders association**

Luke has been in discussions with other shop owners in the area. Suzanne will investigate what funding is available to conduct an audit of local businesses and cover setup costs for a separate traders association.

### **4. Garden Festival**

This will be held on Saturday 4 July, separately from the transport initiative event. Ed will start to organise the front garden competition.

### **5. Waste strategy**

Suzanne acknowledged that TRESA should not have affiliated to Bristol Against Mass Burn Incineration without the agreement of members at a meeting.

### **6. Public inquiry**

Martyn, Geoff Davis and Philip Horner are attending and plan to speak against the proposals. Martyn raised some concerns about the precedent the development may set in relation to the land between Totterdown Bridge and Three Lamps.

### **7. Totterdown Methodist Church**

Ed reported back on a meeting he had had with the church following news of their recent financial difficulties. The situation has now eased slightly but it is still delicate. It was agreed that TRESA should do more to advertise community events held at the church, through Talk of Totterdown and the events page on the website. We will also look at what support we can give to the groups that operate from the church.

## **8. Bristol Development Framework – site allocations**

Martyn circulated the map of sites in Totterdown and discussed a number of them.

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

We currently have 179 members, 40 paid-up. 7 people have joined recently.

## **10. Treasurer's report**

We have only one outstanding invoice from Totterdown in Print. Balance is £12,700, with unrestricted income of £3,000 after purchase of computer. Luke is in process of transferring bank account to Co-Op Bank.

## **11. Website editor's report**

It was agreed to provide Allan with funds to cover the cost of web hosting, and any additional costs that come from necessary expansions to the capacity of the site. Allan has conducted analysis of visitors to the site: the most popular pages are home, followed by Totterdown, then events; 400 unique visitors are being recorded each month. He will make more use of the events page, has redesigned the home page (circulated designs were approved), and will remove some of the pages that are not being visited. Committee reminded to provide updated biographies and photos.

## **12. Talk of Totterdown**

Lou reported that the new computer is now up and running, and that she will start work on the next edition shortly. There followed a discussion of possible articles and layout, including the transport initiative insert.

## **13. School Road Park**

The area for dog walkers is now being improved with some of the benches and bins from Broadmead. New external fencing is due to be installed next week.

## **14. Transport Initiative**

Kai reported on the progress he has made so far, which includes contact with local people and shops. He is currently looking at possible location of bicycle stands near shops and is planning a walkabout with residents to identify improvements that can be made both through the initiative and in the future. There is a possibility that a further £5000 may be available through Quartet as a small grant under the Cycle City project.

It was agreed that the insert should be delivered separately from the Talk of Totterdown, in April, in order to promote the event on 17 May. Kai will co-ordinate this event but needs help (e.g. stewarding, equipment, promotion) from TRESA members.

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

The petition has now received 301 signatures, Suzanne's original target.

### **16. Any other business**

- A consultation on plans for the play area in Victoria Park has begun – see the Victoria Park Action Group website.
- The tribute to Kate Pollard will take place at the Hope Centre on 6 June.
- Martyn circulated information about a street reps scheme that operates in Horfield, suggesting that we might want to adopt aspects of it locally. This will be discussed at the AGM.

Date of next committee meeting: 19 May