

Minutes of the TRESA committee meeting held at 7.30pm on 21 July 2009 at the Star and Dove

Present: Suzanne Audrey, Luke McFadyen, Allan Keen, Alexandra Allen, Patrick Hulme, Phil Horner, Martyn Trowbridge, Kai Paulden (Transport Initiative coordinator)

Apologies: Lou Campbell, Ed Bramall

Suzanne agreed to take minutes in the absence of the Secretary.

2. Matters arising from the previous minutes

- a. Suzanne will present the Bath Road Bridge petition in September.
- b. Because of the current TRESA workload, it is not possible to appoint a Facebook administrator from amongst the committee members.
- c. Suzanne has not received any news yet about the Celebrating Age application.
- d. The Garden Festival was a great success – many thanks to all involved.
- e. Allan was thanked for the TRESA banner and display boards which have made the TRESA stall look much more ‘professional’.
- f. Ed has reported that he is working on the annual return for Companies House.

3. Transport Initiative

Kai gave a short report indicating that the Transport Initiative is almost complete. He has not had much interest in ‘travel makeovers’ but has been knocking on doors to give transport advice, and is now writing the final report. **Action: Kai**
Kai was thanked for all of his hard work on behalf of TRESA.

4. Teenage Art Project

Suzanne explained that a £500 grant has been received from the Neighbourhood Partnership for a Teenage Art Exhibition during the Front Room Art Trail. Lizzy Beech (a local teacher and artist) will be working with Lou Campbell on this project.

5. Membership report

Patrick indicated that 60 members were ‘paid up’ (including 11 members who were recruited at the garden festival). Patrick will be handing over the role of Membership Secretary to Alex when she returns from her wedding and honeymoon. **Action: Patrick and Alex**

It was agreed that the key holders for the post boxes should be Alex, when she becomes Membership Secretary, and Luke as Treasurer. Suzanne will give her key to Luke. **Action: Suzanne, Luke, Patrick, Alex**

6. Treasurer’s report

Luke reported that the changeover to the Co-operative Bank is now complete. TRESA’s finances are generally good with approximately £3,000 unrestricted funds at present (largely from sales of the cookery book). However, it was noted that funds will soon be depleted if no new income sources are found e.g. sponsors for the newsletter.

There was a discussion about internet banking –which is much easier for the Treasurer but does not meet the current criteria of requiring two signatures to make a

withdrawal/payment. No decision was made at this stage. However, the 4 debit cards that have been issued will be destroyed.

The School Road Park grant includes money to prepare the accounts for Companies House.

7. Talk of Totterdown

The latest issue is ready for delivery. **Action: All**

It was agreed that deliveries should be made to both sides of St Lukes Road.

8. School Road Park

No report was available in Alice's absence.

Luke said he understood that the grant would be 'signed off' at the end of August.

Action: **Alice and Luke**

9. Planning

Phil and Martyn are still working on a 'principles' document for TRESA.

172 Wells Road. The developer has conceded that the proposed height of the new development will take light from School Road Park, although has suggested this will only be in the winter when children are less likely to use the park. TRESA is continuing to object to the height and bulk of this development.

Waste Strategy. Phil was thanked for his considerable achievements in relation to this proposal. As a result of his efforts, there has been newspaper coverage and a meeting to discuss an incinerator on the Allmead site was very well attended. Despite some reassurances that a large incinerator will not be built, TRESA will continue to monitor the situation.

A4 junction alterations. Alex was disappointed by the response she received for the council to her email outlining a number of suggestions in relation to this junction. It does appear that the junction is being improved for the benefit of cars, rather than cyclists, pedestrians or local residents.

Bath Road bus stops. TRESA is objecting to the relocation of bus stops along the Bath Road below Totterdown. The new proposals do not appear to meet spacing guidelines and are likely to cause difficulties for Totterdown residents with mobility issues.

Tree works on St Lukes Road verge. Although most of the proposed works appear minor, one resident is very concerned about the loss of a tree, as well as possible inaccuracies in the report e.g. the naming of trees.

10. TRESA insurance

Phil has been looking at our insurance and raised concerns about legal cover in the event of, for example, malicious accusations. Following discussion, it was agreed that Phil would contact Voscur for further information and advice. **Action: Phil**

11. Venue for TRESA meetings

Suzanne has been informed that the Star and Dove restaurant is likely to reopen, although a date has not yet been confirmed. This is likely to affect TRESA meetings and a new venue may be required.

Date of next meeting

Tuesday 18th August 2009.