

## **Minutes of TRESAcic General Meeting held on 18.8.09 at 7:30pm at The Star and Dove**

**Present:** Martyn Trowbridge (Chair), Ed Bramall, Lou Boyce, Nick Walters, Mark Bailey, Luke Macfadyen, Kath Lindsay, Kate Scott, Julian Noble, Alex Allen, Gethin Williams.

**Apologies:** Suzanne Audrey, Allan Keen, Alice Cabanas, Colin Bird, Anne Silber, Phil Horner.

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

The minutes of the last meeting were agreed. No matters arising.

### **2. Celebrating Age concert**

Ed updated the meeting, on behalf of Suzanne, explaining that a free concert for people aged 60+ will take place on 1 October. Everyone will help to promote the event.

### **3. Website update**

The new website is up and running and looks great. Well done to Allan.

### **4. Talk of Totterdown deliveries**

Nick volunteered to become the hub for Middle Totterdown, but will need deliverers to come to him. Kate volunteered to be hub for Upper Totterdown. Someone is still needed to cover Lower Totterdown.

### **5. Totterdown Transport Initiative**

The project is complete but has come in under budget so some additional activities are being investigated. Kai has produced a report, which outlines the main achievements of the initiative.

### **6. Green Communities**

TRESA has been invited by the Centre for Sustainable Energy to bid to take part in a project to reduce our community's carbon footprint. Alex agreed to lead on the application and was given various suggestions as to local organisations we should approach to get involved.

### **7. Street lighting in Upper Totterdown**

Martyn explained that the City Council are conducting a consultation in Upper Totterdown into the possible replacement of street lighting. A petition and various letters from residents have been submitted in response. Mark explained that the City Council has to formally consult due to changes in the street lighting policy but that the outcome is likely to be in line with residents' wishes. It was suggested that the relevant council officer should be invited to a future general meeting to explain how the City Council plans to maintain the street lamps if it is decided that they should stay.

## 8. Greater Bristol Bus Network

The informal consultation has closed, although Alex explained that there will be formal consultation still has to be conducted. Members were unhappy at the proposals to move the location of bus stops and to remove the pedestrian crossing on Bath Road. Martyn has emailed objections, but the response from the consultation team was not encouraging. Mark suggested that TRESA members direct their objections towards Cllr Jon Rogers, the executive member responsible for transport. Alex agreed to send him an email on behalf of TRESA.

## 9. Planning applications

- a) **Former Texaco garage, Wells Road** – developer has gone bankrupt so construction has halted. Mark agreed to follow up with Knightstone Housing Association, the site owners.
- b) **172 Wells Road** – new plan have been submitted although they are broadly the same as before. Martyn and Phil are looking at them closely and will respond, but so should all members with an interest.
- c) **8 Bathwell Road** – Martyn has objected to its being turned into flats.
- d) **Scout hut behind Holy Nativity Church** – this is being sold to the same developer who owns a neighbouring site. It is unclear what kind of development will occur.

## 10. Waste strategy

Martyn explained that a revised document has been published and that the St Philips site is still included. Mark responded that it may be used as a waste transfer facility but not as an incinerator. Mark also expressed his concern that TRESA had launched the incinerator campaign without briefing him first and asked if he could be kept in the loop in future.

## 11. Members' concerns

Covered above.

## 12. Any other business

- a) **Treasurer's report** – £1800 is remaining in the School Road Park account, so Alice is planning more activities. TRESA has been awarded £500 for a youth art project as part of the Art Trail. Unrestricted funds are currently £2750 but we must fundraise or this will reduce rapidly.
- b) **Electoral registration** – Martyn promoted electoral registration.
- c) **St Peter's Hospice** – Mark circulated a petition regarding the closure of St Peter's Hospice in Knowle.
- d) **Windmill Hill City Farm** – It was agreed that their fundraising efforts should be supported.