

Minutes of TRESAcic General Meeting held on 15.12.09 at 7:30pm at The Oxford

Present: Suzanne Audrey (Chair), Ed Bramall, Luke Macfadyen, Martyn Trowbridge, Laura Burrows, Lou Boyce, Oliver Ewers, Phil Horner, Julian Noble, Mark Bailey, Allan Keen, Angie Belcher, Gethin Williams, Alex Allen, Geoff Davis, John Evans.

Apologies: Alice Cabanas, Patrick Hulme.

1. Welcome and apologies

Suzanne welcomed members to the meeting and noted two apologies.

2. Minutes of last meeting and matters arising

No minutes were taken at the October meeting so nothing could be approved or discussed.

3. Issues

a) Greater Bristol Bus Network

Martyn reported that the Bath Road bus stops are going to be relocated closer to Arnos Vale, and the pedestrian crossing is going to be removed, despite many objections from residents.

b) Planning applications

Phil reported that planning permission has been granted for 8 Bathwell Road to be converted into flats. This means the whole street will now have been converted in this way. He also explained that an application has been submitted for 200 homes on the Paintworks site, with some buildings going up to seven stories. Geoff responded that the application is an improvement on the original plans he viewed a few months ago and that overall it is a good scheme. However, there are a few issues, so Geoff and Phil will work on a response on behalf of TRESA.

4. Members' concerns

There has been a victory in the Upper Totterdown street lamps campaign, with retention and renovation of existing lamps, and some replacement of modern lamps with period ones. Mark reported that he is consulting on whether to trial dimming the lights overnight for 6 months.

St Lukes Road may possibly have been left off the Traffic Regulation Order for the 20mph zone covering Bedminster and Totterdown. Mark will investigate.

5. Projects

- Suzanne reported on the success of the Teenage Art Project and congratulated the organisers and thanked the Oxford for hosting it.
- School Road Park has finally been signed off.

- Next edition of Talk of Totterdown is due in January. All articles to Lou.

6. Officers' reports

a) Treasurer

Current balance of £2000, but we need to increase our income as this will only last one year. Alternatively, we could look to reduce our outgoings, possibly by dissolving the community interest company. Suzanne recorded the meeting's thanks to Luke, who will be standing down as Treasurer.

b) Membership Secretary

Alex reported that we currently have 69 paid up members, but 270 on our list. She will run a membership drive in 2010, and chase renewals, but would welcome any help or ideas. She also has plans to survey members, produce a monthly newsletter and make TRESA more visible in local venues.

c) Web editor

Allan requested information to go on the website, especially upcoming events.

7. Any other business

Martyn encouraged members to respond to the Local Development Framework consultation, especially to say that Totterdown's shopping facilities should be supported and developed.

Quarterly neighbourhood forums are being set up alongside the neighbourhood partnerships. It is important that TRESA engages with these bodies as more decisions are being taken at this level.