

Minutes of TRESAcic Committee Meeting – 16.3.10

Present: Suzanne Audrey (Chair), Alice Pollet, Ed Bramall, Alex Allen, Luke MacFadyen, Martyn Trowbridge, Lou Boyce, Allan Keen and Patrick Hulme.

Apologies: None.

1. Phil Horner

Phil has resigned as a director of TRESA. The committee recorded its thanks for all his work, especially with regard to planning issues.

2. Community Interest Company

Alice outlined detailed advice she has received from Avon and Bristol Law Centre, which suggests that accounting, administrative duties, directors' responsibilities, insurance costs and liability are best protected by retaining our community interest company status. After a detailed discussion it was agreed unanimously that TRESA should continue as a community interest company.

Alice will investigate the implications for having the company's registered address at a personal address.

3. Annual General Meeting

Plans for the AGM, and how to deal with director vacancies, were discussed. It was particularly felt that someone needs to replace Phil on planning issues, as a number of big applications are in the pipeline.

4. Officers' reports

- a) **Treasurer** – £2000 balance, but there are some problems with receiving monthly statements. A grant to cover some of the costs of Talk of Totterdown would be useful.
- b) **Membership Secretary** – There were not many membership requests following the last edition of Talk of Totterdown so it was agreed that the form should be made more obvious and appealing.

5. Any other business

- a) **Litter pickers** – It was agreed to provide Martyn with a cheque for £100 to cover the cost of litter pickers. The City Council will then reimburse TRESA for the same amount.
- b) **Gazebo storage** – With Ed stepping down as secretary a new home will need to be found for the gazebo and table/chairs.
- c) **Retail study** – It was felt that it might be valuable for us to carry out our own survey into the use of local shops, to compare with the South Bristol Retail Study.
- d) **Coffee mornings at the Oxford** – Promote in Talk of Totterdown.

- e) **Fundraising** – Money is available for maintaining community buildings, so Suzanne is in contact with the Methodist Church regarding their hall. Bristol University's RAG fund might be a good source for the Totterdown Heritage Trail. Suzanne is trying to track down an artist who can assist with the truck art project.
- f) **Talk of Totterdown** – Next edition due at the end of April.
- g) **Garden Festival** – To be held on 26 June.