

Attendees

Kathy (Chair) Lesley (Minutes) Kevin Wilson, Nicky, Paul, Sheila, Ron, and John.

| | | Action Points |
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| Apologies | Terry; Derek; Rosemarie; Dave and Cliff | |
| 1 | Welcome The Chair opened the meeting and welcomed Kevin Wilson. She explained the first half of the meeting would be to present our questions about increased access to the Meeting Place for the TBRA to Kevin. | |
| 2 | Minutes of the previous meeting Deferred until later | |
| 3 | Tinkers Bridge Meeting Place/Kevin Wilson. Sheila presented a short paper with four issues: 3.1 Can TBRA have access to the Booking Calendar? Kevin explained that the WCC operates 4 meeting places and the booking system is integrated into the Accounts package which makes access to the calendar alone currently impossible. Keith Temple is the officer in charge. Question- Is it possible to separate the booking software from the financial package? Answer- Kevin said that he liked the idea that we should have access to the bookings system and that he would see if the online system could be separated from the accounts. He also said that our Community Plan is first class. 3.2 Can TBRA have Assured Access to the Meeting Place and make block bookings? The council would have to make a policy decision and the income stream would have to be protected. Kevin feels that we could reserve a certain amount of time per week for using the meeting place. We would need to develop a deeper relationship with the WCC with a view to gaining more powers. Devolution to the TBRA for use of the meeting place would be good, but we would have to work with the WCC in order to meet the community needs and the parish council budget would have to be protected. The Meeting Places need an income stream to pay for themselves. The hours booked at the meeting place by the community at present, need to be known. 3.3 Can TBRA be provided with a Key to the Meeting Place? Kevin would support any application to the WCC made by the TBRA for their own key. He will look into this on our behalf. 3.4 Can TBRA gain increased Storage and Access to cupboards? The MS Society and the Readers Service have rooms in the Meeting Place so at the moment there is no spare space for storage. There is a leadership meeting on the 21/9/16 when Kevin can put forward our request for storage space. If we do have a key we would need to be sensitive to other people using the Meeting Place. | |

3.5 Kevin shared some thinking about the possibility to devolve more autonomy and funding to the TBRA and explored some thinking about the development of opportunities on TB for the TBRA to think about:

Possibilities are

- 1) We could set up a community business
- 2) We could do it as a community co-operative.

He said that the WCC is interested to work towards new relationships with Residents' Associations and TB could be a pilot. This might be set down in a Concordat to provide the basis for any new relationship between TBRA and the WCC. There was some questions about what this might contain.

We were told Sarah Chapman is our "go to" lady for help at WCC. Kevin and the council are very keen to set up social care teams on TB. Community- training and DAB checks would be required.

3.6 ACTION POINTS for Kevin Wilson to investigate:

Short Term - Provision of a key for TBRA for the Meeting Place

Access to online bookings; policy in regard to block bookings

Medium Term:.. It was agreed that Kevin would draw up a draft Concordat document and that the TBRA would work on that. Kevin agreed to report back at our meeting on 13/10/16

Kevin said that a WCC Senior leadership meeting and key committee meetings will be held end Sept/Oct and our issues will need to be raised at those.

A vote of thanks was given to Kevin.

4 Minutes of the last meeting

Action Points: Nos. 2 and 6 had been done.

There were no Matters Arising.

5 Financial report - Nicky

The books have been handed over by Carly to Nicky. Carly has been thanked for her past services to TBRA and flowers and a card given to her as a token of appreciation.

Nicky has brought the books up to date from February. Petty cash is £492.42. They have now been scrutinised by Yvonne Alton at the OU and flowers and a card have been given to her in thanks for her service to us.

Nicky went on to report that:

John was holding £1000 with receipts which had been returned allowing £578.32 to be banked. The total in the bank account is currently £2928.85.

Action points:

John and Nicky to approach Juniors to for the accounts.

Sheila to return T-shirt money

Rosemary to give an accounting for the editor's float.

The meeting thanked Nicky for her efforts in bringing the books up to date and for agreeing to act as Treasurer until February 2017.

Lesley will carry on trying to find out if it is possible to get a volunteer via Acorn House

**John
Nicky
Sheila
Rosemary**

Lesley

6 Grants subcommittee - Sheila

Sheila informed the meeting that now we have the books up to date we finally have all the documentation in place to allow us to make grant applications.

Sheila had met with John and Ron to discuss details for the flower boxes and also to rethink wording for the funding application. We are asking for re-

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claimed sleepers to put round the boxes. The cost will be around £1000.
We will fund-raise for compost , flowers etc.
The first bid is in. The meeting thanked Sheila for submitting this.
A meeting of Grant sub-group meeting will be held on Monday 19th
September 8-9pm at the meeting place.

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The Bridge update

Any items for the next edition to be given to Rosemary immediately.

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Sustainability of The Bridge newsletter

The meeting carried on discussing how to keep the newsletter going as the funds currently held will only pay for two more editions at most. Rosemary's thoughts were read out by Sheila. Ideas put forward in the discussion were:

- 1 We reduce the nr. of sheets per edition (there are only two in any case)
- 2 We reduce the nos. of editions
- 3 We buy our own printer to save costs. Since the last discussion on this Nicky had investigated a range of machines and the Kyocera printer came out as the most cost-efficient for both capital and recurrent costs. The meeting asked Nicky if she could go and see one and further investigate the cost of paper, ink and staples. She will report by email and the group will respond. The sense of the discussion was that buying a printer had more advantages than disadvantages.

Nicky

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Chair's update:

Charles Warren Academy. Kathy has made an appointment with the Head, Kate Holland and will report on the meeting.

Kathy

WCC Neighbourhood plan status: The draft Plan is now out and has been approved by MKC. It will now needs be consulted on until October 31st. It will be available at all Meeting Places in a published schedule of drop-in meetings and will be presented to the next TBRA meeting. The TB Drop –In will be October 14th.

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Next meeting:

13th October 2016 7pm at the Meeting Pace

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