

## **Tinkers Bridge Residents Association Working Group**

### **Minutes of Grants Sub-group meeting 19<sup>th</sup> September 2016**

**Present** John Orr, Rosemary Englander, Nicky Johnson and Sheila Taylor

**Apologies** Lesley Berry

**Notes also copied to** Kathy Higgins and Ron Ellis

#### **1) Minutes of the meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> May 2016**

These were approved as a true record.

#### **2) Project update**

- a) MKC grant for newsletter – this was awarded. Sheila questioned whether the current discussion about buying a printer might mean MKC should be informed that the grant was being used differently. See item 3c) below for discussion about this.
- b) WCC funds from Environment Grant for timber for raised beds – this application was submitted on 19<sup>th</sup> September, after much hard work by Nicky and John gathering all the relevant documents required by WCC. As the Environment Grant is new it is not yet clear whether this bid will be successful.

#### **3) Applications to be made**

Sheila said that, although the difficulties in obtaining supporting documents have now been resolved, there remain problems in deciding which projects should be the subject of grant applications. These projects should come from the action plan. Each should have one or more named people who are willing to work on it. There is a shortage of volunteers to do this. The summer coach trips were not organised for this reason.

Sheila proposed a further consultation meeting to remind residents of the action plan and to seek volunteers to take forward projects. However, there are two ring-fenced grants which will be lost if they are not claimed in the next two months. They are a £500 grant from MKC, to be claimed by 30<sup>th</sup> November 2016 and one or more grants totalling £1058.32 from WCC, which will be lost if not claimed by November/December. The next submission date for this fund is 10<sup>th</sup> October.

There was a discussion about how to make best use of these grants. A number of ideas were put forward for discussion at the next TBRA meeting on 29<sup>th</sup> September. They are:

- a) Christmas activities, including a children's party and possibly some contribution to the meal on Christmas Day. (MKC £500)
- b) A reserve in case the WCC Environment Fund does not provide enough money for the timber. (From the WCC £1000)
- c) The purchase of a printer, as discussed at the last Working Group. After discussion this idea was rejected in favour of using First Steps funds. This would mean the £700 grant from MKC could be used for the August and September editions of the Bridge and the remainder would be for paper, ink and other consumables.
- d) A trip to a pantomime. (From the WCC £1000)
- e) An event in the Spring half-term if a project organiser can be found. (From the WCC £1000)
- f) Equipment such as a laptop, camera or security lights. (From the WCC £1000)

#### **Actions**

- a) John to put the use of the two grants on the agenda for the next TBRA meeting.
- b) Sheila to have an informal discussion about the use of the MKC £700 with Anne Bircham.
- c) Kathy asked to put the consultation meeting idea on the agenda for the next Working Group.