

## **Tinkers Bridge Residents' Association**

### **Minutes of the Working Group Meeting held on 11th December 2019**

#### **Present**

Kathy Higgins (Chair), Mavis Boatwright, Liz O'Shea, Ron Ellis, Cliff Green., Dave Lee, John Orr and Sheila Taylor (minutes).

#### **Apologies**

Dave Boatwright, Derek Weller, Terry Weller and Rosemary Englander

**Minutes of the meeting held on 13th November 2019** these were agreed as a correct record.

#### **Matters arising not elsewhere on the agenda**

Welcome Packs - Dave L has now moved house so Sheila will give him the copies she holds and spare folders so that he can produce more. **Action Sheila and Dave L**  
John has not provided the £20 receipt outstanding from last year's Christmas party.

#### **Action John**

Mavis will get forms from the Bank for changing our signatories this Saturday. **Action Mavis**

#### **Treasurer's report**

Mavis reported that there was £2,940 in the bank at the end of November. £400 has been moved to the printing fund as agreed at the last meeting.

#### **Follow up from November TBRA meeting Action Points**

Kathy wrote to Tesco about the traffic problems in the shop car park, asking them to help with providing In and Out signs. They replied that they do not own the land. It was agreed to add this to the list of items for discussion with representatives of the Highways Department if a site visit is arranged as part of the Public Realm Improvement Fund bid (see below).

#### **Grants report**

Sheila said that the application for £500 for the planting boxes for next year has been submitted to MKDP. A response is expected in late January. Sheila thanked Ron for his help with this application.

Receipts have now been provided for the Hallowe'en event, which went well.

All is thought to be well with the planning for the pantomime trip. Ron will check this with Deanna. **Action Ron**

#### **Final Christmas preparations**

This discussion was mainly about detailed arrangements for the Christmas party, based on the task list produced by Dave L after the last meeting. Terry and Derek had already done some shopping, including catering supplies, cards and chocolates for Santa to

distribute round the estate. They have also written 56 cards. Ron will ask them to bring this up to 70.

Other decisions, in summary included:

- Work on an expected number of 70 children at the party.
- Sheila and Cliff to buy selection boxes, wrapping paper, Sellotape and squash.
- Sarah has offered to wrap some presents so 10 will go to her, with the remaining 60 to go to Ron for distribution to wrapping volunteers.
- John will talk to Darren about providing the food. He will give him a budget of £150, which will if necessary include £50 from reserves.
- If Darren cannot help, Ron and Cliff, with assistance from Kathy, will buy food from CostCo

**Action all as named**

### **Public Realm Improvement Fund (PRIF)**

There has been no progress in getting a site visit from Highways. Sheila wrote to Chris Boyo to chase this up but got no reply. Ron will give Sheila the name of his contact in Highways. **Action Ron**

John said he could take this up with Emily Darlington, Cabinet Member for Public Realm at MKC. He asked for some background. Sheila will email him with this information.

**Action Sheila and John**

There was a discussion about the PRIF item about trimming trees. There is uncertainty about who is responsible for this and also to what extent trimming would improve lighting on the estate. Ian Tegardine, Landscape Manager at WCC, has agreed to look round the estate with Ron and to see if any work can be done within their contract with MKC. **Action Ron**

It was agreed to take the item on tree trimming out of the PRIF bid. Sheila will inform Chris Boyo of this. **Action Sheila**

Sheila mentioned that we will probably need three quotes for the painting of the murals. Some possible providers of this were discussed. Liz will do some more work on this after Christmas. She will specify that the work involved is to improve the painting on the side walls of the meeting place and repaint completely the back wall. **Action Liz**

It was pointed out that the weather before 31<sup>st</sup> is unlikely to be suitable for exterior painting. Sheila will ask Chris if it acceptable to hold over the work till the better weather. **Action Sheila**

A further possible use of this funding to replace the tree cutting was briefly considered. It was agreed to explore reinstating the path along the canal behind Marshworth. Kathy will ask WCC if they can do this and Sheila will mention it to Chris Boyo. **Action Kathy and Sheila**

### **Printer costs**

Dave L has not had much time to do any more work on this. He commented that the costs do not appear to be unreasonable for this printer, using the manufacturer's recommended ink. For the last edition of the Bridge the settings on the printer were changed to reduce costs. We looked at the two versions and the general feeling was that the change of settings resulted in reduced quality. It was agreed this would only be worthwhile if the reduction in costs was considerable.

### **Environment update**

Ron reported that he has asked SERCO for bags for leaves but so far none have arrived. He is also chasing up the removal of a pile of earth from the end of Buckby.

### **Feedback from the WCC RA network meeting**

Kathy reported on this meeting. It is a relatively new idea, started by Steve McNay, the WCC manager. Items discussed included:

- Planning for the VE day celebrations in 2020
- Winter planning. WCC now has a tractor with a snow plough. Kathy registered with WCC that Tinkers Bridge would need this.
- The Four Bridges Festival in July 2020
- TB was congratulated for being the only Woughton RA to supply contact details when requested, and also for our pantomime trip.
- Kathy asked about the nursery that was expected to use the Meeting Place. Apparently it has not yet achieved its Ofsted rating.
- An appeal for responses to the WCC budget consultation in the Woughton Gazette. We could put this in the Bridge. **Action Kathy**

### **Forthcoming meetings**

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January 19.00 Working Group

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> January 19.30 TBRA meeting

