

Tinkers Bridge Residents' Association

Minutes of the Working Group Meeting held 10th February 2021 on by Zoom

Present

Kathy Mansfield (Chair), Cliff Green, Dave Lee, John Orr, Anthonia Lifu and Sheila Taylor (minutes)

Apologies

Ron Ellis, Derek and Terry Weller and Rosemary Englander

Minutes of the meeting held on 13th January 2021 - these were agreed as a correct record.

Matters arising not elsewhere on the agenda

- The second table for the book table has now been received from WCC.
- Cliff has not bought paper because he feels it might not be necessary for now

Treasurer's report

Antonia is now using the laptop and John has been helping her to load the Association's accounts from the memory stick supplied by Ruth. They have informed Natwest to have the monthly statements of account sent to Anthonia directly.

The Association's financial year has now expired. Anthonia is preparing the accounts for Ruth to inspect. Sheila will contact Ruth about when she can do this. **Action Sheila**
Kathy asked Anthonia to begin supplying monthly updates on the budget for the Working group, preferably sent round in advance, using the template that Ruth and Mavis produced. Anthonia asked for help in doing this. John will try but he commented that extracting information from the spreadsheet onto the template might be difficult. Ruth or Mavis might be able to help Anthonia. Initially, Sheila will approach Ruth. **Action Sheila**

Cliff requires reimbursement of the £119.99 he paid for the software. **Action Anthonia**

Grants report and PRIF

Sheila gave the following update on grants:

- As requested at the last meeting, Sheila asked WCC if some of the remaining £368 from our £500 "in principle" grant could be used for software for the laptop and whether the money could be carried over to next year. The answer to both these questions was no.
- John has now agreed that £120 of his 2020-21 £200 ward allowance can be used for the software. He now needs to check the money has been paid to TBRA. **Action John**
- In talking to WCC about this, Sheila also sounded out whether some of the "in principle" grant could be used for an Easter event, based on a proposal from Sarah to run a socially distanced treasure hunt for older children and a drawing competition for the younger ones. WCC agreed to this, subject to a relaxation of

- the current Government guidelines. It was agreed to put the plan on hold until after the Prime Minister's announcement on 22nd February.
- PRIF – As discussed at the last meeting, Kathy and Sheila have approached the proposed providers of the murals and pergola to ask for details about when and how they will do the work, This has been done, so a project document will now be developed to show to MKC. **Action Kathy and Sheila**
 - As part of the work on PRIF, MKC's "Arb Team" have been surveying trees on the estate. They have been asked to include the tree that is doing damage to Anthonia's property. Anita has been helping Anthonia with this.
 - Discussions are ongoing about the canal path. **Action Kathy and Sheila**

Planning for the AGM (25th February 2021)

- After discussion, it was agreed that John will draw up the agenda for the AGM. He will invite representatives of MKC and WCC and also approach someone he thinks may be willing to take on the role of secretary. **Action John**
- The officers present agreed they would be willing to stand again.
- The constitution needs to be updated but it was agreed to leave this to the next review, which is planned for 2022.
- The AGM will be advertised in the Bridge, on Facebook and on the website. **Action Kathy and Dave**

The Community Plan

Dave pointed out that the Tinkers Bridge Community Plan, set up as part of the First Steps work, covered the period 2017-20. He felt that there should be a report to the AGM on what progress had been made in delivering the Plan. After discussion it was agreed that this was not practical but that a review of the Plan should now take place.

The Bridge

Kathy commented that a relatively small number of copies of the January Bridge had been taken from the book table and Tesco. She questioned whether this meant that it was less valued in the community than previously thought. It was agreed to print only 100 copies of the February edition and to look at some kind of consultation about future editions once home delivery becomes possible again.

The following ideas were put forward as content for the February edition:

- The AGM
- The book table
- Secretary vacancy
- Swan diary
- Environment concerns (including fly tipping and parking on grass verges)
- Donna Fuller to be asked for something about litter picking (John will ask Donna about this) **Action John**
- A poem by Terry Weller

Content should be sent to Kathy by the weekend 20th/21st February

RoRE

Dave reported that there was a good RoRE meeting on 5th February, looking at metrics for decisions such as which estates should be targeted for renewal and how to measure achievements. A working group has been formed to look at this.

Consultations on some estates (including those in Woughton) that were planned for the end of February have been postponed, possibly till after the election at the beginning of May. Estate Renewal Forum (ERF) meetings are planned for Fullers Slade (4 March) and the Lakes Estate (25 February). These forums will then be reviewed before being rolled out elsewhere.

Kathy asked Dave if he felt positive about RoRE. He replied that he feels it is useful. He noted that MKC appears to be making mistakes, for example in proposing to build new housing on Fullers Slade over the main sewer.

Carol Baume, Cabinet Member for Renewal, will attend the next RoRE meeting.

Environment Report

As well as the usual concerns about fly tipping and inconsiderate parking, John reported that the environment team is continuing to work on maintaining the planting boxes. Spring bulbs are now coming up.

Any other business

Dave asked who could attend the WCC Residents' Association Forum on 18th February. Kathy said she would attend and John said he would also try. **Action Kathy and John**

Dates of next Zoom meetings

TBRA AGM Thursday 25th February at 7.30 pm

Working Group Wednesday 10th March at 7.00 pm