

Tinkers Bridge Residents' Association

Minutes of the Working Group Meeting held on 13th January 2021 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 9th December 2020- these were agreed as a correct record.

Matters arising not elsewhere on the agenda

- Book table – despite being chased by Sheila and promising to do it, Kevin Vickers of WCC has still not provided the second table. Sheila will try one more time. **Action Sheila**
- Cliff has not bought paper but will now do so. **Action Cliff**

Treasurer's report

Anthonia was not able to give a full report because she has not yet received the December bank statement. Despite having been given written notice that Anthonia is now Treasurer, NatWest continues to send the statements to Mavis. Anthonia will telephone the bank to sort this out. **Action Anthonia**

Anthonia also reported that she has topped up the petty cash as agreed at a previous meeting. She has started completing the handwritten accounts on the template supplied by Ruth. The laptop still needs Excel to be installed before Anthonia can do the accounts electronically. This will cost about £120.

Grants report and PRIF

Sheila gave the following update on grants:

- Sheila reported that the small amount left in the MKDP grant for the planting boxes has been spent on some seeds that can be planted later in the year.
- The Christmas event, funded by a grant from MKC, was felt to be very successful. This was in large part due to the hard work of Dave, for which he was warmly thanked. It was noted for future reference that 131 gifts were distributed.
- We still have £368 left in the £500 awarded by WCC for post-Covid celebrations. After discussion it was agreed to see if this could be used for software for the laptop (see above) and whether the money could be carried over to next year, as it is unlikely that celebrations will be possible before 31st March. **Action Sheila**
- PRIF – Tina Guile of MKC replied to the questions we posed about how this money will be spent. She is willing to look at revised quotes for the murals and the pergola for the community garden. Sheila has a quote for the pergola from Men in Sheds and Kathy will go back to Liz about the murals. **Action Kathy**

- It is not known if Ron has been able to identify which trees should be shown to Anita Sutton and the tree surgeon. John will ask Ron about this. **Action John**
- Anthonia's property is badly affected by tree roots. She has been given confusing information about who is responsible.
- The fourth project is the canal path. Tina did not appear to know anything about this so we will invite her to visit when we send her the quotes. **Action Sheila**

The Bridge

As agreed, the Bridge will be produced as a two-side, rather than 4-side, document. After discussion, it was also agreed that it was not safe to distribute it door to door at the moment, so 100 copies will be printed and placed on the counter in Tesco for people to pick up. This will be advertised on Facebook.

Items to be included:

The book table (including reminding residents not to use it to dump items other than books)

A report on the Christmas event

Warnings against fly tipping

A reminder that MKC is not collecting green bins at present.

RoRE

Dave reported that Jenna Smith is leaving, as is Michael Kelleher. We have been notified that engagement on regeneration will begin on Tinkers Bridge in March 2021. It is not yet clear what this means. There may be an estate renewal forum. When more is known this should be an item in the February Bridge.

Dave also reported that regeneration on both Fullers Slade and Serpentine Court has slowed down,

Environment Report

Cliff reported that Ron is concerned about fly tipping.

Any other business

Cliff reported that the owners of 4 Holmfield Close have appealed against the decision of MKC not to grant planning permission for the building of a new house on their land,

Date of next Zoom meetings

TBRA 28th January at 7.30 pm

Working Group 10th February at 7.00 pm

TBRA AGM 25th February at 7.30 pm