



Minutes of TBRA Thursday, 25 January 2018

At Tinkers Bridge Meeting Place

Apologies: Lesley, Dave, Rosemary.

1. John Orr – Chair welcomed attendees and Robbie MacPherson from Community Action MK..

2. Minutes of the last meeting were not available as Lesley has been ill for some time.

3. Chair's Report from John Orr. It has been a busy month. Some highlights and concerns:

- Regeneration update – The Referendum for Fullers Slade has been delayed until summer in response to Councillors concerns – pushed by the number of interventions made by FS residents and others (including TB). A Refurbishment option should be included in the choices.
- Your MK has been asked to reconsider its engagement with residents of FS and re-commence engagement to include more representation. The official RA must be allowed to participate in all meetings.
- Important point – the lack of a proper/strategic MK wide maintenance plan by YourMK for Council properties. We need to continue to put pressure on Councillors.
- The panto trip and the Christmas activities all went well on the estate – thanks to all concerned.
- John has attended health Service meetings – a lot of concern about the Sustainable Transformation Plan which will combine the services of MK, Luton and Dunstable hospitals being driven by Government.
- Oxford/MK/Cambridge corridor - Concerns raised about the pressure on the region if 1 million new homes built, as planned. Being driven by Government.

4. Treasurer's Report

John reported that a full financial report had been presented to the Working Group meeting two weeks previously and all was in good order. He has to submit the receipts from the Christmas expense + sort out his

expenditure on a Bouncy Castle – which has insurance implications.

Action: John

Mavis will stand down from the role and so we need a volunteer who will look after the Association books. It need not be an accountant or a bookkeeper – just a person who can keep numbers straight.

5. Environment Report

- i. Ron reported on further progress the initiative to clean up the alleys at the back of terraces: he and the team have made good progress on some and the initiative is continuing. He particularly thanks Terry and Derek.
- ii. Ron and Bill put forward a proposal to purchase some gardening equipment:
 1. A Cobra multi-purpose tool at £250.00
 2. A battery operated reciprocator saw @£75.00

As we still have funds in the Tesco grant account the proposal was passed unanimously. Sheila will check insurance implications (and also for the Bouncy Castle). **Action:** Bill and Ron to purchase. Sheila to check insurance.

6. Guest Speaker: Robbie Macpherson from Community Action MK explained the type of assistance CA:MK can offer to us as a group of Regeneration estates, and/or to us on TB in terms of campaigning techniques and training. Kathy proposed requesting CA:MK to assist the Regeneration estates to take forward the decisions to move forward together agreed at November 2017 joint meeting held at Old Groveway. The meeting unanimously supported this proposal. **Action:** Kathy to draft an email to send to the Regeneration estates Residents' Associations suggesting this as a means of moving forward. CA:MK will assist us in sourcing funding.

7. Working Group Update. Sheila gave an update: The Bridge is continuing; the Working Group is happy to work to obtain funding for suggested activities but is not able to arrange all activities – individual estate residents needed to coordinate and be responsible with support and backing from the Working Group.

8. Funding update. Sheila suggested applying for funding for a summer outing: Southend, Hunstanton and Clacton were suggested as venues. A Fun Day celebrating the different cultures on the estate could be arranged if volunteer organisers can be found. Sheila reminded us that the Tesco grant money should be spent by May 2018 and the purchase of the tools at 5.2 above fits in with the conditions of this grant. She has submitted a grant application to the MK Community Foundation for a grant of £1000 for the newsletter. The meeting agreed to apply to WCC for this purpose if the application to the Community Foundation is unsuccessful.

The rest of the Agenda was not covered due to time.

Date of Next Meeting. 22.02.2018 – the AGM