

Tinkers Bridge Residents' Association

Annual General Meeting

By Zoom



25 February 2021

Present: John Orr (chair), David Lee, Donna Fuller, Kathy Mansfield, Cliff Green, Anthonia Lifu, Vincent Pretorius, Deanna Norris and Sheila Taylor (minutes)

Apologies: Rosemary Englander, Terry Weller, Derek Weller and Ron Ellis

Guests: Cllr Sue Smith, Sean Perry and Kevin Vickers, Woughton Community Council (WCC). Donna Fuller attended both as a Tinkers Bridge resident and as the Leader of WCC.

		Action by whom
1	Welcome John Orr opened the meeting, welcomed everyone and listed apologies	
2	Minutes of the previous meeting The minutes of the previous AGM (27th February 2020) were not available. They will be sent out with these minutes.	
3	Election of Officers Sue Smith took over as chair and thanked all the officers for their work over the last year. She asked for nominations for the Chair of TBRA: Cliff Green proposed John Orr, seconded by Anthonia Lifu. No other nominations were made, so John was declared Chair for the next 12 months. He resumed the role of chair of the meeting. The following officers were also elected without opposition by a show of hands: Treasurer: Anthonia Lifu, proposed by John Orr, seconded by Cliff Green Vice-chair: Cliff Green, proposed by John Orr, seconded by Kathy Mansfield Environment Team: Ron Ellis, Terry Weller, Derek Weller and Bill Fuller, all proposed by John Orr, seconded by Cliff Green Chair of the Working Group: Kathy Mansfield, proposed by John Orr, seconded by Anthonia Lifu Chair of the Grants sub-group: Sheila Taylor, proposed by John Orr, seconded by Anthonia Lifu IT Officer: Dave Lee, proposed by John Orr, seconded by Anthonia Lifu The vacancy for the role of secretary has been advertised and Deanna	

	<p>Norris expressed willingness to take it on. A second person also contacted Kathy to express interest. This person does not currently live on Tinkers Bridge. John stated that officers should be residents of Tinkers Bridge. Deanna was therefore elected, proposed by John Orr and seconded by Cliff Green. Kathy will talk to the other person about assisting Deanna.</p> <p>It was noted that the TBRA constitution is due for review in time for the 2022 AGM.</p>	Kathy
4	<p>Chairs' Report</p> <p>John reported that TBRA had been carrying on as well as possible in the difficult year of 2020. He highlighted the part played in this by the Working Group and the official TB Facebook page. He has recently attended the WCC Residents' Association Forum.</p>	
5	<p>Financial Report</p> <p>Anthonia explained that the full accounts for 2020-21 are currently being inspected by our auditor, Ruth Cooke, and will be presented to the March TBRA meeting. She gave a summary of the year's financial dealings (see attached report). John commented that reserves were still well within the agreed minimum of £1000.</p> <p>Sheila listed the grants that have been received and thanked all of the bodies that have awarded grants to continue the work of TBRA. She asked the meeting to consider whether TBRA should apply for a grant from WCC for an Easter event. After discussion, it was agreed to do this, subject to the event's full compliance with the Government safety regulations at the time.</p> <p>It was unanimously agreed to re-appoint Ruth Cooke as the inspector of TBRA's accounts for 2021-22. Ruth was warmly thanked for her work in this role in the previous year.</p>	Sheila
6	<p>Environmental Report</p> <p>John read the report which had been written by Ron. The environment team's work has been restricted by Covid 19 but it has been possible to do some litter picking, to renew chipping in some alleyways and to replace the compost and topsoil in the planting boxes. Parking on grass verges remains a problem. Ron has reported this to MKC and is waiting for a reply.</p> <p>Ron thanked the rest of the environment team, Terry, Derek and Bill and the litter pickers.</p>	
7	<p>Working Group report</p> <p>Kathy gave a brief description of the history and role of the Working Group. It was formed five years ago and meets every month, two weeks after each TBRA meeting. Members have specific responsibilities. They are: Kathy, Chair; Sheila, grants; Cliff, printing; Ron, Terry and Derek, environment; Dave, links to RoRE. Sarah Mitchell, with help from Kathy, is editor of The Bridge. The group's agenda varies with the seasons. It</p>	

	<p>plans events for children and families in the school holidays.</p> <p>In 2020 other work has involved monitoring expenditure, in particular the high cost of printing. It has been decided to reduce the size of the Bridge for the time being. It was noted that very few copies have been taken from collection points that are being used while door to door delivery is not possible. In due course we plan to consult the community about the future of the newsletter generally.</p> <p>The Working Group has been progressing the use of funding from the MKC Estate Improvement Fund (previously called the Public Realm Improvement Fund). Two projects, the repainting of the murals on the walls and the Meeting Place and the provision a new pergola at the entrance to the Community Garden, have now been agreed. A third, the reinstatement of the canal path at the back of Marshworth, is still being investigated.</p> <p>In 2021 a possible strand of work for the Working Group will be the review of the Community Action Plan that was created as part of the First Steps process in 2016.</p>	
8	<p>Residents of Renewal Estates (RoRE)</p> <p>Dave reported that the latest initiative from MKC is the development of the Estate Renewal Forum (ERF). ERFs are currently being set up on the Lakes Estate and on Fullers Slade. RoRE is monitoring how they are working, as there is concern that they could become scapegoats if things go wrong.</p> <p>RoRE is also starting work looking at fly tipping, which is a concern shared by all estates. There will be a workshop on this on Friday 26th February. Donna mentioned that WCC is also in discussion with MKC about this subject. The MKC budget for 2021-22 has substantial funding for combatting fly tipping.</p> <p>In discussion, it was mentioned that the cost of having MKC remove large household items is prohibitive. This encourages fly tipping.</p>	
9	<p>Funding in 2021-22</p> <p>Sheila asked for meeting for agreement for the following potential grant applications</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> An Easter event Arts and crafts activities in the school summer holidays A seaside coach trip in the summer Hallowe'en activities A scarecrow festival A pantomime trip A Christmas party <p>These were agreed unanimously.</p>	
10	<p>Any Other Business</p>	

	<p>Sean informed the meeting of three initiatives by WCC:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There will be a Woughton Family Festival on 4th September 2021. All residents' associations will be asked to take part. • Tash Darling, WCC Youth Manager is suggesting that the WCC Play Rangers visit Tinkers Bridge on one day during the Easter holiday. It was agreed to ask for this to happen on Wednesday 7th April. • WCC is offering an online course on mental health first aid on 11th and 25th March. This course is designed to enable participants to recognise signs of mental health needs in others. Deanna and John expressed a wish to attend. <p>Cliff informed the meeting that the owners of 4 Holmfield have appealed to the Secretary of State against MKC's decision to refuse planning permission for building a large house in their garden. The appeal contains an incorrect drawing of the site.</p> <p>John thanked all who had worked for Tinkers Bridge in the last year. Special mention was made for Sarah Mitchell for her work on children's activities and in editing the Bridge.</p> <p>The meeting closed at 9 pm</p>	Deanna John
11	<p>Next meetings</p> <p>The next working group meeting will on 10th March 2021 at 7.00 pm</p> <p>The next TBRA meeting will be on 25th March 2021 at 7.30 pm</p> <p>The next AGM will be on 24th February 2022 at 7:30 pm</p>	