

# Tinkers Bridge Residents' Association

24<sup>th</sup> February 2022



**Present:** Deanna Norris (Minutes), John Orr (Chair), April Rennie, Kirsty Rennie, Kerry King, Chantelle Tomlinson, Kevin Vickers, Terry Weller, Derek Weller, Vincent, Sheila Taylor

**Apologies:** Neasham Galloway, Ron, David Lee, Kathy Mansfield, Donna Coventry-Fuller

**Guest:** Kevin Vickers; Community Development and events WCC

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1	<b>Welcome</b> John opened the meeting welcoming everyone to the meeting. Apologies were announced. John mentioned that the minutes from the previous meeting need approving in the current meeting. If anyone has anything that needs changing or adding into the minutes etc, then this is the chance to get this done.	
2	<b>Minutes of the previous meeting</b> Minutes from January's meeting (27/01/22) were briefly discussed and gone over by Deanna (Myself).	
3	<b>Introduction of guests</b> Tonight, we had Kevin Vickers, Community Development and Events, WCC. Kevin discussed the role they have is to put ideas that the community have, into motion and get the ball rolling. They can help with health service, mental health, social and employment and more. Kevin discussed that they log the community fridge items so that an overall figure of saved food waste is recorded, April mentioned that maybe we should do this for the Tinkers Bridge Fridge, although we do not collect through Woughton council right now, it is still some thing that people may want to know. If we can stop more waste in the world, it may have a catch on effect is the thinking behind this.	
4	<b>Chairs' Report</b> John has been to parish council meetings, RoRe meetings, not a lot to report right now.	

5	<p><b>Treasurers Report</b></p> <p>Sheila has told us that the accounts are currently with Ruth, she is asking questions and they are ironing out the last few bits and pieces the close the accounts off. Going forward the accounts are going to Kirsty to carry on. Ruth is happy with the accounts as they stand.</p> <p>Kirsty has contacted the bank about signatories, she needs to take her ID to the bank to be accepted to do this. This needs to be approved at the AGM. The bank has in place that nothing gets paid out until a transaction is signed off by a second signatory.</p>	
6	<p><b>Environmental Report</b></p> <p>All seems well on the estate; Ron has been seen at the wood chip pile and doing bits and bobs around the estate. Terry &amp; Derek have been shuffling wood chip around the alley ways to make them look tidier.</p> <p>It was mentioned that some of the wood chip can be put into the car tire marks between Colne and Blisworth as the verge there is ruined by vans parking there.</p>	
7	<p><b>Working Group report</b></p> <p>Due to circumstances, there was not a WG meeting following up to this meeting. During the AGM it is to be discuss on whether the WG meeting will go ahead. Sheila expresses she thought this was a shame and she didn't want it to be thought that the WG was a waste of time. It was agreed that it was never a waste of time and with members of the group stepping down, rather than find new members to stand it could be made into a joint group with the TBRA as a RA committee rather than 2 separate groups entirely.</p>	
8	<p><b>Funding Update</b></p> <p>April / Kirstie have applied to WCC for our easter event. Also, for bingo equipment and the easter trail, Sean (WCC) asks for it to be put to the TBRA to pay for this instead and an email was sent around asking for people of the committee to agree or not agree and the majority voted that they did indeed agree for TBRA to put this forward.</p> <p>The easter eggs were on offer so April purchased these but because they were dated on purchase before we got the funding go ahead, we cannot add these into the costing so TBRA approved of this cost being covered by TBRA, £50-£55 TBC.</p> <p>Bingo Equipment to be purchased by TBRA £180</p> <p>April / Kirstie have applied for funding for a larder fridge for the café / larder, there was initially short supply, but this changed the ratings of the units, so the quote was from one place specifically. They came back on a more expensive unit saying what about this one and said to change it</p>	<p>Agreed by all</p> <p>Agreed by all</p>

	<p>for a better one and we are waiting on a decision based on the new funding put forward. Once the warranty runs out on this, TBRA must cover the breakdown on this, 4 years warranty.</p> <p>We can apply for £500 to go towards a jubilee celebration, this is in addition to any normal funding we can apply for. This was put forward as WCC decided they wasn't going to be able to pull together a carnival in time so each estate can then celebrate how they wish to with some funding to do this. We had a vote to apply for the £500 from WCC to do an event on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup>.</p> <p>This will consist of live music, BBQ, dress up.</p> <p>John has asked to vote in favour for taking some general funding and ringfencing it as detailed. £500 for environmental projects (its already at around £200 so topping this up to reach £500 in total) and £500 for Newsletter / Gazebo costs. It was agreed to wait until the accounts come back so we know exactly what there is to play with.</p>	<p>Agreed by all</p> <p>Voted by all</p>
<b>9</b>	<p><b>Updates on Regeneration MK and RORE Meetings.</b></p> <p>No updates to report.</p>	
<b>10</b>	<p><b>Constitution review and approval</b></p> <p>The constitution has been amended and updated. This can be changed, and things added to it if needed. April feels that some of the wording is too official for some residents, some residents wouldn't understand a lot of it and would benefit from a simpler version of this.</p> <p>Deanna and April agreed to work on a simplified version to go with this constitution rather than changing the initial copy.</p>	
<b>11</b>	<p><b>AGM Planning / New officers election</b></p> <p>John is asking Sue Smith from WCC to come and oversee the AGM meeting. April has contacted Julia to see the constitution to see if anything needs reviewing before the AGM, but she said she needs it with the health check. Julia is the only one in the role now and she is in the process of getting some new officers in.</p>	
<b>12</b>	<p><b>Purchasing of equipment / Gazebo</b></p> <p>Our gazebo is showing signs of wear and tear and we have one that is the old Woughton one and that is still good and useable. We need a new one that is sold and that has weights to hold it secure, this also needs to be put away after use and cannot be left up in the garden.</p> <p>John recommended we asked the meeting to approve £150 for 1 gazebo and weights (from reserves).</p>	<p>Approved by all</p>

<b>13</b>	<b>Applying for Jubilee funding from WCC</b> *As discussed above in funding (8)	
<b>14</b>	<b>Purchasing Stationary / Equipment for Treasurer</b> Not much is needed but Kirsty needs staples, hole punch, files, sleeves, stationary etc. It was proposed that £50 was used to get the items needed for general duties to be carried out.	Authorise d by John Orr / Voted by all
<b>15</b>	<b>Easter eggs purchased to be taken from funding</b> *As discussed above in funding (8)	
<b>16</b>	<b>A.O.B.</b> None at this meeting.	
<b>17</b>	<b>Date of next meeting</b> 31 <sup>st</sup> of March 2022	