

Tinkers Bridge Residents' Association

Annual General Meeting

31st March 2022



Present: John Orr (Chair), Deanna Norris (Secretary), April Rennie, Kirstie Rennie, Kathy Higgins, Heather Chilton, Anthonia Lifu, David Lee, Kerry King, Natalie Cornell, Elise Cornell-Rowe, Janet Day, Derek Weller, Terry Weller, Amee Tompkins, Paul Tompkins, Robert Chafer, Michelle Chafer, Charlie Goodwin, Neasham Galloway, Chantelle Tomlinson.

Apologies: Ron Ellis, Rosemary Englander, Sheila Taylor

Guests: Kevin Vickers (Community Development and Events WCC), Cllr Sue Smith (WCC), Donna Fuller (WCC & Resident of TB).

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| 1 | Welcome John Orr opened the meeting and welcomed everybody. He and Deanna listed the apologies. | |
| 2 | Minutes of the previous meeting The minutes of the previous RA meeting (24 th February 2022) were read out by Deanna. | |
| 3 | Election of Officers Sue Smith took over as interim chair, thanked all officers for their previous work & also to the TB café as it has been a fantastic weekly project. She asked for a nomination for Chair of TBRA, April proposed John Orr, second by all at the meeting as a mass vote, no other nominations made so John was made chair for the next 12 months. He resumed his role of chair for the rest of the meeting. The following officers were elected and voted in by a mass vote of all at the meeting. Secretary: Deanna Norris, nominated by April, seconded by John Orr Treasurer: Kirsty Rennie, nominated by David Lee, seconded by April Rennie. Vice Chair: April Rennie, nominated by David Lee, seconded by Deanna Norris. Funding Officer: April Rennie, nominated by John Orr, seconded by Deanna Norris. Environmental: Ron Ellis as Co-ordinator, with Team of Terry Weller, Derek Weller, Bill Fuller, nominated by John Orr, seconded by Kathy | |

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| | <p>Mansfield.</p> <p>Gardening Group: To discuss with Charlie from FB about joining the environmental team.</p> <p>Events: Natalie Cornell as Co-ordinator, with Team of Kerry King, Janet Day, Sarah Mitchell, Chantelle Tomlinson, nominated by April, seconded by John Orr.</p> <p>IT Officer: David Lee, nominated by John Orr, seconded by Deanna Norris.</p> <p>Examiner: Ruth Cooke, nominated by John Orr, seconded by all.</p> <p>Editor for the bridge: Deanna Norris nominated by April, Sarah Mitchell nominated by Kathy Mansfield, John requested to defer the election on this one, April as vice chair said it had been advertised well and we haven't had contact regarding the post or if Sarah wanted to carry on. Kathy expressed that she felt Sarah should have the chance to carry on her role as she wasn't at the meeting to say yes or no. John asked the room their opinions based on the discussion at hand, 11 voted to elect tonight, on this occasion John decided to vote Deanna Norris in as Editor, seconded by April. Sarah will be spoken to and if she wants the role then she can take this back at the next meeting and Deanna will be happy to stand down.</p> <p>Kathy Mansfield will be standing down as joint chair for the working group, the Working Group will no longer be going forward, decisions and plans going forward will be made at the TBRA meetings.</p> | |
| 4 | <p>Chairs' Report</p> <p>We had the blue light walk and various parish council meeting. The blue light walk was a great success, we had a fair few resident of TB attended, we met at the meeting place and walked together then walked home together. There are 2 main photographers that took pictures and videos '<i>Autistic Psycho</i>' and '<i>Pauls adventures</i>'.</p> <p>Donna wanted to express how impressed and how happy she was with the Christmas cards from Derek and Terry, they were beautiful, and a lot of effort went not these.</p> | |
| 5 | <p>Examiners Report</p> <p>Kirsty is happy with the contents and its outcome, as treasurer.</p> <p>Ruth reported as of 31st January the TB accounts balance for environmental fund was £250.89. Cash set up £465.94, Café donations £82.67, General funds £2845.54. General funds have increased by just over £1000 during 2021-22 financial year due to covid, residents over spend in previous years and poor accounting due in 2021-22. Ruth proposed we spend £1500, John asked Kirsty to go away and look at how best to spend this for the benefit of Tinkers Bridge.</p> <p>During Ruths inspection it was seen that the person countersigning the checks did not always check the details against the paperwork.</p> <p>Maximum amount of petty cash has been £200 in previous years, this</p> | |

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| | <p>year due to setting up the larder there has been a substantial increase. The team should note the amounts from treasurers reports and once cash spending has settled, the revised amount for petty cash should be resumed.</p> <p>Ruth has discussed the treasurer role with Kirsty and what is needed going for ward and supports Kirsty's want to take on the role, however, she does note 2 potential conflicts of interests, 1st April is a close relative, 2nd April and Kirsty live in the same residence. Kirsty must be aware that the duty is with the TBRA and must act accordingly, April must not have access to the records or cash tin for TBRA.</p> <p>Ruth has proposed a new format for treasurer, as sent in the examiners report, this is a public document so can be put on the website as asked by Kathy Mansfield.</p> | |
| 6 | <p>Treasurers Report</p> <p>At present, £2948.34 in the bank, petty cash £511.23. We have discussed ringfencing, £500 to environmental projects there is already £200 in there so to top up to £500, then to ringfence £500 towards newsletter/gazebo cost.</p> | |
| 7 | <p>Funding</p> <p>April has applied for £500 funding from WCC for the jubilee, to hold the event at the meeting place on the 4th of June. April is closing off the larder funding as all is purchased,</p> <p>£43 is to be returned to Milton Keynes Community Foundation as the fridge was founded slightly cheaper.</p> | |
| 8 | <p>Environmental Report</p> <p>Ron is happy to carry on with the estate environmental. MKC has done a lot of bush cutting and grass mowing on the estate. There are random trees planted on TB and other areas, this is by the Parks trust we believe for the Queens Jubilee.</p> <p>We have an estate Christmas tree back on the field next to the meeting place.</p> <p>Charlie on Marshworth, would like some more planters put out and start seedlings etc. We have had some compost donated from Morrison's and Tesco to use out the front of Tesco Express.</p> | |
| 9 | <p>Payment of expenses on printing / car milage</p> <p>Johns says the people driving to do TB business, journeys, deliveries, pick ups etc should be reimbursed with a rate per mile. The standard rate on the government website is 45p per mile and that is what John is agreeing on.</p> | |

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| | <p>This is to be approved by the treasurer.</p> <p>We have a residents printer and ink that is with David Lee so people should refrain from printing themselves unless necessary or if David is unavailable.</p> | |
| 10 | <p>Passmore residents attending TB events</p> <p>There are a few residents on Passmore that are upset that their children cannot take part in our events, their address is listed as TB so they should be able to. This has been discussed with them by Deanna & April that Passmore chose to join Old Woughton Park and not TB this means the funding from the WCC does not extend to Passmore and more as they aren't in the estates listed. If TB part fund any event, then it is up to us if we allow them into the events. April wants to know what we think as to allowing them to come to our event.</p> <p>As residents the majority are happy to allow the children of Passmore to take part in TB funded events, as why should children miss out, and there are only around 5 children that are in question.</p> <p>David recommended that we ask the local parish councillor that covers Passmore to donate from their ward allowance to TBRA as a thank you and to go towards our funding.</p> | Majority Vote |
| 11 | <p>Constitution, review of child protection policy / DBS checks</p> <p>Child protection policy is out of date. John accepts the policy as it is once the date is changed to renew this year. We need to check who is DBS checked and who needs to be checked so that everyone taking part in events and so on are covered and have these in place.</p> <p>Kevin is going to investigate funding from the WCC to help with the DBS checks and come back to us.</p> <p>John is happy to adopt the constitution as it is, also taken to a vote. Going forward a simple version can be made additionally for others to understand.</p> | Voted by all |
| 12 | <p>Public Liability Insurance</p> <p>We asked for a show of hands to agree to renew the PLI so that our events are covered in the vent of anything going wrong. Kirsty and Deanna to work together on this.</p> <p>Kirsty mentioned that the TB domain is up for renewal soon, John has recommended that going forward for convenience, we should allow officers to spend up to of £50 on necessary expenditure for admin of the RA.</p> | Majority Vote |
| 13 | <p>Administrative decision of TBRA take at TB Café</p> <p>David has recognised that various residents come up with and discuss ideas for the estate at the Saturday Café. He would like for ideas from the café to be run with and actioned at the RA meetings, a suggestion</p> | |

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| | <p>box was mentioned for the café so that we can get ideas, there are more people that attend the café than most meetings so it would help us through the year.</p> <p>John has said there should be 6 members to agree on something for us to run with it as a binding decision.</p> | |
| 14 | <p>A.O.B.</p> <p>Kirsty would like a notice board in the community garden, there are not a lot of places to advertise on the estate and as the garden is well used this would be a good cause. David mentioned the one that is at the Netherfield chapel, April will discuss with Darren on a price.</p> <p>David mentioned the welcome packs are up and ready to go but nobody to give them to so if we know anyone, please let him know so he can hand them out.</p> <p>Also mentioned that a resident of Netherfield was recently stabbed and murdered on Netherfield, he had recently called the police and they were aware there was a problem before this happened. April offered to do a food hamper from the café/larder for the family.</p> <p>It was mentioned that we try team up with Karl and the keeping knives off the street project for more to do with the kids and the youths of today so they have something to do and somewhere to go.</p> | |
| 16 | <p>Date of next meeting</p> <p>28th April 2022</p> | |