

Tinkers Bridge Residents' Association

Annual General Meeting

26th May 2022

Present: John Orr (Chair), April Rennie, Kirstie Rennie,, Kerry King, Janet Day, Derek Weller, Terry Weller,, Neasham Galloway, Kevin Harrison,

Apologies: Ron Ellis, Rosemary Englander, Sheila Taylor

Guests: Kevin Harrison (Resident engagement at Milton Keynes Council).

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1	Welcome John Orr opened the meeting and welcomed everybody. He listed the apologies.	
2	Minutes of the previous meeting The minutes of the previous RA meeting (24 th February 2022) were read out by John.	
3	Introduce Guests. John introduced Kevin Harrison from Milton Keynes Council who came along to introduce himself and inform the meeting about his role as resident engagement officer. He said his role is to support resident associations and help them get accredited through the health check process. Lively discussion was had between residents and Kevin around the historical performance of the resident engagement function versus more recent performance and hopes for improvements in future activity. Residents biggest issues highlighted were the poor maintenance standards on the council properties and overgrown trees on council land in proximity to houses and in the back gardens of council tenants.	
4	Chair's Report John reported on the various meeting he had attended including at the parish council and RORE.	

5	<p>Treasurers Report</p> <p>At present, £2755.22 in the bank, petty cash £538.43. We have received in £50 from WCC for Colne street party. We have discussed ring-fencing of £589 to environmental projects, Cafe set up from WCC £158.19 and £125.03 in the Cafe kitty. Easter event hall hire fee of £74.25 has still to be paid.</p> <p>Special thanks have to be given to Rob for repairing our treasurer's laptop by replacing its hard-drive without charging for his time and thanks to Kirsty for organising.</p>	
6	<p>Environmental Report</p> <p>Ron is happy with the estate environmental team. Charlie has been talking with Ron and the lady at number three Marshworth who is now looking after the small beds by the estate entrance.</p> <p>April thanked all the volunteers who had helped with the flower beds outside Tesco's and asked if we could buy some soil/compost which the meeting approved and Ron asked that a hose be bought and stored at the meeting place for the watering of the flower beds, again the meeting approved.</p>	
7	<p>Funding Update</p> <p>April updated the meeting that no funding had been applied for in the last month.</p> <p>April reported to the meeting that we need to be applying for funding if we want a seaside coach trip also if we want a summer dog show and funday.</p> <p>The meeting agreed to apply to WCC for grant funding towards the cost of a coach trip to the seaside.</p>	
8	<p>Seek Approval For Website Hosting.</p> <p>The meeting was asked to approve the renewal of our Resident's Association website hosting for the next two years at a cost of £70.80, This was approved by the meeting.</p>	

9	<p>Updates on Renewal MK and RORE Meetings</p> <p>John updated the meeting on the current situation with regards to Milton Keynes Council's estate renewal project. John outlined that the next stage in the process was to be the setting up of estate renewal forums and that we are waiting to hear more about that process.</p> <p>RORE is continuing to meet and analyse this process along with the WCC planning and development committee who are scrutinising the MK council's actions.</p> <p>A wide ranging discussion about the negative effects of the regeneration process so far from the fact that planned maintenance was suspended for council tenants to the suppression of private property values and how private homeowners felt nervous of investing in maintenance of their properties.</p>	
10	<p>Community Larder And Cafe Update.</p> <p>April reported that for the next week the cafe will be closed for a week due to a shortage of volunteers and the week after is the jubilee festival instead. Since April posted on social media four more volunteers have come forward. The social benefit of the cafe was discussed and highlighted that for some of our customers this offers a local opportunity to socialise and take a break from</p> <p>April reported that the Larder now has 88 members from all over Milton Keynes and that the need amongst the community for the service was growing. The social benefit of the larder is huge for members helping them to better afford to eat.</p>	
11	<p>Queens Jubilee Festival June 14th Preparations.</p> <p>Plans and preparations were discussed for the Queens Jubilee from the arrangements for the DJ and Tinkers got talent, to BBQ , cream tea's, to kids games, face painting, craft stalls and tombola. Special thanks to Kirsty for all the work put in to contacting potential donors for donations and all the shopping and to April for driving her around and all the other volunteers who helped with this event organisation so far.</p>	
12	<p>Events For The Coming Year</p> <p>Seaside coach trip. John to work with Deanna to organise coach trip details.</p> <p>Summer dog show and funday. The meeting discussed whether we would like to go ahead and organise a dog show and summer funday on August 27th. The meeting agreed with the holding of this event provisional date of mid August.</p>	

13	A.O.B. Kirsty asked for the meeting to allow a top up of the jubilee festival event budget and the meeting agreed ring fencing an additional £200 funding be made available to come from the general fund should the event organisers require it.	
14	Date Of Next Meeting Date of next meeting agreed as being 30th June 2022	