

# Tinkers Bridge Residents' Association



DATE 28<sup>th</sup> July 2022

**Present:** April Rennie (Vice Chair), Kirsty Rennie, Neasham Galloway, Janet Day, Sheila Taylor, Sian Lewis, Chantelle Tomlinson, Kerry King, Tina Maidment, Donna Fuller, Deanna Norris (Secretary), John Orr (Chair).

**Apologies:** Ron Ellis, Dave Lee

**Guest:** Donna Fuller, Sian Lewis

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1	<b>Welcome</b> John opened the meeting, welcomed everyone and noted apologies.	
2	<b>Minutes of the previous meeting</b> Recap of RA minutes read by Deanna Norris from the last meeting, 30 <sup>th</sup> June 2022.	
3	<b>Introduction of guests</b> John introduces Sian Lewis as a guest, Donna Fuller also attended as both Ward councillor and resident.	
4	<b>Chairs' Report</b> John didn't have much to report and there were no meetings to attend during august.  One minutes silence was held for Joe, Zoe Taylor's son of Blisworth. He passed in his sleep after a battle with a severe for of epilepsy. There is a go fund me page set up for donations, we are also having donations jar in the Café for anyone that wants to donate to Zoe. Joe was 12 years old.	
5	<b>Treasurers Report</b>  Kirsty hadn't managed to do a report due to being so busy. Not much has changed, the only thing to come out is the seaside coach trip deposit, this is already paid by Dave and needs to be repaid to him.  Funding for the seaside trips is due into the bank but not yet hit the bank.  John mentioned that his £200 ward allowance was due into the RA, April advised that with was going straight to WCC for the hall hire for the summer breakfast club.	

6	<p><b>Environmental Report</b></p> <p>Not much to reports, Ron has been poorly. John and Neasham have been watering flowers. April and others have dug up George's flower bed and replanted. Also 2 flower beds in the meeting place garden. There are more flowers to be planted too.</p> <p>Lee mills has been watering the flowers, beds &amp; Christmas tree regularly for us, he used the water pots if we are not at the meeting place so that they are still being watered.</p> <p>Charlie also fed the flower beds with miracle grow to help them flourish.</p> <p>When Tesco close for the refurb, they are digging up the flower beds outside and replanting with all year-round plants that will be harder. They close on the 5<sup>th</sup> of august at 8pm and reopen the 2<sup>nd</sup> of September. They want people from Tinker's bridge to be present at the opening.</p>	
7	<p><b>Funding Update</b></p> <p>We have been awarded £779 applied for, for the seaside trips, £100 for activity packs for the kids and the rest for the coaches. These will be £6 a seat, Brighton is fully booked already and South-end only 6 seats left to sell. We were late getting funding in, so we have to move the dates from dates we initially wanted.</p> <p>The summer fun day, April has not applied for the funding as she has not had anything in with quotes to apply for this. Natalie has said her heart is not in it right now. Kerry and Chantelle have been booking in for this and taking lead on booking stalls, food vans, etc.</p> <p>We have said that people can have a stall but they will need to contribute 10% of what they make during the day.</p> <p>Christmas, we have been given the 17<sup>th</sup> of December to do an event. We need to get selection boxes in for the Santa trip around the estate. It was agreed that we do a Christmas party as we haven't for the past few years due to Covid restrictions. Santa (Bill) is doing the estate rounds but will need to confirm if he can do the party after this also, need to confirm with Donna.</p> <p>Panto at Christmas will be going ahead, we will ask around for what's on and which other venues are available as Northampton has been a little bit disappointing the last year or 2. Mentioned by Kerry, Mead open also do a Christmas event so maybe this could be an option.</p> <p>Sarah wants to do her Halloween event, behind Colne. Along side this we would like to do pumpkin carving in the community garden so that these can be used as lights along the hunt trail. Deanna to discuss with Sarah about funding needed and plans etc. We need to try utilise the community garden with gazebos etc so that funding is not being taken up by hall hire. Sarah to do the trick or treat map as per previous years.</p>	<p>All agreed to apply for funding</p> <p>All agreed to apply for funding</p> <p>All agreed to apply for funding</p>

8	<p><b>Updates on Regeneration MK and RoRE Meetings.</b></p> <p>RoRE are still having regular meetings so we can keep an eye on what's happening and any updates. They have changed the model of regen from demolishing the 7 estates to a business plan to spend 35M a year to spend on the council house maintenance, all paid from council house tenants rent. Some houses on Tinkers Bridge are having new kitchens and or bathrooms, there seems to be no plan or schedule on these it seems to be who screams the loudest.</p> <p>Donna says there is a programme that is depending on funding. Wave 1 is retro fit, starting in Netherfield, houses will be retro wrapped, new windows, cladding, internal insulation. This will be much later 2022. Wave 2 will extend to the rest of Netherfield, much later in 2023. Officers are confident that there will be a 3<sup>rd</sup> wave that will extend into Tinkers bridge, but this is dependent on when funding is released for this.</p> <p>Donna says most houses are in energy rating D, if any work gets done and puts them in energy rating C, then funding will not be allowed, therefore some work is slow at the moment to prevent this.</p>	
9	<p><b>Reports from RAN meeting by David</b></p> <p>Residents' association network meeting, there were 4 min subjects covered, lets recycle right, plastic ocean, small actions, big impact &amp; superpowers. There is a spreadsheet on info of this meeting attached with the minutes if anyone would like to read this.</p>	
10	<p><b>Newsletter Role Reallocation / Events Co-ordinator role reallocation</b></p> <p><b>NEWSLETTER ROLE:</b> We have had a few months missed of the newsletter, Sarah had said to have contacted the members of RA and not had a response, numerous members denied getting a message.</p> <p>Going forward we need the newsletter to support our funding and to keep our gold status.</p> <p>Sian Lewis is keen to put a newsletter together, along with Rosemary's help.</p> <p><b>EVENTS MEMBER ROLE:</b> Kerry and Chantelle are doing most of the events work but they feel they need an extra person to help with the emails, written work and planning etc. Janet offered to help alongside as an extra events member.</p>	<p>Agreed by all for Sian to become editor of newsletter</p>
11	<p><b>New signatories to be added, Deanna / Janet – Proposed by April / Kirsty</b></p> <p>April / Kirsty would like to add Deanna &amp; Janet as signatories on the bank so that online payments can be done to speed things up. They will just be added as signatories, not to have access to funds, just to sign to authorise the payment to go through, i.e., payments to go for hall hire.</p>	<p>Approved by John and all at the meeting</p>

12	<b>Fun day / Going forward for the year Christmas etc</b> Discussed in funding update No.7	
13	<b>Laptop approval for Secretary</b> The treasurer has a laptop and the RA think it would be useful for the secretary to have one so that when things are needed to be done it makes it easier having another device. This will be coming from the general fund. We need to check if Microsoft package was purchased for one device or multiple devices. Deanna will check with Kathy about Microsoft. John recommends the allocation of £700 maximum. April will speak to Robbie. Donna has asked that our TB website is updated a lot more. Dave has been asked to do this for us and is doing so. If anyone could also help him that would be great.	Approved by all at meeting
14	<b>Recording the RA meetings for people wanting to be involved but cannot attend</b> We have had a few people asking for the meetings to either streamed live and or recorded to watch back so that people that cannot make the meetings can then be involved from home or watch back and feedback their input. John agreed that this would be a good idea and he would bring the tripod to trial this out for the next meeting and we could go live on the Tinkers bridge group so that it's also saved going forward.	
13	<b>A.O.B</b> April received a call from Sofea asking for the police to attend one of our Saturdays as there are members that are feeling uncomfortable and that there were people arguing and fighting in the vicinity. There was not a fight, or arguing, the people that sit on the bench are rowdy and drinking alcohol all day so they are noticed straight away by everyone who attends. Deanna mentioned she believes that the bench is a big issue for this, all-day all-night people are getting drunk on this bench, they use the bushes as a toilet and litter, it smells and it's a huge eyesore. This being said Deanna would like to start a petition or do what is needed to be done to get this bench removed as it encourages this behaviour. Donna will look into this for us.	Agreed by all to get this petitioned
14	<b>Next Meeting 25<sup>th</sup> of August</b>	