

Tinkers Bridge Residents' Association



DATE 27th April 2023

Present: Deanna Norris (Secretary), John Orr (Chair), Grant Clulow, Kerry King (Events), Donna Fuller (Ward Councillor/Resident), April Rennie (Vice Chair), Kirsty Rennie (Treasurer), Neasham Galloway, Vincent.

Apologies: David Lee, Ron Ellis, Rosemary Oday.

Guest: Tash Darling (WCC), Gemma Simmons (WCC).

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1	Welcome John welcomed and thanked everyone for attending the meeting.	
2	Minutes of the previous meeting Minutes of the previous meeting are available on the Tinkers Bridge website.	
3	Introduction of guests John introduces Tash Darling and Gemma Simmons, both from Woughton Community Council. They came to the meeting to talk about and get the word out more about the youth club that runs on Tinkers bridge. Tash would like to know if we have heard anything about why the attendance is low, they have moved times and days around so that it benefits people. Schools get leaflets about this but it doesn't seem to be getting out there. I (Deanna) offered to advertise the youth club weekly so that it is in people's heads in the hope it is attended more. It runs Wednesdays 3.15pm until 4.45pm and its for ages 10-14 years. Tash will email myself (Deanna) with the details so that I can post the club weekly to help get the word out more for the kids.	
4	Chairs' Report John attended his usual meetings for parish council and that is the last of his meetings whilst he is parish councillor. John attended the last RoRE meeting and is keeping an eye on what's happening with the ERF and will keep us updated.	
5	Treasurers Report Kirsty hasn't managed to get a report done; expenditure has been through warm room (Community Meal) mainly. We received £2031 funding for Café / Larder to run a coronation event, funding roughly	

	<p>broken down is £200 for table decorations, £1000 food, £300 music / entertainment, £100 face painting, plus extra. This is open to all of MK as this is funded by Milton Keynes Council. We are planning to do a barbeque / Braai. We have entertainment through Darren and we are asking WCC to use the Traylor. We have the event 12-7pm.</p> <p>A fund was started for George's retirement, the tins ad donations collected a lot, April purchased a crystal set Vase and glasses, 2 bottles of whisky, then there was £171.71 left, we will get gift cards or vouchers with the spare so that he and his wife can treat themselves to some days out. We are handing this over to him Saturday 12.30-12.45, Donna will also be presenting him with a certificate from WCC.</p>	
6	<p>Portable Card Machine</p> <p>NatWest offer a portable card machine, it is free for the first 6 months, then it will be £6.99 per month or we can buy out the machine for £75, the charge is 1.5% on all payments. The idea of this is for donations at the café, fridge or warm room. People often say they don't carry cash and can they donate by card.</p> <p>Kirsty would like to try this out, John put this as motion to the meeting, we will review for the free 6 months then see how it has worked out.</p>	Voted by all
7	<p>Funding Update</p> <p>We need to apply for funding. I (Deanna) have given Kirsty quotes for 2 seaside trips this summer (Bournemouth / Skegness), this need applying for.</p> <p>Kerry was thinking of a ladies evening for the older people on the estate so there is something for adults as well as children and families. This is something April thinks would be better self-funded between the group rather than applying for. On the grounds that it doesn't benefit the whole estate just a select few.</p> <p>We haven't applied yet but we are also thinking Halloween we can do find the character like we did for easter. Post a picture on the FB group and get the kids to say where they are hiding. Donna recommended a Halloween trail.</p> <p>Christmas needs to be discussed to change up a bit, we will have the Santa tour on the sleigh as always but what we do alongside this will be discussed.</p> <p>April wants to do something Christmas day, a meal for people as people are struggling and she feels this would be needed on the estate this year.</p> <p>For funding we are looking to apply to WCC for half the cost of the coaches for the 2 seaside trips, all in favour to vote.</p> <p>Other events we need to discuss in more depth what we want to do, then discuss next meeting.</p>	Voted by all

8	<p>Environmental Report</p> <p>Nothing to update from Ron. April and Neasham planted some of the beds out the front of Tesco, April was told this needed to be approved before this happened and it wasn't. April has now asked for permission to do the beds out the front of the meeting place / Tesco and also the beds in the meeting place garden.</p> <p>The raised beds around the estate seem to be sprouting tulips and daffs nicely as these are bulbed so resprout every year.</p>	
9	<p>Café / Fridge / Larder</p> <p>Lorna has advised that now we no longer run the café weekly they want to try push the room to others more so the week we do not have café we need to be out by 11.30am and café weeks we need to be out 1.30pm.</p> <p>Café is running well; we are running out of food weekly and booming. Fridge is on the increase 532kg we gave out last week on the Saturday alone. This wasn't including the car loads we accepted on the Thursday and Friday from Sofea and gave out alongside. We are noticing more elderly people attending that are struggling with meals and eating well so we may need to look into buying food into the larder via donations as our weekly deliveries are not helping some weeks.</p>	
10	<p>A.O.B.</p> <p>Donna has been asked by Kevin to go over some upcoming events in the WCC area, these are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Woughton festival beach party, Saturday 15th July, 2-7pm, Netherfield (Tinkers Bridge can have a stall) • Chair Yoga classes, Thursdays 18th May for 6 weeks, 11am-1pm, Tinkers Bridge Meeting Place • Eurovision Broadcasting, Saturday 13th May, 5-10pm, Tinkers Bridge Meeting Place. • Prize Bingo, Saturday 29th April, 7pm, Coffee Hall Community Centre • S.H.O.U.T (Singing Helps Others Unite Together), Every Wednesday, 12.15-13.30pm, Moorlands Family Centre • Kings Coronation Picnic, Sunday 7th May, 1-4pm, Outside Coffee Hall Community Centre <p>Tash Darling asked if we were signed up to the Hygiene Bank, it is a small organisation set up in old Stratford, they give referrals for people that can be followed up on so the family etc can be reviewed. It's for personal and/or domestic hygiene.</p>	
11	<p>Date of next meeting</p> <p>25th May 2023</p>	