

Columbia TRA

Committee Meeting Minutes – 4th December 2017

Present from the Committee:

- Kevin McKenna (Chair) - Council
- Penny Creed (Secretary)
- Jim Connelly-Webster
- Pam Haluwa
- John Cotter
- Ed Furey (Treasurer)
- Jenny Dunn (Vice-Chair)

Others present:

Allyson Matthews – Community Partnerships Officer, THH

Mo Connelly-Webster

Jodie, a resident of Cuff Point

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1. Apologies for absence from: Alexis Nelson
 2. Minutes of the previous committee meeting were agreed as correct by the committee. The minutes of the previous open meeting were read and progress checked on action points.
 - a. Baroness Road development – the Committee will speak to John Pearce about the make-up of the new development and rents that will be made available.
 - b. Allyson Matthews – made it known that we could apply for a community notice board from our housing officer, this is a new provision.
 3. The committee was introduced to Allyson Matthews who spoken to the committee about her role in supporting the TRA.
 - a. The TRA Constitution: Allyson requested an electronic copy of the latest version of our constitution
 - b. What THH can do to support the TRA:
 - i. Provide with relevant staff at meetings
 - ii. Give small grant
 - iii. Give access to training
 - iv. Consult us on major issues affecting the estate
 - c. What is expected of the TRA by THH:
 - i. A Constitution
 - ii. Financial records
 - iii. Records of attendance of meetings
 - iv. An AGM
 - d. Usage of the Googlegroup: It was discussed that the Google Group is the face of the CTRA but it has been observed that some are misusing the group or using

inappropriate language on the email group. There is a worry that people are put off using it. Allyson suggested that one or two people are designated 'authoritative voice'. Agreed that the Google Group should be reviewed and a better platform sought.

- e. Firstly, we need to work towards building the website and ensuring all information is available on the website.
 - f. Ask Monika Duda if she knows who owns the google group
 - g. Who do we represent, Allyson asks which blocks we represent. Action for Kevin to send Allyson the CTRA's map site
 - h. Allyson can work with CTRA to improve the relationship with THH
 - i. Allyson advised that an organisation called Ink2Design (Mile End) will print and distribute communications to residents if required.
4. Cart update
- a. Jenny announced that she has been awarded a grant by the Community Partnership Team of £1440.00 for her Community Cart project. The Partnership Team will discuss with Mears to see if they can donate some materials.
 - b. A decision has been made to involve the community in making the cart in January. To that end Jenny has approached Nazrul to see if the Dorset Library can be used for assembly. Jenny will also look at into other options.
 - c. Sponsorship – Jenny is also to speak with local businesses to see if they might sponsor
5. Festive Social Evening
- a. Posters are available. DCA are providing food but we should bring some of our own festive food as well. The CTRA has been asked to provide a Father Christmas and presents. Ed suggested that it would be worth organising a game for the kids. The Committee agreed a budget of £80-£100.
6. Repair Problems Stories Project
- a. John read a letter from the Major of LBTH about his concerns about the quality of repairs in Old Market Square asking for evidence and case studies of poor repairs. John plans to speak to as many people as possible who have had recent problems with repairs to gather evidence. John to send a note to the Major to let him know his is pulling a response together for him.
7. Financial Update
- a. £100 has been paid into the account for film work by Adidas on October 2017
8. Schedule of meetings and events
- a. A suggested schedule of events was circulated and Kevin asked the committee to feedback on ideas for topics for events after the event.
9. AOB
- a. Money for the cart – the money for the cart will be paid into the CTRA bank account. Jenny asked if the Committee was happy for the CTRA repay any expenses by bank transfer.
 - b. Major Events – It seems that there may be some big major works in the pipeline that the CTRA can keep an eye on.

The next All Member Meeting will be on 8th January 2018 at Dorset Community Centre at 7.15pm

The next committee meeting will be at the Dumore Hut on 5th February 2017 at 7.15pm.

10. AOB: