

Columbia TRA

Committee Meeting Minutes – 11 June 2018

Present from the Committee:

1. Kevin McKenna (Chair) - Council
2. Jenny Dunn (Vice-Chair)
3. Penny Creed (Secretary)
4. Ed Furey (Treasurer)
5. Pam Haluwa
6. John Cotter

Others present: None

1. Apologies for absence from: Jim Connelly-Webster
2. Agenda read out to the attendees: Minutes of the following previous committee meetings were agreed as correct by the committee:
 - a. Open Meeting 8th May 2018

Matters arising: Filming – Notifications for filming are now going out to the google email group. Kevin has messaged Rex at JERA to arrange a discussion.
3. Treasurer's report:
 - a. Ed has received a statement from Natwest confirming that the monies from our Santander account - £5000 and £200 from the film office have been credited to the account. £1889.49 has been left in the Santander account to cover any outstanding debits. Ed will close the Santander account in approximately two months and transfer the remaining balance to the Natwest account.
 - b. Agreement of financial policy: The financial committee has met and amended the policy to its current version. Ed has sent over the financial control policy to committee members to read and agree. The committee has agreed to the terms of the policy and signed it as correct.
4. CTRA canvassing update: On 10th June, four members of the CTRA did a walk around of the estate which was very positive. 98 properties were visited, of those 56 residents answered the door, 31 took the time to talk and 20 joined the newsletter mailing list. This is approximately 10% of the estate. Around ten further walk rounds will be needed. The next walk around will be on Tuesday 12th June at 6.30pm.
5. Community Making Project:
 - a. Update on arrangements: See notes from Jenny (separate document). It was agreed to bring in non-CTRA committee members to join the steering group. It was agreed to arrange one long meeting to make big decisions followed by sporadic progress meetings. The initial meeting will be on 27th June.
 - b. Jenny to send over public liability insurance documents and grant agreement to Penny to save on communal drive

- c. Garage access: John and Jenny will hold the key until the project is complete after which the treasurer or secretary will hold a set of keys for general CTRA use.
6. Next open meeting arrangements:
 - a. Will take place on 2 July 2018. It was agreed to invite the housing officers to come and update us on the new structure of the department.
7. Summer Event/Jumble sale:
 - a. Summer Event: It was agreed to ask the Young Project to lead on the events with our input. It should be held on or near to the bank holiday
 - b. Jumble Sale: The idea is to hold something on Old Market Square. Permission would have to be sought. Kevin will discuss with Yasmin. To be discussed in the next open meeting.
8. Steering Group Updates:
 - a. Leaseholder groups: Report from Jim (via Kevin) below:
 - i. A Leaseholders Coordination Meeting was held on 17 May 2018. The meeting was well attended with some 25 people representing a wide range of THH leaseholder groups. The minutes set out the full picture but key points from the committee are as follows:
 - No one is against paying for appropriate major works, so long as they are done to an appropriate quality and a fair price.
 - There is a great lack in THH's ability to manage the process.
 - Most blocks that have had major works are in some kind of dispute with THH
 - It is thought to be easier to dispute the need for works prior to them starting rather than dispute quality/price during the build
 - Individuals have little influence and the CTRA has little focus, the best grouping to take on THH is that of Recognised Residents Representative Group, this has to be group consisting of the majority of leaseholders in a given block
 - The outcome of the meeting in May was for all groups to keep in touch with each other and form up into recognised residents representative groups
 - Another meeting will be called in July.
 - ii. It was decided that some discussion needs to be had around where CTRA adds value to the leaseholder steering group when Jim is in attendance.
 - b. Drug dealing/ASB: A meeting was held of a wider group linking CTRA members with other TRAs and groups. The group needs a chair. The next meeting will be held on 25th June at 7pm at Clutch Restaurant.
 - c. Gardening: Kevin has added dates of gardening activities on the CTRA website. Ed has plans to build a raised bed. Susmita has shown an interest in gardening and might be worth approaching for materials.

9. Google Docs: Penny explained that she and Lee had set up a google drive and showed the committee how it worked. A link to the documents will be sent to all committee members for easy access

10. AOB:

a. Some discussion as a committee for a committee social event

The next All Member Meeting will be on 2 July 2018 at Dorset Community Centre at 7.15 pm.

The next Committee Meeting will be at the Dunmore Hut on 6 August 2018 at 7.15 pm.