

Columbia TRA

Open Meeting Minutes – 8th May 2018

Present from the Committee:

- Kevin McKenna (Chair) - Council
- Penny Creed (Secretary)
- Jim Connolly
- Jenny Dunn (Vice Chair)
- Pam Haluwa
- Ed Furey (Treasurer)

Others present:

Nazrul Islam, S. Brown, H. Wargon, S. Clark, J. White, J & L Reid, Fouk Uddin, Anthony Ussher, Niamh Doyle, Jonathan Moberly, Abul Zubair, R. Connelly Webster, S. Keys

1. Tonight's agenda:

- Apologies
- Minutes of last meeting
- The Community Making Project
- Filming
- ASB
- Leaseholders
- Financial report
- AOB

2. Apologies for absence from: Film Unit, THH representative. Cllrs

3. Minutes of the previous committee meeting on 5th February were distributed and agreed as correct by the committee. The minutes of the previous open meeting on 5th March were read and checked for inaccuracies by the attendees and agreed.

4. Community Making – Update on progress from Jenny Dunn. Two events will take place this week. Thursday 10th (5pm) – a tools introduction session led by John Cotter. Sunday 13th (11-1pm) – Session in the Rose Garden by Sivil House – talking about community gardening in the local area.

Question: Are we doing anything for Eid? Nothing planned but we the cart will enable us to do more in the future.

Question: Do you have a planting schedule? Not yet but that is something we can discuss on Sunday. Q

Question: Tomlinson plots – can Kobir contact all plot owners and ask if they can want to get involved? We also need a water pipe nearby. Ask Kobir.

Ed would like to get a herb garden going near the DCA. If anyone is interested then please contact Ed.

5. Filming: There have been a lot of concerns and questions about filming on our estates, issues include, late notification, no one taking responsibility for disruption, clarity around the money that comes from the filming units, transparency of the film office, security during filming (leaving doors open), health and safety, parking issues.

All filming has to be approved by Film Office, an outsourced organisation. It is a private company not based in LBTH. They promised they would come along and then cancelled saying that they 'don't have time to speak with community groups as they are so many'.

Residents of James Loveless and George Hammett reporting a great deal of disruptive filming of late.

John Reed has received a letter from the Chief Exec of THH to say that she has spoken to the film office and suspended short notice filing.

Question: Should there be a vote in blocks to allow filming? Should we ban it totally?

The council get the money and distribute it, should they then be responsibility for monitoring filming and also supplying any security or works needed to support it?

The treasurer reported that the CTRA gets around £1,500 a year for filming. But we don't have clarity on what we get for each individual shoot. JERA are up in arms about filming in their area but not getting very far. They are happy to link up with us. The Boundary Estate now doesn't have a tenant's association, the Friends of Arnold Circus take the filming revenue.

Next steps – get a group of people together, take it to the Councillors and escalate after that if required.

6. ASB: Update – Big increase in drug drop offs on Ravenscroft but has reduced on Pelter Street. A resident was attacked in a stairwell recently, he was taken to hospital. Clutch hosted a meeting because of the issues around Shipton Street. It has been suggested that more road blocks and traffic calming can be put in but it is just going to move the problem on. Calling 999 has been helping, it is recommended that residents keep this up. Telling them if you feel threatened should start to help. Next Monday – 14th May at 7pm, there will be a meeting about this involving the wider area. Anyone can attend. THH, LBTH and the police have had a lot of evidence. Kevin and Pam are linking with the council on this.
7. Leaseholder's issues – Jim Connolly is setting up a group to tackle issues related to major works for leaseholders. To ensure major works are high quality and costed appropriately. Jim has called a quick meeting on 17th May to discuss the way forward. The meeting will take place in Dunmore Hut at 7pm. Jim is looking for block representatives to take this forward so that all blocks can co-ordinate their response. The CTRA are conscious that tenants should also be consulted and work needs to be done to work out a way to engage them.
8. Financial report – February and March bank transactions - £1,500 credit – grants from THH from the Cart project an £60 from the film office. No debits. Balance is approximately £6,000. We have a new bank account with Natwest. Ed would like to put together a financial subgroup to discuss some ideas. Anyone can join.
9. AOB – no AOB.

The next All Member Meeting will be on 2nd July 2018 at Dorset Community Centre at 7.00pm

The next committee meeting will be at the Dumore Hut on 4th June 2018 at 7.15pm.