

Columbia TRA

CTRA Daytime Meeting minutes - 21 January 2019

Present from the Committee

1. Penny Creed (Vice Chair)
2. Jonathan Moberly (Secretary)
3. Pam Haluwa
4. John Cotter
5. Ed Furey (Treasurer)

Kobir Choudhury - Tower Hamlets Homes housing officer

Residents:

Nazrul Islam
Jean-Louis Schuller
Jamie Paris
Christine Paris

Agenda

- Weavers Community Action Group updates
- Community updates
- THH updates
- Residents issues

1 - Apologies

Kevin McKenna, Dave Sinclair

2 - Weavers Community Action Group - What it is

- Deals with drug-related ASB and crime issues.
- About one hundred local residents. Covers the Columbia TRA estates, Jesus Green estate and beyond, roughly the Weavers Ward area north of Bethnal Green Road. Meets monthly.
- Encourages people to report via WhatsApp. Also works on media attention to the issue. Contact northweavers@gmail.com to join.
- The council CCTV control room now takes the reporting WhatsApp group onto a dedicated screen.
- CCTV plan to put cameras on Sivill House. Question raised who would pay for this as it shouldn't be a THH recharge to leaseholders. [TODO - verify where the costs would fall]

3 - Community updates

Baroness Road

- Digging finished. Lighting installed on walkway between Robert Owen and the park.
- loss of trees creating noise issues ... they have promised to plant new ones.
- Baroness Road minutes and updates on the website

Major Works

- Old market square works starting. Scaffolding commencing. Resident liaison will keep us updated. The works order is likely to be Pelter St then Hackney Rd then Old Market square

Football

- Stopped for winter. There is a plan for a public meeting to recruit more coaches and to let parents and children know.

Community Gardening

- Thanks to recent daffodil planting efforts - bulbs should be coming up soon.
- Friends of Ravenscroft Park group set up - details on website.
- Ed has marked out prospective sizes for raised beds.

Community cart

- is in winter hibernation. 2019 suggested events include Reiki meditation/yoga

Spitalfields parish council

- CTRA is against this and has responded (statement on the website)

Bishopsgate Goodsynd

- first stage consultation closed, Columbia TRA will be looking in to at second stage.

Film office

- meeting happening tomorrow.

Finance

- £186.90 expenditure on the cart. Cart budget now closed. Cart donations of £15.28 were collected at the Christmas cart event.
- THH have provided TRA office running costs of £550.00

4 - THH updates (Kabir Choudry)

Recent improvements

- cycle storage in George Loveless House and James Hammett House. Residents very pleased. Managed by Bikeaway who charge rent in return for free installation. To get a bike space contact Bikeaway (<https://www.bikeaway.com>).
- two other spaces are being looked at around Old Market Square, with a timeline of March-April.
- We don't yet know take-up in JHH and GLH but should have an idea by end of the month.
- Planters in Tomlinson. Working on repairs update but none obtained yet. Kabir trying to escalate.
- Major works. Kabir keeping an eye on issues. Keen for information sharing. Laura Duncan is THH officer that works with Enaml. Kabir happy to channel issues.
- Website highly commended by Kabir.
- KC: the cycle storage success is a good example of partnership working

5 - Issues and requests from residents

- Resurfacing of football pitch area. KC: this will be a high cost.
- disguising the bins - any advances on that? Cuff point and Dunmore have problems. KC: David Marcus is the project manager: following the major works completion he will look at bins for Dunmore and Cuff Point. All blocks bin issues could benefit from this.
- Water tank doors left open on Tomlinson Close. Have been replaced twice. Seems to be a recurring problem.
- Bollards knocked down by the bin waggon.
- Lights by the bike lockers are out. Its very dark when accessing bicycles.
- Has the lock on pelter st odds sorted out? KC: not sure. Thinks its been fixed.
- Any update on security door access keys? KC: refer to Michaela French.