

Columbia TRA

CTRA Committee Meeting minutes - 1 April 2019

Present from the Committee

1. Kevin McKenna (Chair)
2. Penny Creed (Vice Chair)
3. Jonathan Moberly (Secretary)
4. John Cotter
5. Pam Haluwa

Apologies - Dave, Rupsha, Ed, Abz

Agenda

- Matters arising
- Major works
- Estate Curtilage
- Noise Complaints / JHH
- Communications
- Football
- Gardening
- Cart and Garage
- Summer Event
- DCA
- Next Meeting

1 - Matters Arising from previous meeting (4 Feb)

Minutes from last meeting

Maintenance case study - Penny has written [TODO - JC to post to Columbia Crew]

Filming - page is now on our website. New version of FAQ went to the film office who said they will do nothing unless their contract is renewed. John Pierce to feedback the Mayor's meeting with the film office [TODO - remind JP]

Paris family - Jamie received an eviction letter for May 15th. [TODO - KM/JM to discuss with John Pierce]

Minutes approved

Major Works update

- Cuff Point and Dunmore Point are nearly completed, other locations are about to start.
- Old Market and Sivill House are trying to set up residents steering groups
- Pam and Penny had their breakdown of estimated works. Pam: costs have increased due to window replacement - recharge has increased to £32,000 from £20,000
- Penny: they may have to replace plastic panels due to fire regs - Penny has found out that they want to put scaffolding up just in order to assess what needs doing. Leaseholder services has carried out consultation and procurement without speaking to the project management people who are doing the same. Penny concerned that this duplicated effort is chargeable to leaseholders. We need to be keeping a very close eye on what is going on as a TRA.
- Kevin: communications are happening at the last minute just before the works happen. No email confirmations, no communications to the TRA, steering group meeting dates are late and inconvenient. In general communications are really bad.
- Suggestions to compile a list of issues and request a high-level meeting, and to pull together a multi-block meeting
[TODO - affected committee members to set up a side meeting to find a way forward].

Estate Curtilage and Noticeboards

- We have now done a full walk-around of CTRA area and have a list of things would be good to do.
- Kevin has sent THH a wish-list which they will spec them up. Some things will be done quickly others will take longer. There isn't a feedback loop, and communication from THH is poor as to what will get done and when.

- Kevin has received a message that THH is keen to involve the CTRA in a project plan testing out noticeboards. THH concerned about maintaining of content on the boards. They are not sure how to manage this.

Noise Complaints in James Hammett House

- Kevin is receiving whatsapp messages re noise from neighbours in JHH. Some can be identified some not. Residents have been pursuing this for years and it is causing people stress. CTRA cannot fix these problems but can link in with people.
- Kevin has suggested a block meeting on good neighbourly behaviour. Possibly bring in George Loveless as well.

[TODO - add GOOD NEIGHBOURS to next CTRA meeting]

Communications

- Web visits are going up (January, 500 visitors, March, 832). We are getting good feedback from THH on the quality of our website.
- Spring Newsletter - Penny putting together for end April but she needs content.
- Things for the newsletter: office at Cuff Point / gardening plans / football update
- Kevin has redone the logo, and has changed the colours.

[TODO - play with logo colours and circulate some suggestions]

Football

- Rupsha and Shubo have found a possible coaches.
- Football meeting held in February with Abz, Penny, Kevin, Hayley, Shumon.
- Charging a sub was discussed (with on fee waiver for struggling families)
- Outcome was that Shumon Abz Joynul would get together and take it forwards.
- That subsequent action has not (yet) happened.

[TODO - ask 'football committee' for update and put Rupsha's contact in touch with Shumon].

Gardening

- No significant updates but there is a desire to pull interested people together

[TODO - set up a whatsapp group for gardening]

Cart / garage

- Garage sorting - we need to fit out garage with shelves etc, and sort out the garage inventory.

[TODO cart committee to come up with a cart meeting date at the garage.]

Summer Fair

- The school does a summer fair at the end of the school year so needs to be further out than that. Therefore if we do one, August makes sense
- Penny: not enough people contributed in 2018 - we need commitment from all to do stuff.
- Pam - either we do something minimal, or we hitch on to another event
- John C - Mullalleys are offering funding which we could use to buy gazebos, folding tables etc.
- Kevin - GNA have a Gazebo in a shed that is available. DCA has one. Georgina Stride at the Baptist Church has an inflatable castle. Suggestion to pool resources.
- Consensus is that we should not do this unless other parties also getting involved.

[TODO Kevin to raise with GNA]

DCA

- Laura (Young Foundation) has sent an email, with list of possible uses of the DCA, and that she was continuing to discuss with Nazrul.
- DCA AGM will be happening in July
- there is an interest in exploring options for creating more diversity on the DCA board.

AOB

Housing officers - who should attend?

[TODO - chase Jitu to attend and speak to his manager]

Next Meetings

CTRA General, 13 May 2019, CTRA Committee - 10 June 2019