

Columbia TRA

CTRA Committee Meeting minutes - 7 February 2022

Present from the Committee

Kevin McKenna (Chair)
Penny Creed (Vice Chair)
Jonathan Moberly (Secretary)
Ed Furey (Treasurer)
Pam Haluwa
John Cotter
Dave Sinclair
Mary Dineen
Belinda Harman
Mussadik Miah
Rupsha (online)
Mary Dinneen

Absent with apologies

Helenka Wargon, Dunk Barnes

Matters arising from general meeting (January 10)

Waste Management Issues

Plan promised by the council at end January- not received.

Kevin - unions involved as need to change working practices. Plan is delayed for this reason.

We should formally write to them and say where have they got to,

Mary and Helenka have started work on a TRA list of waste issues

(a) Identified issues block by block

- Want to gather from each area what the pain points are
- We may engage people from each area to populate the chart

(b) Summarise a list of issues, to be cross-checked with others

- We need someone nominated from THH and the council as contact points
- [Mary - to write a letter to council / THH]

Mussik - Bulk waste store at Dunmore working really well. Recycling largely improved, but general waste is still an issue. No-one uses the designated bin chute/sheds.

Matters arising from Committee meeting (November)

Pam - casework - Penny suggested 'advertising' on the website & setting up separate email

Kevin - suggest an internet phone number to reroute to Pam's phone

JM - could be over-engineering

Pam - would hope issues would come through meetings rather than via more tech.

Water rates rebates

Has anyone received water rebates?

Cuff Point - someone received £900.00

From when water rates were charged in with the rent. Council to pass on discount to tenants.

Only applies to current or previous tenants, backdated to ~ 2006

If you haven't heard by 31 March you need to contact them

Next general meeting - March 14

No theme - general meeting

New housing officer - opportunity to meet mohammed

May be good to know where everyone is on the major works programme.

We can ask as a TRA for an update on all the major works projects

- The Newling block with a roof extension was supposed to be in the current financial year but nothing seems to have happened

- Kevin - the original funding was supposed to come through the GLA but it didn't come through so no date
- Pam - no news (still) on her collective enfranchisement
- Decisions on major works made between Asset Management and Finance - funds need to be requested from the council. Only the senior management in AM and F that have any input into the process. Not clear how prioritisation happen.

Events trips and disagreements

(1) disagreements and protocol

Lengthy discussion over disagreements confusions and misunderstandings regarding Inspiring Communities trips and funding.

Actions

- feedback to THH that ICF rules and procedures are confusing
- review the CTRA constitution to clarify that anything undertaken on behalf of the TRA must pass through the committee
- review CTRA code of conduct
- code of conduct for Social Media to be adopted. THH have a draft "how to operate on social media" doc - Kevin to circulate with other examples.

(2) decision on next trips

DECISIONS

- application to be submitted for postponed Canterbury date 27 March
- Other events can be discussed at the next Committee meeting.