

Tinkers Bridge Residents' Association

27th January 2022



Present: John Orr (chair), Deanna Norris (Secretary, Minutes), Donna Fuller, April Rennie, Kirsty Rennie, Kerry King, Vincent, Niasham Galloway, Anthonia Lifu, Sheila Taylor, Natalie Treadwell, Elise Cornell-Rowe, Chantelle Tomlinson.

Apologies: David Lee, Ron Ellis, Terry Weller, Derek Weller

Guest: Donna Fuller attended both as a Tinkers Bridge resident and as the Leader of WCC.

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1	Welcome John Orr opened the meeting, welcomed everyone and listed apologies	
2	Minutes of the previous meeting The minutes of the previous meeting (25/11/21) were shared and briefly read out by Deanna.	
3	Introduction of guests Donna fuller (Ward councillor MKC), Woughton and Fishermead, Tinkers Bridge is a part of. Attending as a guest and as a resident of Tinkers Bridge. Donna had a meeting with Graham cox, the new head of highways, before Christmas, regarding the parking. She is waiting for a response on this. Donna went over some updates for us as below. The blue light walk was discussed and said that it should be knows that it is a way to say thank you to all our blue light services for all they have done over the last 2 years during our current times, it has been a journey that deserves recognition. The coffee hall café is relaunching Tuesday (2 nd Feb), and the coordinator is coming to TB café Saturday so they can swap ideas with us. They are looking to make one of their days to make it a dementia friendly day for suffers and their carer's, they have been given a piano which will be nice for the people to bring back some memories. The jubilee log weekend is being talked about, Thursday 2 nd June there will be a National beacon lighting event at 9.30pm, then the carnival maybe on the Saturday, it's all still in the pipeline. Fuel poverty and claiming fuel help was discussed, there are pockets of money, but it needs to be clarified what is available and where. There is an advice service at Woughton who can talk about options and help more in-depth. April also mentioned that we have been made aware of	

	showing yet. Pantomime money has been banked.	
6	Environmental Report Ron seems happy with the estate and the work that has been done, a lot has been cut back making it look neater and tidier. There were some resident's issues with this cut back, Vincent from Blisworth was not happy with the work, they went over his private property, he is a and cut his garden which is maintained by himself. He has made complaints about this. Also, another resident on Hatton her plants were cut back. The workers that were doing this work were very apologetic and did offer to help fix what was done but, in their defence, they are given a map and told to do the work and they just follow instructions. But overall people were very happy with how nicer the estate looks with a good tidy up. The grass on the edge of Aldenham between Colne and Hatton is very muddy and the tire marks are very deep now and looks messy. We are under the impression that the person parking there may have moved so this may not be an issue going forward but this will be monitored and if need be, someone can speak to the driver and request for him not to park there as it is ruining our grass verges. Deanna asked about a dog poop bin being put on the new path behind Marshworth, advised there is one down there and discussed where it was. Donna advised to us, for reference, that the amount of dog waste that is collected yearly is enough to fill an Olympic size swimming pool. These are emptied once a month all year around.	
7	Working Group report A new treasurer is needed as Anthonia is stepping down. The group reflected on how successful the Christmas event was and the café and larder. The constitution is due for renew this year. We have this as an item on the agenda to discuss more. More discussed on funding as below.	
8	Funding Update Sheila is happy to train anyone going forward to do the funding side of things as she is stepping down. April and Kirsty are currently training but it was agreed that it would be helpful if more were trained so that if people have ideas and want to get the ball rolling it can be a joint effort. Our health check needs to be done, this is to reports to MKC and the outcome effects how much money we get on grants through the year. We must report numbers i.e., how many children had selection boxes	

	and such.	
9	Updates on Regeneration MK and RORE Meetings. Not a lot more to be discussed at this time from John's side. Donna has said there is a new residents involvement officer, his name is TBC. Donna will try to get him to the next meeting to introduce himself.	
10	Community Café / Fridge / Larder discussion Café is going well, Bacon and egg rolls are a big hit, and they are being requested weekly, donations and people attending seem to be higher when we do these. Tracking numbers weekly for food and this week (22nd Feb) we fed a total of 49 people. Larder we have 32 members now, for our 3rd week this is a great achievement for all involved. We have people from other communities joined us too due to how well this has been advertised on our FB page. 18 from Tinkers bridge and 14 from outside estates. We have applied for a small grant for a double door larder fridge which is on wheels so can be wheeled into the larder area to make life easier. Funding for shelving on wheels has also been applied for to store items on. An application has been made by April / Kirsty to CO-OP to supply a fridge for the Community fridge as we cannot get produce until we have a fridge. The manager from our local Tesco came in this week and asked questions as it was the first time, she see us open and asked how she can support us also, she would be happy to donate the products not sold on the Friday evening / Saturday morning to help out. We are also being allowed to use the shop bins on the weekend after the café.	
11	WCC Queens Jubilee celebration festival June 4th We are hoping to take part in what the WCC organises, we would like to support them and enter in ourselves too. April expressed maybe one event would be better than different streets as if some streets don't take part, then other may be left out so one community event would then include everyone, John and other attendees agreed this would be a good idea. Due to toilet access, kitchen use and power needed maybe the meeting place and the field next to it would be a better option, the community garden was also discussed. This needs to be talked about further and plans finalising. Natalie mentioned she thinks a theme event would be good as it gets more people involved, there are lots of options, eras, commonwealth countries, what has happened during the queen's rein. Jubilee is the 4th, and the bank holiday is 2nd-5th, we propose to do our event on Friday 3rd. Funding will be applied for so that children can make props at the café	Voted by all (12)

	on a Saturday so that no extra booking space is needed, and we can incorporate the café time for multi-use.	
12	Events for this year coming Easter – Sarah is doing her easter egg hunt, nothing has been decided on this yet, but she would need around approx. £100 to get eggs and props for this. Votes to agree. Alongside this leading up the easter, the café can have some games and coemptions for best decorated egg. A small easter party was mentioned by John, initially this would be after the hunt but if the hunt isn't done on easter weekend then this also needs to be discussed. The café is closed on easter Saturday, so the meeting place is open. Kirsty mentioned doing easter bingo and a meal, winners will get eater eggs, this would be looking to be held on Saturday 16th April. Votes to agree. Mother's Day, the café can incorporate this and do some crafts and cards leading up to this. Donna / John is happy to donate some ribbon, we can ask Tesco about donating some daffodils. April has said we can use donations towards the materials, Deanna, Donna, and some others agreed to do this between us rather than apply for funding. We will also do the same for Father's Day nearer the time. Summer coach trips to the seaside, it was requested by members of Tinkers bridge that we do more than one like other estates. Deanna has expressed that there is also ways interest in these trips until it comes to booking and then it does not get booked up as easily as it used to so she didn't feel we would fill more than 1 seaside trip. Also, donna expressed that Netherfield for instance is around 4 times the size of tinkers bridge, therefore they have more than one trip. We voted to apply for funding to go for one seaside trip, organised by Deanna as previous years. A summer fun day is wanted by the community during the summer holidays, music, BBQ. It will need to be at the meeting place as power will be needed. Votes to agree to apply for funding. Halloween – Sarah wants to organise her annual event which goes on every year. Alongside this April would like to do pumpkin carving with the local children in the day, before the event so that these can be used for extra lighting along the Halloween trail for Sarah. This will help light up the route rather than the glow sticks and will join in with the theme and be more environmentally friendly. Best decorated house should also be done as lots more people take part and would be good for adults to have something to join in with too. Votes to agree. Donna mentioned doing a festival of lights for Diwali, 24th of October. This then incorporates other cultures too. This is to be discussed more but overall lights to be made for this and then placed around the estate for the event. Votes to agree. Pantomime trip to be organised again this year as this is very popular. Deanna wanted to go with a Christmas market coach trip, she is unsure if a coach would fill but we can enquire and see what people want. Votes to agree to look into funding for both a pantomime and Christmas	Voted by all (12) Voted by all (12) Voted by all (12) Voted by all (12) Voted by all (12) Voted by all (12)

	market trip. Santa visits in the sleigh Christmas event to go ahead as tradition for us. Votes to agree. These events have to also be agreed individually through the months more detailed as well.	Voted by all (12) Voted by all (12)
13	Agree to seek funding for Tinkers T-Shirts As the café get bigger more people are wanting a T-Shirt so they feel part of what we are doing, the children also. All of the volunteers that work on the Saturday wear them and it's a great feeling to be a part of. These were last ordered 2015 and they were roughly £6 cost to get made each. Deanna is happy to get some prices for them so we can get some quotes in and get some funding to order more. When TB hoodies were purchased before, we got donations from local landlords, this can be looked into again to also help towards costings.	Voted by all (12)
14	Constitution The chair signs the renewal and agrees that this will be renewed the beginning of, for example every 3 years, therefore we are discussing this now as this is to be renewed at the March AGM meeting. The draft was given out in this meeting, it will be given out again in the February so if anyone has any questions or suggestions these can be put forward before the vote in March.	
15	A.O.B. Kirsty has offered to take place of Anthonia stepping down as treasurer from now so that all is in place ready for the next AGM. Sheila is happy to sit with Anthonia, Kirsty & April to help close off the accounts ready to be sent to Ruth. Votes to agree.	Voted by all (12)
16	Date of next meeting 24th February 2022	