

Tinkers Bridge Residents Association

Monthly Meeting

30th June 2022

Present: John Orr (Chair), April Rennie (Vice/Funding), Kirsty Rennie (Treasurer), Kerry King, Neasham Galloway, Chantelle Tomlinson, Vincent, Janet Day

Apologies: Ron Ellis, Dave Lee

Guests: Donna Fuller

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1	Welcome John Orr opened the meeting, welcomed everyone and noted apologies.	
2	Minutes of the Previous Meeting The minutes of the previous RA meeting (26 th May 2022) were read out by John.	
3	Introduce Guests John introduced Donna Fuller from Woughton Community Council, also the Ward Councillor for Milton Keynes.	
4	Chair's Report John reported on the various meetings he had attended, including the parish council. One minutes silence was held for Marisa. John then spoke about Lisa who had been a big part of the Tinkers Bridge community. Marisa lost her long, sometimes painful battle with her illnesses and sadly passed away. For anyone wishing to attend Lisa's	

	funeral will be held at Crownhill Crematorium on 7 th July at 14:45.	
5	Treasurers Report At the present time there is £2856.97 in the bank and £235.81 petty cash. We have received £775 for obtaining the gold status for the Milton Keynes Council health check. Ring fenced £456.95 to environmental projects. Café set up from MKWC £158.19. £60.46 in the Café kitty. We have purchased a hose pipe, soil and flowers for the raised beds on the estate.	
6	Environmental Report Ron has three issues with fly tipping. There has been a mattress abandoned by the big roundabout – April has now reported this. There is a large pile of rubble outside a house on Bascote – Neasham has spoken to the resident who said it was supposed to be moved this week but he has been let down so it is unknown when this will be moved. The third is a problem with fly tipping on Hatton. Ron has thanked the RA for the hose.	
7	Funding Update April has applied to WCC for the funding for two seaside trips, one to Southend on 3 rd August and one to Brighton on 20 th August. If the funding is approved the charge will be £6.00 per ticket. Deanna is taking the lead on these trips. Deanna has asked if extra money can be requested to be used to make up engagement packs for the children. April has applied for £779.00 in total. Kirsty suggested a breakfast club to run over the summer holidays from 9am – 11am. Many schools in the area are providing breakfasts for children in term time, this won't be available during the	John Orr April Rennie

	holidays so if the café can get funding to provide children with a breakfast of cereal and toast it will take a little pressure off parents who are struggling to feed their children. John is to apply for his councillors funding to support this project. April has emailed Donna to ask for other councillors to support this project with the hall hire. If funding is approved and the club goes ahead, at least one volunteer will need to be DBS checked, most of the volunteers already have their Food Hygiene certificates. A record will need to be kept of the number of children attending.	
8	Website Hosting The website needs to be updated with the names of the new councillors and committee members John is going to ask Dave to do this.	Dave Lee
9	Updates on Renewal MK and RORE Meetings They are looking at the estate renewal forum, what the council wants to do, residents views need to be considered and it should be made known what the residents want. Donna Fuller has said there are six strands to the renewal process the TBRA are only aware on one of them. Donna is going to send the TBRA details of the other five strands. April advised that there is a RORE meeting on zoom tomorrow night if anyone wants to join she will send them the link.	Donna Fuller
10	Community Larder and Café Update Everything is running smoothly. We have been approved to stock frozen, chilled and ambient foods. We are also going to be collecting groceries for the fridge from Tesco (Bletchley) and Sainsburys (CMK) from 18th July.	

	There is a meeting on Monday 4th July at Tinkers Bridge Meeting Place from 1pm – 3pm. The ladders from the local area will be attending and they will look at the set-up of TB Community Larder.	
11	Events for the Coming Year The quotes have been received for the seaside trips and funding has been applied for. Ideas are needed for what events/activities the residents would like to see over the school summer holidays, funding can then be applied for. The dog show and fun day on 27th August are going ahead. Suggestions for activities were a treasure hunt around the estate ended up at the fun day venue. A bouncy castle – this will have to be checked to ensure they have adequate insurance. If funding is to be applied for three quotes will have to be obtained for any single item costing over £50. In order to free up volunteers from cooking it was suggested that ice-cream/food vans were contacted and asked if they would attend the event and then donate a percentage of the takings to the TBRA. There is very little arranged for children under the age of four, April suggested that outside games were taken to different play areas on the estate on various days to keep the younger children entertained during the summer. The details and dates of the outside play days could be advertised on the TBRA Facebook page.	John Orr
12	Economic Crisis The economic crisis is already hitting residents very hard, local people are experiencing financial hardship, struggling to put food on the table and keep basic services going.	

	It has been suggested that a homework club maybe opened at Coffee Hall with internet access. The club would be targeting secondary school students studying for exams. The club could also possibly provide food for the students attending. The community needs to look at ways to support residents, there are services available, we need to point residents in the right direction to get the advice/help they need.	
13	Feedback from Health Check TBRA have been informed that we should not have received a gold accreditation we should have been awarded silver. This is for two reasons, the TBRA constitution is missing two protected characteristics (class and culture) from the equality section and there are differences around the length of time people can stay in post.	
14	The Bridge Newsletter The Bridge has not been produced for two months, this is needed for the accreditation. Sarah who was going to take on the role of editor has done nothing so a new editor will need to be appointed. It has been suggested that Liz had expressed an interest in taking on the role of editor – April is going to speak to her about it.	April Rennie
15	Tinkers Bridge Facebook Page The TB Facebook page is not run by the TBRA, some of the admin staff are not adhering to the rules, nor are they keeping a check on comments being posted. Many of the members do not reside on Tinkers Bridge, the general feeling was that the page should be for residents of Tinkers Bridge only. There was discussion as to whether the FB page should be taken over and run by the TBRA.	John Orr

	It was proposed that TBRA take responsibility for the management of the page – the vote in favour was unanimous. John is to go through the Facebook messages. A social media policy will also be needed.	
16	AOB Kirsty requested that we apply for funding for the cost of hall hire and food for another bingo evening.	
17	Date of the Next Meeting The date of the next meeting was agreed as being 28 th July 2022.	