

Tinkers Bridge Residents Association

Monthly Meeting

29th September 2022



Present: John Orr (Chair), April Rennie (Vice Chair), Kirsty Rennie (Treasurer), Neasham Galloway, Terry Weller, Derek Weller, Grant Clulow, Sheila Taylor, Janet Day.

Apologies: Ron Ellis, Dave Lee, Deanna Norris, Donna Fuller.

Guests: Sean Perry Woughton Community Council , Kevin Harrison Milton Keynes Council Residents Engagement Officer

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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 (28 th July 2022) were read out by John.	
3	Introduce Guests John introduced Sean Perry from Woughton Community Council and Kevin Harrison from Milton Keynes Council Residents Engagement Officer.	
4	Chair's Report John reported that a cost-of-living emergency had been declared by WCC as the impact of inflation and energy bills hits already poverty-stricken residents in their area. The BBC have shown some interest in this, Kevin Harrison asked if someone would be available to be interviewed on radio, maybe on camera about the cost-of-living crisis. John informed everyone that there was a book of condolence for the Queen available to residents to	

	sign at the Civic Offices between 9 – 5 or online on the Royal Family's website.	
5	Treasurers Report At the present time there is £1795.65 in the bank and £860.41 petty cash. £1785.32 in the general fund. £441.10 in the environmental fund. £108.52 Café set up from MKWC. £250.46 in the Café kitty.	
6	Environmental Report Three of the flower beds on the estate have been tended to, one on Blisworth and two at the end of Bascote. A walk around the estate is being organised with members of WCC as there is a problem with rats. This isn't helped by residents leaving rubbish on the kerbside instead of in the bin cupboards until refuse collection day. There seems to be a problem with the community garden as there have been several reports from residents of their animals becoming sick after venturing there. It isn't known if this has anything to do with the disease in pigeons at present. It was suggested that a notice be put up to warn residents.	
7	Funding Update The Summer fun day, April had asked the events coordinators to let her know what they needed but no one got back to her. April put in a last-minute application for funding for the fun day which we received and was utilised. Halloween, funding has been agreed with WCC but will be used more in line with the community fridge. Pumpkin carving and cooking using pumpkins to make various dishes. April will source people to help do pumpkin dishes then we will supply recipes.	

	There will also be a disco in the evening for the children. Sarah Mitchell was asked to submit quotes, plan and permission paperwork she hasn't sent any quotes into April for the Halloween event she wanted to do so no funding has been applied for. If she doesn't conform with the TBRA policies, we can't support her. Christmas event 17th December, the meeting place has been booked from 3pm – 7pm and Santa is also available during these times if required. Santa will do the estate rounds and is available to attend the grotto in the meeting place for the children's party. It was decided that we will purchase small selection boxes for the children as this will leave funding for other things food etc. for the children's party. Christmas Panto, we are looking to see if we can go somewhere more local this year, it is believed that two local schools put on panto's they are Walton High School and Stantonbury Campus (Cinderella). Christmas Market, we would like to hold this on Saturday 10th December. Since the meeting April has spoken with WCC the 10th December is already booked up so she has requested the 3rd December.	All agreed that we hold a children's party at the meeting place on 17th December All agreed we purchase small selection boxes. All agreed that we try to find a pantomime locally.
8	Updates on Renewal MK and RORE Meetings There is not much happening at the moment, there is a meeting next month. We are keeping an eye on the estate renewal forum and are waiting to hear what form the regeneration is going to take.	
9	Community Larder and Café Update We have closed the community café as it was too much to run the café, larder and fridge. The opening times have also changed to 9am – 11am. The entrance for the larder/fridge was changed this	

	week to the door by the book table, this enabled members to wait inside, they were able to choose items from the fridge before they did their larder pick. Unfortunately, Sofia are not supplying enough items for number of members we have, April is constantly trying to top up what Sofia supply so that there is enough to go round. For the community fridge to continue members of the larder were asked for a voluntary contribution of 50p to help cover the cost of the fuel used by the volunteers who collect the supplies for the fridge. Food Connect would collect the community fridge items for us, this would save April and other volunteers using their vehicles and fuel, if this happened everything collected would go into the pot to be shared between all the local community fridges.	All agreed for the fridge collections to be done by Food Connect if April thinks this is the best way forward.
10	Fly Tipping and Rubbish The council prices for collecting and disposing of items are very high. A company called Three Counties Recycling have been recommended by Grant, their prices are reasonable, they charge £40 for 200 kilos of rubbish. Grant is going to put a recommendation on the TBRA Facebook page.	
11	Hampers for the Elderly and Disabled Last year we put this onto the TBRA Facebook page and asked residents to recommend residents they thought would appreciate a hamper. We need to do this again to ascertain how many hampers we will need to make up. TBRA may be able to put some	

	money towards the hampers once we know how many are required.	
12	New Signatures to be Added Kirsty has added Deanna as a signatory to the bank account, she will add Janet now as agreed.	
13	AOB If available, the meeting place needs to be booked for the Christmas Market on 10 th December	
14	Date of the Next Meeting The date of the next meeting was agreed as being 27 th October 2022.	