



Reede Road Tenants & Residents Association

REEDE ROAD TENANTS' AND RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION
MINUTES FOR ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
12 SEPTEMBER 2007
8.00PM

ATTENDANCE:

Darren Rodwell – Chair; Grant Rome (LBBD Housing), Caroline Porter (LBBD-NM); 4 Representatives from Alibon SNT; Graham Letchford (BRASS); Cllr Bailey; Cllr Doncaster; Cllr Davis; M White; P Barratt; C Choppy; R Stevens; M S Kaith; J White.

16 Residents

1.0 INTRODUCTION & APOLOGIES NOTES/ACTIONS

1.1 The Chair thanked everyone attending the AGM. He commended everyone for all their hard work this year. Although not everything had been achieved, he praised everyone for coming together as a community. N/A

1.2 DR explained that the TRA was a non-political organisation, and that he would not tolerate any political agendas, racism, or discrimination in any way. He is the Chair, and this behaviour would not be allowed as per the TRA Constitution and Code of Conduct. N/A

1.3 Apologies for Romesh Paktsun, James Kamara N/A

2.0 MINUTES OF LAST AGM

2.1 Agreed by all as a true record, and signed by the Chair N/A

3.0 CHAIRS REPORT

3.1 Darren reported that this year had been a very interesting year. Although they may have not grown in strength in numbers, many committee members had developed themselves; he wanted them to know that he appreciated everything they had done. Darren added that some members had stepped down. He thanked these members and wished them well for the future. With all the changes, he believed it had not stopped the TRA achieving what they felt they needed to do. It had been a very positive year. N/A

3.2 The Pondfield Park festival was not necessarily as big as it had been in previous years. Money had been lost, but many factors were involved with this. The biggest being the extremely bad weather over the weekend of the event. This however did not stop it from still being a good event. Many local Associations had been active at the event like BRASS (Beacontree TRA), Hedgemans Road Allotment Association and The Royal Navy Association, with other great community groups participating also. N/A

3.3 Darren praised the local children. He was dismayed that people only saw the bad. He commended them on the fact that, although there had been some damage to the new play area in Pondfield Park, overall, they had respected the area. N/A
In the six weeks holidays, bouncy castles had been put out to entertain the children. Out of 1064 children that had used the castles, only 3 children had tried to cause trouble. Darren thanked everyone for all the effort and hard work, and wished the TRA a good year to come.

4.0 TREASURERS REPORT

4.1 Manu gave a report on both income and expenditure. He mentioned that they had made a loss on the Pondfield Park fun day but overall the balance in the account still looked positive. With plans for the new TRA year as treasurer, he was looking forward to the increase in the balance sheet. As of the 12 September 2007, the balance of the account was £2922.04. N/A

5.0 MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE TO STAND DOWN

5.1 The Chair, along with the other committee members stood down from their positions, and our independent adjudicator, Mr. Graham Letchford from BRASS took over proceedings. N/A
He said it was a pleasure to be part of the TRA. He commended everyone for helping each other. He felt more communication was needed between groups, but still felt it was an exciting time in the Borough.

5.2 1 nomination was proposed and seconded by the floor for the position of Chair. It was an unanimous vote for Darren Rodwell to proceed in the position of Chair N/A

5.3 Nominations were asked for the position of Vice Chair, Treasurer, and Secretary. The following nominees were proposed presented to the floor: N/A

Vice Chair	Pam Barratt	Unanimous
Treasurer	Manu Kaith	Unanimous
Secretary	Leanne Fee	Unanimous

5.4 Nominations for Non-Executive Committee members:

Cathy Choppy	Unanimous	James Kamara	Unanimous
Romash Paktsun	Unanimous	Steve Drake	Unanimous
Joe White	Unanimous	Simon Smallwood	Unanimous
Roland Stevens	Unanimous	Joan Stevens	Unanimous
Winnie Chapman	Unanimous	Tony Waters	Unanimous
Mavis White	Unanimous		

6.0 ANY OTHER BUSINESS (A.O.B)

6.1 **Question:** When will the next Community meeting be taking place?

Answer: Wednesday 28th November 2007

Question: Why have we still not had any consultation from the Council regarding the “One Stop Shop” which will be located on the Heathway shopping area with the new library facilities?

6.2 DR to report back at next meeting.

Answer: DR has left message with Head of Community Services and Heathway Regeneration Team. At present, waiting for response.

Question: Would the TRA paint pavement games, i.e. hopscotch, snakes and ladders etc, in the pedestrianised areas of the estate?

6.3 **Answer:** GR stated that he was unable to give an immediate answer and would seek guidance as he believes there to be a Play Strategy Officer. He will ask them for guidance and response and possibly to attend a future meeting

GR to report back to DR

Question: Does the borough operate a “No Cold Calling Zone?”

6.4 **Answer:** Sergeant Thomas responded saying that the Borough does operate a “No Cold Calling Zone”, and will get further details and possibly some leaflets.

ST to get information/leaflets and report back to Committee

Question: DR – would it restrict us as a TRA, or any other community group from canvassing?

N/A

Answer: Sergeant Thomas replied she believed it was only for selling related business.

6.5 **Question:** What is happening with Reede Road and Heathway paths and roads?

JD will report back with more information

Answer: Cllr Davies will be reporting back at the next meeting

6.6 **Question:** Where are the nearest recycling facilities?

JD will raise the issue again and report back at next meeting

Answer: DR – there are no local recycling facilities but Cllr Davies has been speaking to the refuge department about placing recycling cans at the Oxlow Lane carpark

6.7 **Statement:** Cllr Baley raised the issue of the closure of the Fanshawe Centre. He informed the meeting that a decision had been taken by the Executive to redevelop the site. He was not happy that residents had not been consulted.

DR to send a request to Adult Services to attend the next meeting to give update on Fanshawe Centre and other resident concerns

DR responded by asking the Cllr if he had had up to date information. After speaking to the Halls Department, he was informed that no such undertaking was going ahead.

6.8 **Question:** Cllr Baley raised the question over the suitability and safety of the railway bridges from Reede Road over to Blackbourne Road, and suggested raising a petition and possible direct action.

N/A

Answer: DR responded to his question by informing the meeting that he, along with the Police, the local MP, Cllr Davies, Network Rail, the underground, and the Council had already agreed a way forward.

Statement: Cllr Baley responded by saying he would “keep a watchful eye on developments”.

- 6.9 Question:** What is happening with maintenance of lights in Pondfield Park?
Answer: DR has spoken to Parks Department who are calling in Highways to replace light bulbs. No date yet received.
- 6.10 Question:** There is glass within the park area. What is being done about this problem?
Answer: DR has ongoing correspondence with Park Rangers about the cleaning of glass and other litter within the park. DR feels that blame should not be passed to the Council but feels that the youths are more to blame. Local shops have not helped the situation by supplying alcohol to underage youths. He felt that with a local shop having had their license revoked, this would help other shops follow suit by not supplying alcohol, in turn helping the park situation. DR felt that more Parks Police should be available, and this is something that the TRA will be campaigning for with the Council.
- 6.11 Question:** Will be getting toilets over the park?
Answer: DR answered by saying that toilets would not be provided as of yet until ongoing problems have been addressed. Then the TRA can go forward and put this forward to the Local Authorities.
- 6.12 Question:** Cllr Bailey put forward the problem with the bridge connecting Blackbourne Rd and Reede Rd with the ongoing graffiti problem. He felt the TRA should mount a campaign to get the bridge “cleaned up”. He also felt that there was a big problem with rust, and this could be dangerous.
Answer: DR informed the meeting that the Bridge was not the responsibility of the Local Council, but was in fact the responsibility of Network Rail and London Underground. There had been a previous agreement where the TRA would be supply paint to clean the bridge, and this has yet to be forthcoming. DR also commented that Private Companies should be forced to deal with maintenance and upkeep of projects once they have finished building.
- 6.13 Question:** What is being done regarding the increased traffic within the local area, in and around Ponfield Park?
Answer: Sergeant Thomas informed the meeting that they would be enforcing the 20mph speed limit, and were doing spot checks of vehicles in and around the area on a regular basis. There is also a 6 weekly meeting to discuss the local priorities, and they are campaigning for cameras to be put down Rainham Road South, and Alibon Road.
- 6.14** DR informed the meeting that during the half term, an event may be organised called “Soul in the City”, in conjunction with a Youth Offending Team. This would entail children coming together to improve the local area with activities such as painting the railings of Pondfield park and gardening.

DR to report back at next meeting

N/A

N/A

Councillor Davies to contact companies involved regarding paint. To come back with information at next meeting.

Sergeant Thomas is still awaiting an appointment with the new officer from NWR. Once date is agreed, will inform all councillors.

N/A

DR to come back with an update at next meeting.

- 6.15** DR informed the meeting that the TRA are looking at the possibility of holding a Christmas event over Pondfield Park. They were looking at a more traditional event with Carol Services, local church groups, gospel choir and other religious groups joining in. He felt a nativity play which involved local children acting out the play would be of benefit to the whole community. N/A
- 6.16** **Question:** would there still be a Santa Claus visiting the children at Christmas giving out presents as in previous years? N/A
Answer: DR informed all that there would be a Santa visiting the children as before. He also pointed out that there were between 800-1000 presents given out last year. This year, the TRA would like to be able to give parcels to the over 65's. This is something that the TRA are discussing at present.
- 6.17** DR wanted to remind everyone of the Disco being held at Dagenham Football Club on the 20 October. The ticket prices are £10 Adult, £5 Children and a family ticket will cost £25. This would be entry for 2 adults and a min of 3 children N/A
- 6.18** **Question:** Have we got any further with regards to a community hall? N/A
Answer: DR replied that no progress has been made at this time.
A member of the meeting informed DR that the Mardyke Estate in Rainham had obtained funding for a community hall, and maybe this would be something the TRA could look into?
DR asked them if they could forward on any literature, and thanked them for the information.

7.0 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

7.1 WEDNESDAY 28TH NOVEMBER 2007