

Tredworth Estates, Tenants and Residents Association

Annual General Meeting

Thursday 18th January 2024, 6.30pm

Minutes

1. Present

Committee: Tony Ward (Chair), Anthony Saunders (Vice Chair), Tim Rees (Treasurer)

Minutes: Alison Thompson

Temporary Chair following committee standing down: Ahmed Said Hansdot

Members: Karen Page, Verona Vidal, Roseanna Marshall, Kazol Ahmed, Taufiqul Islam, Kate Harris, Polly Lillico, Annette Robinson, Derrick Francis, Carol Francis, Muktasir Mia, Jahid Khan, Toniqul Islam, Mehen Khan, Akhlaque Ahmed, Sajid Patel, Hazel Golden, Derrick McLean, Shamsuz Zaman Litu

Apologies: Kath Copeland

2. Welcome

Tony Ward opened the meeting by welcoming everyone.

3. Name Change

A vote was taken on changing the name of the group from Tredworth Estates, Tenants and Residents Association (TETRA) to Tredworth Residents Association (TRA). Motion carried with majority vote.

4. Treasurer Report

Tim Rees reported that at the start of 2023 there was £991.08 in the bank account; at the end of the year there was £104.48. Draft accounts are available.

The street party (June 2023) was the main expenditure, with the biggest expense being public liability insurance; this was also used at other events TRA was involved with, such as the Culture Fayre (Aug 2023) and the Lantern Procession (Nov 2023). Other expenditure included printing, publicity of events and additional supplies such as face paints for children's activities at the street party.

Funding has come mostly from private donations and the occasional grant.

5. Chair Report

Tony Ward reported that TRA had a good year in 2023. The street party was excellent, with a highlight being the presenting of awards to long-serving businesses in the area, including Vern's Autoparts, Derek Arnell Hair Stylist, Miss Ivy's Café, Hardy Boyz (hardware department) and Abu's.

TRA was also involved with the Culture Fayre, which was a big success.

TRA provided Santa (Tony Ward) for a day of Christmas activities at St James City Farm. This was very popular with over 100 children attending, far exceeding expectations. It is hoped the event will go ahead in 2024, with TRA support.

Tony Ward summed up by saying that 2023 had been very successful for TRA, and he hoped 2024 would be even better.

Tim Rees added that TRA will be completing a tree survey in Tredworth in 2024, with the aim of planting more trees along the High Street, and potentially adding seating and window boxes to improve the environment.

There was a suggestion from a member about contacting Fair Shares, who are doing similar work in Barton Street.

ACTION: Contact Fair Shares re: tree planting

Another member asked whether children and young people would be involved in this project. Tim Rees said this was a good idea as there is huge potential for learning about nature, taking responsibility etc.

Tim Rees also mentioned briefly that TRA has been conducting a consultation with local residents on what changes they would like to see in Tredworth, and this would continue in 2024.

Derrick McLean, a Gloucester Community Builder, asked about future meetings and suggested it would be useful for Tredworth to have a community hub.

ACTION: Follow up with Derrick McLean re community hub and other partnerships

6. Constitution

Tim Rees explained that the current constitution dates back to a time when Gloucester City Homes (GCH) was involved with the residents association and was now outdated. A new constitution has been drafted and copies were distributed among members.

The new constitution includes:

- Mostly the same aims.
- A simplified boundary area. Tim Rees confirmed that while anyone can be a member of TRA, the area TRA covers is Tredworth only, not Barton.
- Inclusion of some new aspirational committee roles including Communications, and Community Liaison.
- A new section on volunteers

Members said they needed time to look over the constitution. It was agreed that the constitution would be discussed and constituted at a later date.

ACTION: Set date for EGM re constitution

7. Committee Election

The committee stood down and Said Ahmed Hansdot took over as temporary chair.

Chair

Nominees: Tim Rees (proposed by Karen Page, seconded by Anthony Saunders)

Tony Ward: (proposed by Alison Thompson, seconded by Annette Robinson)

Tim Rees became Chair by majority vote.

Vice Chair

Nominees: Karen Page (proposed by Alison Thompson, seconded by Verona Vidal)

Tony Ward (proposed by Tim Rees, seconded by Annette Robinson)

Shamsuz Zaman Litu also expressed an interest. However, he is a current standing councillor and members were unhappy about conflicts of interest. As there were already two candidates, he stood down from nomination.

Karen Page became Vice Chair by majority vote.

Treasurer

Nominees: Anthony Saunders (proposed by Tim Rees, seconded by Alison Thompson)

Anthony Saunders became Treasurer as sole nominee.

Secretary

Nominees: Alison Thompson (proposed by Karen Page, seconded by Annette Robinson)

Alison Thompson became Secretary as sole nominee

New committee: Tim Rees (Chair)
Karen Page (Vice Chair)
Anthony Saunders (Treasurer)
Alison Thompson (Secretary)

Following the election there was some debate about who should be allowed to stand, specifically related to serving councillors and potential conflicts of interest. It was agreed this would be discussed by the committee and clarified in the new constitution.

Meeting closed: 7.15pm.