

Minutes of Tredworth Residents Association (TETRA) Community Meeting

Thursday 14th September 2023

Function Room, The Treddy, High Street, Tredworth

Representing TETRA: Tony Ward (chair), Anthony Saunders (vice chair), Tim Rees (treasurer), Alison Thompson (acting secretary), Karen ???

Also present: Councillors Sajid Patel and Litu ???

TETRA

It was confirmed that Tredworth Residents Association (TRA) and Tredworth Estates Tenants and Residents Association (TETRA) are one and the same organisation. The wish is to change the name formally to Tredworth Residents Association (TRA) and this will be decided at the AGM in November.

INVITATIONS TO OTHER ORGANISATIONS

TETRA invited representatives from the local council, police and street cleaning team to the meeting, and all accepted. Unfortunately the police were unable to attend at the last minute, but have promised they will attend future meetings.

TREDWORTH STREET PARTY

There was generally positive feedback for the 2023 Street Party. One concern was that it wasn't as good as in previous years. TETRA said this was down to a lack of funding. The street party was mostly funded by a single individual this year, to whom TETRA is very grateful; the street party would probably not have happened without their financial support.

Another concern was that the event wasn't publicised enough. Although TETRA did deliver leaflets to many houses in Tredworth, posters were on the community noticeboard and in shop windows, and the event was publicised on social media, there were limits on how much promotion could be done because of a lack of funding and volunteers. It was also acknowledged that not everyone is online. This is something that will be improved in future, especially if funding and volunteers can be sourced.

Following the event, TETRA were invited to a meeting with the council, who gave their support and talked about a new grant that TETRA can apply for next year.

Ideas presented at the meeting:

- Asking local schools to include the street party in their newsletters
- Promoting the street party via local organisations
- Contacting local organisations to find volunteers
- Running competitions in local schools, for example for bunting designs

LOCAL CONSULTATION

A consultation survey was conducted before and during the street party to discover people's views on Tredworth and how it can be made a safer, more pleasant place to live. Results were shared at the meeting (attached) and include lots of useful feedback and ideas. The survey so far has only had around 40 responses; it needs more data but limited funds/people have made it harder to take this further at present. However, TETRA feels this is a useful exercise and acknowledged it's important to ensure everyone's views are included.

Ideas:

- Door to door surveys
- Hold events and have the survey available there
- Have 'street reps' who take on responsibility to collect data within their street
- Get children and young people involved – perhaps via events/workshops – and get their views as part of the consultation
- Use www.govolunteerglos.org to find volunteers for specific roles

FINANCE

The treasurer reported that there is £250 in the bank currently. A funding application has been submitted to XXX for a Lantern Festival in November. A similar event held in XXX was a big success.

TETRA has raised money for charity in the past - £400 ?? was raised at a previous street party for Grenfell. Donations were requested for a charity collecting for the Morocco earthquake disaster.

Ideas:

- Research what funding is available – other organisations access it, so TETRA should be able to as well
- Work in partnership with other organisations
- A volunteer [Marco Veccaro] with experience of funding applications offered to help
- Use future street parties / other events to raise money for specific charities

ONLINE PRESENCE

TETRA has a new website and more active social media presence. The website is at www.tredworthresidentsassociation.com and has a contact form so people can easily get in touch. The Facebook page is <https://www.facebook.com/tredworthresidents>

CONCERNS

A wide range of concerns were raised by residents, some personal and some more community-based.

- Speeding on High Street
- Missing bollards leading to cars driving on pavement, endangering pedestrians
- Anti-social behaviour, especially problems with neighbours
- Drug use / drug paraphernalia in public spaces
- Parking (lack of, illegal parking, parking on pavements)

- Electric car bays being installed in XXX street following 'full consultation' that didn't include local residents
- Councillors not responding to emails
- HMOs – lots of transient people leaving rubbish behind when they move on
- Fly tipping
- CCTV (specifically whether the security camera at Laurels entrance to St James' Park is working – Councillor Sajid/Litu promised to check this)
- Loud music – people making complaints often pushed from police to council and back again (Councillor Sajid Patel said he is trying to get data from the council of the number of complaints / number followed up)
- Large groups of people hanging around on High Street can make residents feel unsafe
- Police not responding to complaints (Anthony Saunders said he works closely with the police and offered to give his contact details to anyone with concerns in this area)
- Nothing for children and young people to do
- Criticism that councillors only post successes on social media

Ideas

- Bring back 'street reps' to attend meetings with police, council etc
- Request for someone from Highways Dept to be at future meetings
- Need a more co-ordinated response to issues rather than just flagging it up with councillors
- Petitions
- Councillor responses/action could be shared via TETRA
- Using meetings like this to empower people to take more responsibility/ be more involved in the local community
- A 'surgery' with local councillors plus representatives from the council for highways, environmental, wellbeing departments etc and police to answer questions directly
- Community litter picks
- Councillors to use social media to let people know what they are working on, not just when they have achieved something

NEXT STEPS

TETRA took contact details for anyone who would like to get involved.

NEXT MEETING

The AGM will be held at The Treddy on Thursday 9th November 2023 at 6.30pm.

At this meeting all elected committee members (chair, vice chair, treasurer, secretary) will stand down and a new committee will be elected, in line with the terms of the constitution. There will also be a vote on changing the organisation name from Tredworth Estates Tenants and Residents Association (TETRA) to Tredworth Residents Association (TRA).