



# Turnchapel Residents' Association

## **Minutes of the Second Annual General Meeting: 23 January 2018, Boringdon Arms**

### **1) Chair's welcome and report**

Pete Cox, Chair, thanked the Boringdon Arms for hosting the AGM and expressed thanks to the committee members individually, pointing out the roles they have played. Pete also acknowledged the support received from the council and Cllr Michael Leaves during the last year.

Pete highlighted the aims of the Turnchapel Residents Association (TRA) from its constitution, as provided to attendees on the agenda and discussed the high points of the year, the foreshore clean, the village spring clean, the work of Matt Lee and Paul Jago on repairing and restoring the railings opposite the Clovelly Bay Inn, and Rob Dixon on constructing the kayak rack on the beach.

Pete informed the members of the association that the group now had Public Liability Insurance in place for events such as foreshore cleans and litter picks. This year this was purchased by the TRA Committee as a joint policy with the Festival committee.

Pete noted that there are no financial limits given within the Constitution for what the committee can decide to spend without requiring it to seek agreement from the wider TRA. He suggested this limit be set at £300, with any spend under that being within the delegated authority of the committee, and over £300 requiring agreement from the TRA at a public meeting. Those TRA members present voted in favour of this suggestion.

Pete suggested the TRA set regular quarterly meetings, with dates publicised well in advance. This was supported and Linzie Wishart undertook to suggest dates before the end of the evening.

### **2) Treasurer's report.**

Tim Birch, Treasurer, gave an overview of the accounts, noting total funds after the first year of TRA of £628.

The matter of the public liability insurance was discussed, with questions including the cost (£284) and the sharing of the cover with the festival committee. Tim reiterated the importance of having liability insurance for any event, including simply holding meetings. Committee members noted that the decision to cover the full cost of the insurance this year had been taken due to the level of income received by the committee from the beach clean scrap metal and the committees desire to support the festival as it aligned to the aims to the TRA. It was agreed that a vote would be held in 2019, prior to the renewal date of the policy, on whether the residents association should solely pay for the insurance for 2019/20– to put on agenda before JULY 2019. It was agreed to keep communications open.

### **3) Election of the committee**

Pete reported that Polly Stephenson and Nichola Woodward were stepping down from the Committee and thanked them for their contribution.

All other members were content to remain on the committee, if the association agreed. In addition, four nominations had been received for new committee members: Rob Buttress; Toni Northmore; Matt Lee and Ian Rendle.

Pete noted that the maximum number of committee members within the constitution was 15.

Those present agreed that the remaining current members be retained on the committee and be joined by the four nominees.

#### **4) Updates:**

##### **Council**

Polly Stephenson updated those present on liaison with the Council. Cllr Leave had provided a £200 donation to start the TRA off as promised at the last AGM. Polly highlighted that in general, multiple contacts to the council by concerned residents were just as, if not more effective than a single contact from a committee member 'on behalf' of residents ( although the committee would undertake this as well) and the council had been supportive of village clean up as well as having repainted lines in carpark. They had also taken action in response to concerns about the dog poo bin and reopened footpath behind Fort Stamford with reinstated signage. However they had not fixed the damaged signpost at the bottom of the hill by the square, as the level of damage did not meet their criteria for action.

Toni Northmore pointed out that Cllr Leaves has also undertaken to provide an additional dog poo bin at the Turnchapel Wharf end of the village and this had not happened. It was highlighted that Ian Rendle has arranged for a grit bin in bottom car park. Ian undertook to talk to the council about provision of an additional bin.

##### **Smell**

Linzie Wishart and Cathy Harris provided an update on this. It was reiterated that incidents of the smell should be reported to South West Water, and that multiple reports from different residents were likely to have more impact. This would be added to the agenda for next meeting.

##### **Summer Festival**

Simon Law reported the summer festival had been a great success, raising over £2000 for St Luke's Hospice, as well as being a really positive experience. The festival committee (which it was reiterated was a separate entity from the residents association) felt that to hold another festival in 2019 might put the event at risk of becoming a victim of its own success, due to the volume of people attending. However other smaller local events may be planned for 2019.

##### **Christmas Fair**

This was scheduled for Saturday the 15th December on the cobbled area of Boringdon Terrace. Santa has been booked.

#### **5) AOB:**

TRA Meeting dates for 2019 were suggested as:

- Monday 4 February
- Tuesday 7 May
- Wednesday 4 September
- Thursday 7 November

These dates would be circulated more widely.

Harriet Dismore raised the possibility of organising a group for people interested in the history of Turnchapel. This was met with much support and Harriet undertook to arrange an initial meeting.

It was highlighted that the Carol service is taking place on Sunday the 16th December at 6:30pm in the Boringdon Arms.

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