

TACRA Committee Meeting 3.1

Date: 19th November 2018 , 7pm

Location: The Builders Arms

Attendees

Catherine, Marcelo , Brendan , Sandra , Farhan, Anne
Marie-Louise, Isabel

Apologies

Andrew , Sally Anne, Kat, Karen

No.	Issue	Notes	Actions
1.	Opening	Sandra opened the meeting	
2.	Appointment of secretary	Following the AGM and Tunde standing down as Secretary, the role remained vacant. Brendan offered to take on the role of TACRA Secretary. Brendan was proposed,accepted the appointment and welcomed to the role. Isabel offered to help with the role as committee members	Sandra to forward relevant documents constitution etc to Brendan
3.	Forthcoming Addiscombe West Committee social	Sandra advised an informal social event has been arranged with committee members of neighbouring resident associations for Tuesday the 4 th December at the Church of the Nazarene , 55 Lower Addiscombe Rd, Croydon CR0 6PQ Event is a bring and share and is an opportunity to meet neighbouring committee members, committee were encouraged to attend if possible	Sandra / Brendan to communicate details closer to the date. Committee members to make every effort to attend if possible.

4.	AGM & Wider engagement	<p>Discussion around the AGM and outcomes. All felt it was a positive event and there was a good turnout however we ought to do more to try and draw more people in to the next AGM.</p> <p>Farhan made the point that timing with Diwali will have limited some attendees.</p> <p>It was considered that next year a joint winter social / AGM could be considered.</p> <p>The leaflet drops were effective, but considered that in addition, the Facebook page and website could be used to encourage more involvement and engage people who may not be comfortable attending and event where they do not know people</p>	<p>Farhan to post minutes onto TACRA website and post link / re post / publish onto the TACRA Facebook page</p> <p>All to consider engaging further on Facebook to generate more engagement and discussion.</p>
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<p>5.</p>	<p>Heron Road Pocket Park</p>	<p>Brendan provided an update on engagement with Sean Fitzimmons following the AGM proposal for a pocket park on Heron Road. no response as yet, but Brendan had enquired about what was said to be existing funding sources for bicycle lockers and planters.</p> <p>Committee were all positive surrounding the principle of pocket park on Heron Road and should be explored further.</p> <p>The need to engage more widely to determine if there is wider interest in our roads, particularly with properties adjacent to Heron Road. Access to garages was highlighted as a key concern. Brendan stated that it would be very difficult to stop up the road and restrict access, it may be more a case of changing the design, removing car parking spaces and making it one way.</p> <p>Farhan made the point that his idea of a pocket park was different to the example of Van Gogh walk supplied by Brendan (Link here). This highlighted the need to engage with people as to design and what we want a pocket park to mean should this be something that neighbours would like to see happening. Focus should perhaps be on concept at this early stage with design to follow later.</p> <p>Catherine highlighted risk of loitering and a pocket park leading to antisocial behaviour. All agreed this is an important point to consider and should be included in any design brief. Brendan stated that there is an existing problem with loitering by taxi drivers and other vehicles and this could be an opportunity to improve the situation through design.</p> <p>TfL Liveable Neighbourhoods Fund may form a funding source. (details below under funding).</p>	<p>Brendan to chase up Sean Fitzimmons and copy in other councillors</p>
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6.	Liveable Neighbourhood Workshop	<p>All agreed the workshop hosted by Sean Fitzimmons at the AGM was useful and captured a lot of great ideas to take forward as areas of focus for TACRA in the new year. The suggestion of a Pocket Park was one of the ideas put forward at the AGM</p> <p>The point of wider engagement was raised again and was suggested we engage more people in the discussion going forward.</p> <p>Agreed that we include a piece in the next newsletter and encourage people to raise issues or comment on what should be TACRA focus for the coming years.</p>	Sandra to write up list for inclusion in newsletter.
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7.	Raffle	<p>Marie-Louise advised we have sold 38 pounds of raffle tickets and we ought to try and sell more to see that we raise enough funds to support our activities next year.</p> <p>Various ways to drum up further sales were discussed, captured in actions to the right. -></p> <p>It was agreed to draw the raffle as part of an informal social w/c 17th December. Poll to be sent around to identify a date. Venue agreed to be the Builders Arms.</p>	<p>Brendan to send a doodle poll to identify a date (week commencing 17th December) on which to have a Christmas social, draw and announce the raffle.</p> <p>Farhan to explore possibility and if possible implement the ability for people to buy tickets online and promote through the website and facebook page</p> <p>Catherine is to produce a flyer to send around the area and encourage people to buy a ticket through facebook or attend the Christmas social draw and buy a ticket.</p>
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8.	Funding (TfL Liveable Neighbourhoods & Council)	<p>Marie's point on funding and raising enough money was noted and initiated a discussion on additional funding sources.</p> <p>The TfL liveable neighbourhoods application to fund Pocket Park and other opportunities was discussed however the application process is robust and may need wider support of the Council and neighbouring residents association. (Link here).</p> <p>Sandra raised the possibility of community funding that we could apply for.</p> <p>(note, further research revealed that Croydon Council have a community grant scheme (link here) it is not clear what the requirement is however.</p>	<p>Brendan to research and raise with Councillors.</p> <p>For future committee discussion.</p>
9.	Recycling and litter picking days	<p>Annie highlighted that with the recent change in bin days, recycling is now collected the day after street sweeping, which means the mess created from bin collections is not cleared until 6 days later.</p> <p>Marcelo reported issue of bins not always being emptied</p>	<p>Annie to contact councillors to request that the street sweeping is changed to Thursday</p>
10.	Clean and Green	<p>All agreed the clean and green event was great event and should be repeated in future.</p> <p>Slight issue in Council operatives being selective on what was picked up and leaving various masonry / concrete blocks. Catherine has advised a note has been put through her door to say the council will collect.</p>	<p>Sandra to feedback support to Councillors and suggest is made a regular event.</p>

11.	Street Trees	<p>Sandra reported a survey of vacant tree plots has been completed and the list has been communicated to Councillor Jerry Fitzpatrick who has in turn instructed Croydon Highways.</p> <p>Annie highlighted need to ensure they are watered in summer so that they survive.</p>	<p>Sandra to follow up with Jerry and ask for confirmation as to when trees might be planted</p> <p>Committee to include piece in summer newsletter asking residents to water the trees occasionally.</p>
12.	Traffic	<p>Sandra reported that neighbouring roads are campaigning to change road layout in response to traffic issues. There has been suggestions of mediation and a public meeting with neighbouring streets.</p>	<p>Sandra to keep informed as to developments and report back as and when so committee can consider.</p>
13.	Asset of Community Value	<p>Brendan raised the matter of Asset of Community Value and whether TACRA should consider its ability as a community group to apply for an ACV for nearby pubs as a way of possibly protecting them from closing and being sold for redevelopment in the same way as the Glamorgan.</p>	<p>Brendan to raise matter with Councillors and revert.</p>

14.	Network Rail	<p>Brendan referred to the current Network Rail consultation for the Croydon Remodelling Scheme which closes on the 7th December 2018</p> <p>Substantial bridge works are proposed on Windmill Bridge and we could expect a bridge similar to that on Tennison Road (Link here) to be constructed. There will likely be a big impact on the immediate area and also in respect of the station rebuild.</p> <p>It was agreed that there were issues in terms of making representations from TACRA without wider input from residents. It was agreed that people should be encouraged to consider making personal representations. The link is here https://www.networkrail.co.uk/croydon</p> <p>Brendan suggested that an early engagement without lending support or opposing could be sensible as a way of making Network Rail aware of concerns and TACRA at early stage of their design thinking and will help in future engagements.</p> <p>Representations could be on the concerns of disturbance, traffic impact, design of the bridge, cycle lanes, impact on Little Road Playground and local businesses.</p>	<p>TACRA representations to be considered further.</p> <p>Committee members encouraged to respond to consultation in persons capacity.</p>
15.	Newsletter	<p>Agreed next newsletter is to be targeted to issue in January 2019 with input from all members.</p>	<p>Catherine to develop newsletter format with content contributed by committee members.</p>

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