

TOOTING TOWN CENTRE PARTNERSHIP BOARD
Bullet Points of MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON
TUESDAY 3RD FEBRUARY 2009 AT 12.30PM

Welcome & Apologies

Indrajit Patel

- .Apologies from Dalton Cenac, Sharon Wright, Geoff Boulton, Insp Dale Anderton, Reima Jumpp, Peter Dolan, Anoma Abeyewardene, Liz Woods, Mike Todd (adverse snow situation)

Declarations of interest

various

- Cllr Claire Clay, new puppy owner, interest in dog chipping!

Minutes of previous meeting

Indrajit Patel

- The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed as accurate.
- Still no reply from Thames Water following Partnership's letter of 16th October 2008 (water ingress, rear of Upper Tooting Road shops).
- Night time disorder research awaiting outcome of Strategic Assessment (immiment)
- Dog chipping free on estates – but a condition of many tenancies..

Consideration of new Partners

Audrey Helps

- Mr Mike Todd, site head at South Thames College, invited to join the Partnership
- Discussion on general balance of the Board, important that still business-led.
- More invitations to be extended to community groups to give presentations
- More major retailers to be invited to come along as visitors to get them interested

Guest presentation – Transition Town Tooting

Hilary Jennings

- Network of Transition Towns emerging nationally and internationally
- Main focus – community response to climate change and peak oil
- Transition Town Tooting (TTT) bringing together many individuals and groups
- How can communtiy lead on individual initiatives and building up individual resilience
- 134 Transition Towns in UK and over 600 considering. Tooting and WW informal at moment
- 12 Step process to set one up – can be followed in any order
- In Tooting, at the awareness raising stage – building partnerships, holding weekly meetings
- Already several successful events including a Foodival and a Faith Walk
- Looking at opening up section of Lambeth Cemetery, base in town centre, and non-plastic bag
- The TT movement not about being 'anti' anything, about bringing communities together
- Agreement that Tooting Partnership and TTT would continue to keep each other in the loop

Department of Technical Services (DTS) Report

apols from Dalton Cenac

- IP reported two problem manhole covers 15 Upper Tooting Road (UTR) and 169 – 171 UTR
- TfL temporarily repair – totally unsatisfactory. AH and DC to chase up TfL for better response

Parks Police Report

no representative

Police Report

apols from Inspector Dale Anderton

- Anti-social behaviour round Salvador/rear of Gala – not yet Ward priority ('but is now: AH')
- Initial environmental audit, temp CCTV installed, some shift patterns changed to address
- Council and police working to look at designing out crime options
- Much work on 'gangs' issues going on (intelligence-led)
- Town Centre 'hub' (dedicated SNT team for town centre) – a bid has gone in for Tooting
- Crime data – very detailed maps and analysis tabled by AH on behalf of Insp DA
- Agreed very time-intensive to produce and not necessary for every meeting, stats fine

- Occasional detailed information would nonetheless be welcomed
- General picture given by Dec/Jan stats was that crime was down against Oct/Nov
- Exceptions were: pickpocketing, common assault, criminal damage, snatch theft..
- Most trends stable or decreasing however – encouraging picture

St George's Hospital Trust

apols Liz Woods & Sarah Hart

- News about new St George's entrance – will house a Simply Foods and a Café Revive
- Also a Whistlestop newsagents
- First M & S Simply Foods to go into a hospital site so a coup for St George's

London Underground Report

apols Anoma Abeyewardene

Tooting Library Report

apols from Geoff Boulton

- Tooting Library Management Committee meetings have moved to St Boniface School
- First meeting of teenage advisory group moved to Tuesday 10th Feb due to weather
- Banner now up on outside of Library – some queries about its visibility arose
- Hoardings due up imminently, and pictures of demolitions etc on Council's website
- Questions about use of mobile unit and whether internet access – to find out
- Next MAC meeting also next Tuesday 10th Match

Dept of Leisure and Amenity Services (DoLAS) Report

apols Sharon Wright

Town Centre Manager's Report

Audrey Helps

- Lots of work continuing on 'Tooting Together' – excellent progress
- Footways enforcement work (6 month pilot, taking over from TfL) – dramatic improvement
- Time banding of commercial waste due to begin in early April
- Fixed penalty notice exercises for those dropping litter undertaken
- New litter bins with integral cigarette disposal facility installed
- Robust action against licensed and unlicensed street traders
- Work clearing rear alleys, and particular attention to rear of Gala and alley to Samaj Hall
- NF has prepared a brief for the Gap Analysis study – this to now go out to tender
- Work also ongoing – identifying potential development sites and land ownerships
- Also looking at ways of improving the appearance of vacant and/or shuttered shops
- Discussion on the rationale for the Gap Analysis study, valuable tool to lever investment
- 'Good Neighbour' scheme being developed – criteria agreed, panel members recruited
- Windown vinyl in production, scheme to be launched 25th February and first winners announced
- 'Tooting Together' initiative has agreed to fund new banners on Broadway lamp columns!
- Ongoing support from DTS and DOLAS over lots of issues – repairs all processed rapidly
- Snow conditions – concerns that some pavements had not been gritted
- AH presented two spend proposals for remaining 2008 – 09 budget:
- Renewing the Partnership's pull-up banners – current ones very out of date. £1000 maximum
- Funding hanging baskets around Tooting Bec tube station as well as Broadway; £1000 max
- **Both spends unanimously agreed, AH to progress**
- New idea for 2009 – 10 – a possible mini-directory for Tooting Bec businesses?
- The former Co-op site (Mitcham Road) to become VB Foods – powerful supplies group
- Sustainable Communities report circulated with Board papers – information only
- Discussion over any licensing policy position adopted by Partnership – deferred
- Volunteering – all encouraged to complete and return form to capture hours
- Events: 25/02/09 – Good Neighbour launch, 12/03/09 – BATCA Local Heroes Awards

NEXT MEETING: 7TH APRIL 2009
Trident Business Centre, 89 Bickersteth Road, London SW17