

Tudor Area Residents Association Kingston (TARAK)

Minutes of the 6th Annual General Meeting

Held at 7.30pm on Thursday, 29th January 2015 at The Cardinal, Tudor Drive, Kingston

1. TARAK Chairperson Judith Poulton (nee Pottinger) welcomed members of TARAK and opened the meeting.
2. **Apologies:** Barry Seaman, Susan Archer, Rosemary Wagner, Jim Curran, Maria Netley, Hugh Scantlebury, David Ward
3. **Treasurer's Report:** Martin Smith reported that the balance of funds held by TARAK as at 24th January 2015 was £1,127.66, down from £1,297.33 a year earlier. Over the previous 12 months, TARAK had received £160 in membership subscriptions and individual donations, as well as £200 from the BBC Film Unit (for their production of 'Boy in a Dress'). In terms of expenditure, £141 was allocated to bulbs for planting, TARAK social events cost £158.20, a further £90 was spent on website photographs and printing costs of £53.47 were incurred.
4. **Membership Secretary's Report:** Dianne Smith urged greater leaflet distribution in the coming year in order to boost membership, which now stands at 56 members.
5. **Events and lunches:** Sue Canty reported that the regular TARAK lunches held over the past year were very successful and well-attended. In 2015, the lunches would be arranged on Thursdays. Susan was thanked for walking round to deliver a hardcopy of the newsletters to those members who did not have access to emails. On Sunday 2 November some committed members and Councillors braved a deluge to plant bulbs on Tudor Drive around the pedestrian crossover near Barnfield Avenue, before retiring to the Cardinal. On the following Sunday, Susan Canty, Judith and Bill Poulton and Derrick Brister planted more bulbs at the back of the Library and Derrick Brister completed the planting outside the Tudor Drive Shops the following day.

6. **Election of Committee Members:** All existing Committee members indicated their willingness to stand for re-election for 2015. Judith asked the committee members to identify themselves and thanked them for their work during 2014 with special mention of Anne Newmark who had provided excellent notes of the committee's discussions. Anne would remain on the committee, and Michael Derks had offered to keep the notes in future. John Rosenberg proposed the re-election of the committee and this was seconded by Ian Martin. The proposal was unanimously agreed by the meeting. The Committee for 2015 were: Judith Poulton, Margaret Levy, Diane Smith, Martin Smith, Anne Newmark, Susan Canty, Barry Seaman and Michael Derks. Members were invited to join the committee which met about four times a year, or work with the committee on any of the projects.
7. **Chairperson's comments:** Judith reflected on some of the highlights of the year, including the bright bulbs that emerged in late spring and a plaque unveiled at Canbury Gardens in the autumn. The Canbury Garden's celebration was an event organised in partnership with Kingston Aviation Centenary Project and the Royal Borough of Kingston Upon Thames to celebrate "The River Thames and Aviation in Kingston" as part of the year-long celebration to mark the 20th anniversary of the founding of the Thames Landscape Strategy. Judith also gave heartfelt thanks to Margaret for her tireless efforts producing the regular newsletters and the topical emails
8. Margaret reported to the meeting on the principles behind items in the newsletter which were in line with the TARAK constitution, copies of which were on the table; and on her endeavours to scan the Kingston Council website and The Comet newspaper for information that may be relevant to the Tudor area. As editor Margaret would welcome assistance with checking the RBK website for items of relevance to TARAK, and asked if any member would like to submit a paragraph for the newsletter on an item of local interest. Similarly, Margaret attempted to keep abreast of what the police were doing in the area. Simon Stamp had been appointed PC for Tudor Ward and Michael Andrews appointed as the Police Community Support Officer. Margaret reported that the Neighbourhood Watch scheme was a Home Office responsibility, and should be organised by the local community who then reported crimes to the local police. She said that Tudor resident Michael Frain had become heavily involved in Neighbourhood Watch, and was producing some helpful emails and leaflets on various scams for the benefit of local residents. TARAK continued to exchange information with nearby residents' associations, CARA (Canbury and Riverside Association) and BRAG (Burton, Richmond and Gibbon Road), and when possible attend the local policing and community meetings.
9. The date of the next TARAK AGM was set for 28th January 2016.

Judith closed the meeting at 8.25pm.