**TULSE HILL FORUM**

Meeting – 13th September 2011

6.30pm

Cressingham Gardens TRA Centre,

Cressingham Gardens

London SW2 2QG

**MINUTES**

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| **Present** | **In attendance** | **Apologies** |
|  | Sarah Coyte (LBL) | Cllr Ruth Ling |
| Hazel Turay (Chair) |  | Cllr Ade Aminu |
| Saleha Jaffer |  | Louise Belson |
| Pamela Woodroffe |  | Adrian Bodenham (for lateness) |
| Erica Tate |  |  |
| Matt Allgood |  |  |
| Diane Skidmore |  |  |
| Margaret Jarrett |  |  |
| Tracey Ford |  |  |
| Marcia Cameron |  |  |
| Jerome Burke |  |  |
| Lamonte Johnson |  |  |
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1. **Introductions**

All introduced themselves as there were some new attendees. HT agreed to chair the meeting.

1. **Minutes of the previous meeting and matters arising**

Matters arising not covered on the agenda:

**MJ to speak to contacts at Metropolitan Housing about one of the vacant shops at St Martins. This is still outstanding – MJ to report back at next meeting.**

**Community noticeboards - SC/CA to investigate possible costs. SC has contacted CA but no feedback to date.**

**SC to feed back to CN on land adjacent to South Circular – done.**

**LB to look at how we could use the birds eye view function in Google Maps and bring this to the next meeting – carry over to future meeting.**

1. **Community audit proposal (Margaret Jarrett)**

MJ outlined the proposal which had been circulated to the group previously. The intention is to provide a list of contacts for small businesses and voluntary and community groups in the Tulse Hill area and to identify their support needs. The costing is higher than the budget available but High Trees can provide £800 match funding. The intention is for the work to be completed by November.

MC responded that this is a really good piece of work. A completed community audit will help with the planning and delivery of future events by the Tulse Hill Forum. It will also help to identify key local stakeholders. MC asked that the information presented should also include a section on funding requirements for groups. MJ agreed that this could be done. MJ also suggested that the mapping data from ‘Tulse Hill at the Country Show’ should be used to help define the geographic area of the audit.

SJ noted that the match funding brought significant benefit to the Forum. The work involved in carrying out the audit will also help promote the work of the Forum.

MA added that it would be good to have business representation at the Forum.

HT suggested that forum reps could go and talk to businesses face to face about the work of the Forum.

MC suggested that a noticeboard would be useful for this.

**Decision: All present agreed to accept the proposal from HTCDT to carry out the community audit for £1,842.50.**

1. **Youth initiative (Margaret Jarrett)**

DS, HT, MJ met 8/8. The discussion focused on a potential residential for young people over the summer. MJ contacted London Youth – all residential bookings were on hold due to the disturbances so the decision was taken to postpone until October half term. An offer has now been made of 15 places plus youth workers on a 2 day surfing residential in Cornwall. The Forum will be asked to make a contribution of £20 per head. Young people who are interested (ideally three from each part of Tulse Hill and a mix of boys and girls) should come to St Martins Library Centre between 6pm and 7.30 pm on Friday 16th September to register. Parental consent forms will also need to be completed. Some informal consultation will take place with the young people and the intention is that some of them will attend the next THF meeting and feed back. In addition to the residential there are plans to deliver a youth conference before Christmas.

**Action: All to circulate to key youth leaders in order to get balanced representation from local estates.**

MJ talked about a new fund which focuses on community safety. Grants are for between £15k and £50k. She proposed a meeting of the youth sub-group to work on a bid. Suggestions for inclusion in the bid/related topics were:

The Prevent agenda (SJ)

Youth entrepreneurship (LJ)

Mentoring (HT)

Parental empowerment (ET – linked to 1st meeting with parents from Challice, Roupell, Huggins – to encourage parents to become more involved in play sessions and offer informal supervision and reassurance more generally. This will give parents the chance to make a positive contribution, and feel valued. Suggestions for future training included food hygiene, H&S – rather than ‘parenting workshops’ which were seen as patronizing. Focus on empowerment.)

MJ responded that these were all really positive suggestions – HTCDT has also secured funding for a Youth Co-ordinator to be appointed by late November who can help with this. HTCDT is also working with an organization which supports micro-financing.

**Action: MJ to email sub group participants with suggested meeting dates ASAP.**

1. **Bling Ya Bike (short film presentation – Lamonte Johnson)**

LJ presented the film of the events on Tulse Hill and Cressingham Gardens. All agreed that this was excellent work. LJ has spare copies if needed and will arrange for it to go on YouTube. MA added that Friends of Brockwell Park will fund an event in Brockwell Park, linked to an exhibition with Black Cultural Archives running between 5th and 9th October with involvement from local schools. The Bling Ya Bike event will be on 8th October. Police are donating bikes, young people from Tulse Hill and Cressingham will be invited to attend.

**Action: LJ to circulate posters promoting the event**

1. **Website (Adrian Bodenham)**

AB and SC met earlier in the week. AB has secured the Twitter name ‘Tulse Hill’. There are already in excess of 50 followers – people used this during the riots to find out what was going on locally. AB gave the example of the Brockwell Gate website and suggested that a Tulse Hill Forum website could be run along similar lines. It has a calendar and is used to publicize events and host a discussion group. The initial outlay would be £40 to register the domain names ‘tulsehill.org.uk’ and ‘tulsehill.co.uk’. Up to 10 email addresses can be created free of charge, with unlimited virtual emails.

PW asked whether there would be one or more editors. AB responded that it would be good if more than one person acts as an editor. The site is simple to operate.

MC asked whether organizations identified through the community audit could be linked to the THF site. AB confirmed that this could happen.

AB has also secured a phone number for THF (02035823582) which will be helpful for those residents who do not have access to internet but want to stay in touch with the THF. The number is free unless it is used to make outgoing calls or the number is forwarded to another phone number.

**Decision: All agreed that £40 be made available for AB to purchase domain names subject to AB circulating exact costing**

**Action: AB to circulate exact costing**

1. **Finance**

SC noted that an updated finance report will be circulated to the group at every meeting. This will contribute towards the monitoring. She added that LFN members were required to carry out peer review during October. She will work with THF to identify another group from within the LFN to carry out the peer review.

MA asked that a column be added to the finance spreadsheet to include ‘committed funds’

**Action: MJ to ask Huey Fisher at HTCDT to action this.**

1. **Admin function**

All have received draft advert from SC.

**Action: all to read and provide comments on draft to SC by Monday 19th September. SC will then re-circulate to group who can forward to community contacts. SC to co-ordinate interviews and ask for panel members.**

1. **AOB**

SC noted that Sue Sheehan from Green Community Champions has secured funding for a range of sustainability workshops including curtain lining, food growing, jam making. All agreed that this could be interesting.

**Action: SC to circulate briefing paper**

MA mentioned the recent successful ‘volunteer speed dating event’ and said that a group has expressed an interest in running community building workshops and asked if this would be of interest to the group.

MJ responded that she had not had time to look at this but it could be worth considering.

**Action: SC to circulate community building proposal**

ET noted that the ‘I heart Tulse Hill’ badges are really popular and she would like to be able to distribute the remaining badges locally.

**Action: SC to locate remaining badges**

MA suggested ‘I heart Tulse Hill’ T-shirts. A discussion followed about the possibility of running design and production workshops with young people to foster creativity and entrepreneurship, perhaps including branded pencil cases and backpacks.

**Action: LJ to send workshop outline to group**

1. **Date of next meeting**

HT thanked all for attending.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 11th Octber, 6.30 pm at St Martins Library Centre