

TFOCG Committee Meeting 26/04

1. Welcome and Housekeeping
2. Apologies - None
3. Minutes accepted

4. Constitution amendments

JM suggested to keep recruiting members and screen membership applications in the interim to ensure the members represent the interests/demographic of TFOCG.

TFOCG facebook page raised - ZK clarified separate from TFOCG as an organisation. Current membership reflects the majority of Churchill Gardens residents/local residents with an interest in Churchill Gardens. To ensure membership of TFOCG reflects the aims of the constitution.

ZK raised that some organisations charge a membership fee to statutory bodies/organisations - agreed. Committee to clarify what this fee would then equate to - suggestion of membership cards from Cllr Jane Kelly. Annual direct debit? Standing order? Opportunities for funding from different organisations/projects.

Committee agreed that current membership form works and the amended constitution as agreed at the AGM can be signed as it stands.

Committee members signed the amended constitution. Signed copy handed to AP to enable him to deal with banking etc.

5. Treasurer's Report

Limited information available - existing bank account with circa £300 in. Bank statement/opening letter passed to AP by GS. ZK to pass a bundle of documentation to AP. Confirmed continuing with the same bank account.

AP to present a report and accounts for the next meeting - how were funds acquired? Cllr JK as previous treasurer had prepared accounts - AP to review.

Discussed possibility of applying for funding - TBD which projects we want to do.

Action points - AP to review accounts & prepare up to date report/accounts.

6. Update on Aspire Project from Wilbert Smith

WS outlined the journey of the project to date. Explained there has been a lot of change over the last 3 years, 1 more year left with only 8-10 months in operation. Aspire finish date 31/03/2023.

Building still in the process of being finalised to ensure all activities can be accommodated - anticipated within next month or so. Project board established consisting of partners delivering activities.

SP to be included in weekly building update/information circulated. Possibility of an Aspire newsletter circulating. Promotion of community activities in Churchill Gardens encouraged.

Use of the new building - Joy Cafe, Aspire related community activities & scope for other community led events and activities.

Management of the new building post-Aspire - TBD going forward. More consultation with the community proposed going forward. Possibility of a show of interest from external organisations.

Raised rising issue around use of the growing facility - shared use vs private usage, current arrangement with activity lead & leadership/delivery of the project. WS stated raised beds were used as allotments, ZK clarified planting was done by Aspire leads but not then overseen going forward. Issue with Aspire staff turnover impacting the project. WS suggests collaborative effort with the raised beds going forward - TBD by committee/members.

JM questioned ownership of similar projects in other areas of BCP - SC explained that anyone can plant, however the issue is care of plants going forward. Clarification of Grounded's authority over raised beds as part of Aspire project - what does this look like post Aspire?

Grounded explained scope of their involvement as part of Aspire - recruited new outreach worker to work specifically in the CG area. Grounded have been asked to have involvement until June 2023 under Aspire - aim to equip residents to grow in raised beds so they can continue once Aspire ends. We need to understand the purpose of the beds, food etc overall.

Suggestions on how to distribute food once grown - grow and take, community meal, for the cafe etc etc

JM questioned the purpose of Grounded in the context of the Aspire programme - WS explained these - employability, empowerment & improved self esteem/wellbeing.

Question on how beds are maintained outside of scope of Grounded's responsibility

Grounded committed to ensuring beds have longevity in Churchill Gardens - value in working collaboratively with the council. WS confirmed the council has responsibility for the land ultimately.

Queries on use of shared space around Joy Cafe's hours - building to be open 8am-10pm.

Action points -

1. Identify task & finish group, establish guidelines for use & agree a way forward with raised beds post-Aspire. Committee to confirm and confirm who this will be.
2. Consider how we will engage local residents in the garden - need for clarity on how we are engaging different people outside of residents/members of TFOCG

7. Reece's committee membership & future of Joy Cafe Building

Committee discussed potential for conflict of interest, JM proposed Reece joining and if conflict arises he can withdraw.

Committee agreed for Reece to be elected to committee.

AP queried conflict of interest between Reece & Joy/the building/the church & explained separation between church & cafe. ZK clarified planning constraints around keeping 2 buildings - there are no restrictions in having 2 buildings in the park.

Issue is that the new building will not provide the community space which was promised - need for current Joy building to remain as a community space?

Agreed to take petition to monitoring officer. ZK and JM to work on taking it forward.

8. Who's who in Churchill Gardens

Committee members to establish which organisations use the park/facilities

9. Bins, waste and recycling update

JM has tried to contact Stuart numerous times. Enviroclean to take place on 5th May - await clarification on what this involves. Bins now being emptied 3x a week instead of 2. Agreed flytipping seems to have improved.

Action points - monitor the situation and discuss.

10. Facebook page

ZK raised need for TFOCG organisation page to show what is happening in the park.

Need for more specific rules on the facebook page to address the issues.

Suggestion of setting up a new facebook 'page' - content to be discussed at next committee meeting.

AOB

Date for next meeting - 24th May 6pm.