

TRA SOCIAL ACTIVITIES 1st April 2018 – 31st March 2019

Chair: Rachel Davies April 1st 2018 –Sept 11th,

Acting and then elected Chair Sophie Thorpe Sept 12th –31st March 2019

This has been a year of change for our estate. During this year, the TMO went live on 1st April 2018 and took over the estate bike locker rental and management from volunteers plus the Community room insurance and gardening costs. Any small grants were managed by the Finance subcommittee as to any spend and payments.

All minutes of Board and subcommittee meetings now have to be sent to our Monitoring officer at LBS, Tracy Stedman.

All our budgets and procedures have to match our rules and our terms of reference and we were reminded by Tracy that we must be as inclusive and accountable for any TMO activities by staff and residents as possible. It has felt like “red tape” at times but we have worked hard on getting used to this which in the end is useful as it becomes the same process each time as we move into our second year in 2019-20.

EVENTS:

Summer Garden Party 8th September 2018 Midday-5pm

- Event was discussed and agreed between Rachel Davies, Lucy Wright & Sophie Thorpe (Social Sub Committee members).
- ☑ Posters estate-wise 2 weeks before.
- ☑ Tee shirt printing, Henna decoration, keyring making, Home cooked food, Tea and cakes.
- 25 adults and 10 children attended
- Costs: £529.35 plus printing and posters £180.60. Total £709.95

AGM Event 12th September 2018 6.30pm -9pm

- Event refreshments, raffle prizes and future social activities suggestions box were discussed and agreed between Board (Sophie Thorpe, Board member representing Social Sub Committee used the ASAN app to assist with sharing AGM tasks before the event , and Julie Lewis , Board member, took on running all the raffle organisation and prizes which were very successful).
- ☑ Door to door notices and Posters estate-wise delivered by residents 1 month and 2 weeks before respectively.
- ☑ Locally made sandwiches were bought in, W&Q Social subcommittee provided beer and wine, fruit juice, lemonade and crisps (cost effective as stored after unused from the Summer event) ,Teas and Coffee and cakes.
- 20 adults and 4 children attended
- Costs: £133.14

EXTERNAL GRANTS: 2018-19

CGS (Cleaner Greener Safer) grant for additional Bike Lockers

The bid for £5,000 was successful in 2018-19 and will be completed by Summer 2020.

The TMO will manage choosing locations in conjunction with the Council, who must approve locations as the landowner, purchase and installation and work with LBS for the grant reimbursement in 2019-2020. It is planned to provide 8 new Bike lockers at an estimated cost of £500 each as £1,000 grants kept by LBS for administration. This is standard with any CGS grant award.

As the TMO is now registered for VAT exemption, we can manage any purchasing ourselves rather than through the CGS team. This will reduce grant administrative fees, paperwork and any staff purchasing costs through using W&Q TMO staff time and our own finance processes for payment according to the grant agreement.

Costs: No spend in 2018-19 as only approved to start in August 2019.

Tenant and Resident Improvement Grant (TRSIG)

A grant for 2,000 was successful in 2018-19.

It funded some football and half term sports sessions between January to March 2019 by the Waterloo Sports and Football Club. All money was invoiced and a final report received. 7 estate residents attended.

Costs: £2,000 .No TMO overheads taken. This was fully spent in 2018-19.

Meetings of the Social Sub committee

The committee met 5 Times during 2018-19.with one meeting in Feb 2019 being cancelled due to cold weather and low attendance. A general TMO meeting was held in April 2019 with a social agenda item where representatives from D'eynesford TMO social activities explained their own approach over the years and suggestions for our own activities were requested. None were given at that date but subsequently a suggestion of coffee morning s to help residents just get together informally might be an idea. This needs support to develop it further..

Thanks to Rachel Davies and Lucy Wright (who both stepped down before the Sept 12th 2018 AGM) for their contributions. Sophie Thorpe, as Social Subcommittee Secretary, was then joined by Jesse Cudjoe, Delight Amatoby and Moninuola Oladigbolu in October 2018 on the Social subcommittee and Sophie was elected as the new Chair.

In Jan-March 2019, the Social subcommittee assisted the Board with monitoring the Football Club grant project activities delivery and publicity and the final report. The TMO assisted with posters in stairwells.

In 2019/20 it is intended to develop social activities requested by residents, with a project ideas form to help all residents with ideas to know what details are required to consider future funding if needed. This will be on the website by the 2019 AGM being held on 18th September 2019.

TMO staff are also helping spread the word amongst all residents about the TMO and encouraging suggestions for future social activities as attending evening committee

meetings is not something many residents have time for . We are being encouraged to reflect the diversity of our residents in the diversity of our social activities and Sophie has been visiting another TMO in March 2019 to learn what they do to help us develop our own ideas.

The message has been to keep going as it takes time to build up engagement and not to be afraid to ask.

Sophie has also been part of the new website development group during 2018-19 to make any W&Q TMO information more accessible to residents. The TMO office staff are supporting this accessibility for any residents not wishing, or able, to use the internet.

The voluntary contribution of Umran Malik, Board member, should be recognised here in creating, developing and maintaining our new W&Q TMO website for free for us.

Balance carried forward into 2019-20 is £ 456.20 (1,299.96 minus £843.09 spend).

The TRA annual council residents allowance of £1,300 for community activities has been received in August 2019 for the financial year 2019-20 making a total of £1,756.20 which is always held in the TMO bank as a separate fund and monitored by the financial subcommittee.

Sophie Thorpe
Chair, Social Subcommittee
W&Q TMO AGM
18th September 2019