

TRA Meeting

Date: 14-11-24

Time: 18:00–20:00

Attendees:

Ali Shahumi, Carlos Martinez, Gaye Rainer-Kirkwood, Igor Novokreshchenov (JMB), Jason Hollyhead, Joanna Vignola, Julie Barks (JMB), Katharina Ebert, Leigh Hatts, Mary Lynott-Shahumi, Max King, Nick Pandey, Ricky Parratt, Stan Matthias, Theo Politowicz.

Apologies:

Clive Shaw, Emma Crookes, Marcella Vaz, Yuan Potts.

Review of Previous Minutes

- **CM:** Clarified he is not part of the TRA WhatsApp group but provided his contact number to stay informed.
- **JV:** Confirmed she's no longer an active participant in the WhatsApp group and asked if minutes could be emailed individually.
- **IN:** Noted that if minutes are sent to JMB, they will be uploaded to the website for wider access in the new year.
- **NP:** Displayed the previous minutes on a projector and facilitated a review.
- **JV:** Raised questions about the gate between green areas.
- **TP:** Confirmed the gate project is in its final stages, with funds received. Still awaiting a price from JMB, including costs for

composting and addressing ASB.

- **IN:** Thanked everyone for completing their assigned tasks from the last meeting.
- **RP:** Brought up concerns about a suspected drug dealer operating behind the TRA room.

Minutes Approved

Declaration of Interest (DOI)

- **RP:** Questioned how Clive's role as TRA Chair, JMB Director and involvement in SE1 Solar's projects on the estate aligns with transparency principles.
- **NP:** Acknowledged the concern but explained that is why we have Declaration Of Interests, which CS always announces at the start of meetings, but agreed that further clarification is needed.
- **MK:** Noted a similar situation where Jackie had to step down due to a conflict of interest.

Chair's Catch-up

NP shared updates prepared by CS on estate improvements:

1. Estate Improvement Fund:

- Awaiting clear guidance from Daniel White for how to access the £10k annual fund.
- Suggestions for Fund Use: Kissing gates, internal signage (NP

proposed designs for Burwash and Simla), and additional bins around the estate.

- Mulvaney Way Improvements: recap on proposal to remove bollards and securing lavender planters to improve aesthetics of parking spaces.

2. **Funded Projects:**

- **Pond:**

- Dug with help from *Groundwork London* and corporate volunteers on 22/10/24.
- Wildlife-focused design included input from *Froglife* - Pond maintenance and awareness sessions planned for the New Year.
- Awaiting funds from LB Southwark to complete the pond with a liner, pump, and landscaping.

- **Compost Station:**

- Pensaer offered to build a secure station with a rain-harvesting roof, awaiting fencing approval from Paul in Repairs.

- **Planters and Greenhouses:**

- Decisions on planter materials are pending. Two greenhouses are planned for next year.

3. **Southwark Biodiversity Fund Proposal:**

- A bid to transform a garage roof into a wildflower meadow is

being prepared, with rainwater harvesting included in the design. Updates to this proposal will follow in Q1/Q2 2025.

Green Projects

- **RP:** Expressed concerns about the pond, specifically regarding mosquitoes and a lack of consultation with residents.
- **KE:** Reassured the group that frogs and toads would manage mosquito populations naturally.
- **GR-K:** Suggested that people's lack of participation in consultations stems from general disinterest.
- **KE:** Highlighted that meetings, minutes, and updates are available to all, emphasising personal responsibility in staying informed.
- **RP:** Offered to go door-to-door to gather opinions about the pond.
- **TP:** Proposed that the green subgroup take charge of decisions regarding new plantings.

Recycling Corner 2.0

- NP shared Pensaer's slides for a revamped recycling corner.
- **RP & TP:** Agreed the area must be secured before proceeding with construction.

Solar Updates

- **JV:** Shared findings from the solar project's website, noting its initial focus on selling power to local businesses. Asked for

clarification on community benefits.

- **TP:** Explained the current funding model, with revenues going toward repairing / ensuring roofs for 25 years and later addressing fuel poverty.

TRA Meetings

- **MK:** Criticised the JMB for not offering flexible meeting times, which limits resident participation.
- **JH:** Suggested door-to-door surveys to determine more inclusive meeting schedules.
- **TP:** Expressed surprise to hear this and willingness to move times/ days depending on feedback at the end of each meeting.

Estate Signage

- NP presented signage proposals, including suggestions for colour coordination between Simla and Burwash.
- The room approved NP's proposals.

Bins and Foxes

- **KE:** Raised concerns about bins overflowing and foxes scavenging.
- **RP:** Added that homeless individuals have also contributed to the issue.
- **MLS:** Highlighted the problem of residents not compacting their rubbish.

- **JH:** Proposed repurposing garage spaces for secure bin areas.
- **GR-K & TP:** Discussed the possibility of gating bins with fobs.
- **JB:** Suggested additional educational campaigns and shared that steps are being taken to address fox issues.

Major Works

- **Simla/Burwash Scaffolding:** Temporary scaffolding will remain until summer 2025. No immediate costs to residents.
- **IN:** Clarified the role of independent surveyors conducting stock checks for budgeting.

Garage/TRA2 Project

- **RP:** Asked about plans for the space beneath the garage roof.
- **KE:** Explained that securing the roof is the first priority, with the meadow project as a follow-up.

AOB

- **JV:** Reported potential funding opportunities through the Community Infrastructure Levy.
- **GR-K:** Suggested a subgroup to address security and gate projects, with a presentation planned for local councillors.
- **TP:** Asked JV to share details of her presentation with the TRA for input.

Meeting Concluded @ 19:55

Next Meeting: 18th Feb 2025, 18:30–20:30.