

Minutes - Pullens TRA Committee Meeting

Monday, January 12th, 2026

1. Apologies: Ian, Sara, Josh, Marina, Kevin

2. Attendance: Chris, Gabri, Diana, Vince, Jenn

3. Minutes

a. agreed

4. Matters arising (brief report on actions taken since last meeting) - Chris

a. From item 3.2 on the minutes- Southwark is postponing works on pilasters and plinths until the spring

b. Tree pits: The dwarf cherry trees have now been planted at the Penton end of Iliffe St.

c. Historic England: They have visited a Pullens flat, and sent a letter saying that they will be looking into listed status. They have emailed to ask if the TRA could be a point of contact, to which Chris has agreed

d. Vince raised the Neighbourhood Grants Pitch Meeting on Jan 14th - he was hoping someone from the TRA might be available to attend, in order to remind them that we need funding to repair planters..we're still waiting for money to be allotted for this. Nobody in the meeting was available to attend.

5. Waste management/ Bin Enclosures - Chris, Diana/ the rest of the attending members

a. Chris gave recap on bins: due to widespread illness and the festive period, we have yet to give our verdict on the sample bin.

b. Before we do, we would ideally prefer a sample of at least 4 waste bins and 2 recycling bins. We would like a discussion

about why we weren't given the option of plastic ones, as these are reportedly shorter.

c. Frustration was expressed with the most recent prototype sent over.

d. Diana apologised for not writing the letter in response to Mike Greenhalf's, but she will do so as soon as possible. The latest design sent through came without a data sheet, so we're still in the dark about materials, which sides open in which direction, etc. Questions need answering about height, robustness, etc. (Thus far, we have negotiated the height down to 1.3 metres)

e. Gabri lives closest to the sample bin. Finds it badly designed, as there is no foot pedal.

f. Diana says we want a guarantee that bin tops will be locked, whatever we get

g. Vince raised the point that maintenance is his primary concern. It's agreed that Southwark doesn't presently clean the wheelie bins regularly, and the council have been evasive about maintenance commitments

h. Now we need consensus on placements. Flytipping issues on estate corners remain out of control, and unaddressed. Gabri stated that the community needs to produce far less waste overall, and that there needs to be more public education about waste and flytipping

i. It was agreed that we need to insist on strong metal frames with design integrity. Funding decisions need to be taken by early April, so we are up against a two and a half month deadline. A fear that we are going around in circles was generally expressed.

j. It was agreed that we should do a newsletter devoted to this issue as soon as possible, ahead of Southwark's 'estate consultation'

6. Cinema Club/Social: Date moved to February 8th. Discussion about how to get people to come to the social.

a. Under terms of the festive grant, we are not obliged to leave leaflets in the library, as was suggested in a sub-committee meeting prior to this. Vince reminded the committee that two of the primary objectives of the social are to interest residents in the TRA and the Pullens Centre itself. It was unanimously agreed not to publicise the event beyond the boundaries of the Pullens, with the exception of the following: we should invite neighbouring TRAs (Alberta and Newington)., councillors John Batteson and Natasha Ennin , Resident Services Officer Shakira Jackson (and Nazmun Choudury? Her official role needs to be confirmed), as well as Pullens Yards.

b. Poster/ invite: Diana suggested a hand-delivered invitation through every door with an historic Pullens postcard attached, as a way of piquing interest, as well as screening Pullens films during the afternoon. Vince suggested ' you are invited' in multiple languages on the poster/invite. Gabri mentioned the possibility of screening the Pullens Buskers Opera, which he'll chase up

7. Noticeboard display case: Someone keeps removing (only) TRA notices from the front of Centre, so Gabri and Chris trying to resuscitate old wooden/glass case, but lock not presently working. Discussion about getting another one that is larger. Diana mentioned possibility of screwing up a piece of acrylic in the meantime

8. Treasurers Report: Balance £5,627. Still haven't received our £1,900 grant from Southwark, nor gardening club money approximately £1000. Rubina not answering calls...

AOB: Squirrels- they are going to investigate the hole this week, and work out a way to humanely evict the squirrels and repair the hole.