

Edenfield Community Neighbourhood Forum.

Minutes from Management Committee Meeting held on 19.03.18 at the Chairman's Home.

Attendees: - Chairman Ian Lord; Gillian Hoyle; Acting Treasurer Trevor Boothman; Richard Bishop & Acting Secretary Alan Ashworth.

Guest: - Richard Lester

Apologies: - Paul Williams.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the Management Committee Meeting and then proceeded with the Agenda items:-

- 1) **Minutes of the Management Committee Meeting dated 15.02.18.** The Chairman asked if all present had reviewed the minutes and agreed they were an accurate record of the meeting. A vote was taken; they were unanimously accepted with no objections and then duly signed.
- 2) **Matters Arising:** - The only issue arising was the request to Jake Berry MP to join our Forum and the Chairman confirmed Jake had responded and was now a member.
- 3) **Publicity & Communications.**
 - a) **Newsletter.** Some deliveries have already been made and the remainder will be delivered this week. It was agreed extra copies would be given to June Kenyon to put in the Church and some would be placed in the Fish & Chip Shop. Laminated copies will also be put on the various Notice Boards.
 - b) **Initial Consultations.** Follow up visits will be made to the Businesses to gain the views / opinions and determine any issues for consideration in our plan. Additionally, we need to arrange "Consultations" for all the Residents to enable us to determine what their issues are and how best we may address them. We will review this at our next meeting.
 - c) **Website & Social Media.** Richard updated the meeting confirming the progress made with both of these projects and expressed his satisfaction with the number of contacts being received. (Facebook Page has now been viewed on 936 instances mainly due to the links with other sites.) Discussions took place as to the continued development of the sites and Richard will implement these in due course. Additionally, Richard will issue some guidelines with respect to the preparation and control of the Members List and look to set up a link to the "Mums & Dads of Edenfield" Facebook page.
 - d) **Communications.** Provisional drafts of a Poster and the Community Strategy have been prepared and circulated and Members of the Management Committee were requested to respond to Gillian with their comments. Gillian will then circulate a further draft with a copy to Richard Lester prior to finalisation.
- 4) **Bank Account.** The Chairman and Acting Treasurer are in the process of opening a Bank Account and all the Management Committee Members have provided the relevant personal information requested. It is hoped the account will be up and running in early April.

- 5) **Planning Consultants Appointment.** The Consultant has now been appointed and his Company are already operating on our behalf.

- 6) **Meeting of Planning Consultants with Rossendale Borough Council.** A meeting was held at Futures Park on the 13th March and the relevant points which emerged from the meeting were reviewed. The correspondence exchanged with the Consultants following their visit was also reviewed and it was agreed we would ask the Consultants to continue with the work they have proposed up until the end of April. This will enable the Consultants to provide a comprehensive document highlighting all the technical issues relating to the proposed developments to the Council by early May giving the Council time to review it prior to finalising their Emerging Local Plan.

- 7) **Grants / Fund Raising.** Trevor provided details of the Grants available from Locality for Neighbourhood Forums along with other sources including the National Lottery Awards. He was also requested to contact Alyson Wilkins at RBC to see if we could obtain a grant from both RBC and LCC. Other contacts to be followed up with respects to Grants were Anne Cheetham, NatWest Bank and Power to Change. **Fund Raising-** Several suggestions were discussed and one considered to be worth following up was the formation of a “One Hundred Club” if we are able to attract enough new Members through the Newsletter.

- 8) **Developments at the Methodist Church, Hawthorn House & Alderwood House.** This was discussed briefly; there are eight apartments at the Methodist Church confirmed, nine houses at Hawthorn House planned and one bungalow planned at Alderwood House.

- 9) **Date of Next Meetings.**
Management Committee: - 17.04.18, Venue to be confirmed, commencing at 6-45pm.
Neighbourhood Forum: - To be considered at the next Management Committee Meeting, with possible dates of 30th April or 8th May.

- 10) **Any other Business.**
 Only one point discussed in this section, the need to provide photographs and Videos to the Consultants to help in the preparation of their documents. Contact will be made with John Davies to see what can be made available.

Signed Chairman . Date