

Edenfield Community Neighbourhood Forum

Minutes from the Meeting held on the 30th April 2018.

Attendees: - Management Committee– Ian Lord (Chairman), Gillian Hoyle, Richard Bishop, Trevor Boothman Acting Treasurer & Alan Ashworth Acting Secretary (Apologies – Paul Williams Acting Deputy Chairman.) Co-opted Legal Advisor Richard Lester.

Members :- Roger Barlow, Peter Howarth, Paul Bradburn, Margaret Filkins, Gordon Worth, Carol Ashworth, Jenny Mead, Gillian Hulme, Barbara Lord, Steven Caldwell, Peter Ash, Joanne Ash, Keith Kushner, Barbara Kushner, John Ayers, Betty Garvey, Moyra Franklin, Jennie Law ,Ann Marie Coyne, Michael Coyne, Dorothy Jones, W. J. Whittaker, Ron Marley, Robert Saggerson, Helen Iggulden, David Fisher, Graeme Conway, Stephen Preston, Matthew Scanlon and Councillor Anne Cheetham.

Apologies: - Karen Lester, Brian & Denise Langrish, Ken Parkes, Derrick Lawson, Phillip Johnson, Mark Welch, Alexander Black & Keith Dawson.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting, thanked them for attending and introduced the individual Members of the Management Committee. He advised that the Membership was now one hundred and one with a very positive increase after the circulation of the Newsletter to every house and business in the Village. He then asked for any apologies received and they are listed above.

- 1) **Minutes of Previous meeting held on the 5th February 2018.** The chairman asked if all who were present at the meeting on the 5th February 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) **Designation of the Forum.** The Chairman explained that, for the Forum to be able to operate, it required the approval of RBC, a process known as designation. We had submitted our application for designation on 21st February after which there was a six week consultation period which resulted in over forty responses, only one of which was against. The Forum was finally designated by RBC on 23rd April.
- 3) **RBC Emerging Local Plan & Forum Technical Response.** The Acting Secretary who along with the Chairman and Deputy Chairman make up the Team who are working alongside the Consultants and liaising with the Forward Planning Team at RBC provided an update of the current status. The minutes covering this presentation are appended. There were several questions raised, particularly relating to the individual Developers involved and we confirmed they were all working closely together. The introduction of the Express Bus to Manchester (X41) was also highlighted and a comment was made that one of the major reasons the previous Express Bus (X43) had been withdrawn was because of the delays and difficulties caused by traffic hold ups in the Village. A further question was raised regarding the importance the Consultants placed on the 800+ objections made by the Residents and we agreed to ask them for their comments on this.

- 4) **Neighbourhood Plan.** The Chairman explained that the Forum would prepare a Neighbourhood Plan during 2018 and 2019 but that Plan will need to be closely aligned to the RBC Emerging Plan. As the details of the RBC Plan will not be known until late July we will base our Plan on two possibilities, the first using the previous number of houses proposed and the second on a significantly lower one. Our Consultants will provide the guidance and the technical input throughout the preparation of these plans. Part of the process of preparing a Neighbourhood Plan is to regularly consult with the Residents and we plan to start this with a Stall at the Village Fete on the 9th June. Through the Neighbourhood Plan we will have greater input into the type of house and infrastructure that are eventually agreed, irrespective of the number of houses involved.
- 5) **Financing of the Forum.** The Acting Secretary provided the details of the requirements, the Grants available and confirmed the success of the initial round of fundraising from the generous donations received. He confirmed the need to continue with the fundraising to enable the Forum to make the challenges at every stage and asked for Volunteers to assist with ideas and general administration. The full details are appended. The Acting Treasurer confirmed our Bank Account was with NatWest in the Non Profit Making Organisations part of the Business Banking Sector. He also confirmed that secure systems were in place to control all expenditure and payments made.
- 6) **Publicity and Communications.** Gill Hoyle confirmed the recent Newsletter had been delivered to every House and Business in our Designated Area and that the intention is to prepare two per annum with the next one being in the autumn. She confirmed they were very cost effective and asked for comments, ideas and general feedback from the Members. She additionally asked if anyone knew of a Graphic Designer who would be agreeable to providing voluntary assistance and requested the Chairman of EVRA to thank his Team for their assistance with the delivery of the Newsletter. Richard Bishop commented on the IT status, he confirmed the Facebook Page was off to a successful start. He also confirmed our website was fully operational with Minutes of Meetings, Agendas for Meetings and Future Events etc. Richard also confirmed that all the membership data was secure and the system meets the latest legal changes introduced.
- 7) **Management Committee.** The Chairman advised the Members that we need to increase the size of the Management Committee to enable us to meet our targets of continuing with the challenges to both RBC and the Inspectorate; collecting& categorising the data and preparing the Neighbourhood Plan, as well as continuing to raise the funds required. He asked for anyone who could assist with any of the activities to make contact with him or any Member of the Management Committee.
- 8) **Date of Next Meeting.** We are targeting to hold two or three Neighbourhood Forum Meetings per year and we are planning for the next meeting to be in late September or early October.

9) **Any Other Business.** There were no items brought forward.

Signed Chairman. Dated