

**Edenfield Community Neighbourhood Forum.**

**Minutes of the Management Committee Meeting held on 16.10.18 at the Community Centre.**

**Attendees:** - Chairman Ian Lord; Deputy Chairman Paul Williams; Treasurer Margaret Filkins; Secretary Alan Ashworth; Richard Lester; Mark Whitehead; Paul Bradburn; Mervyn MacDonald; David Rawcliffe; Gillian Hoyle (from item 6)

**Apologies:** - Richard Bishop.

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

- 1) **Minutes of the Management Committee Meeting dated 28.08.18.** The Chairman asked if all present had reviewed the minutes and it was agreed they were an accurate record of the meeting. A vote was taken and the minutes were unanimously accepted with no objections and then duly signed.
- 2) **Membership Update.** We now have 208 members representing about 150 households.
- 3) **Meeting with MPs 5.09.18.** IL, AA and RL had met with Jake Berry MP and John Howell MP who is the Government's "champion" on Neighbourhood Forums. It had been a useful meeting and we received some good advice particularly regarding the preparation of Neighbourhood Plans.
- 4) **Meeting with RBC Forward Planning 7.09.18.** IL, AA and RL and our planning consultants had met with the Members of the Forward Planning Department including the new Planning Manager, Mike Atherton. The meeting principally concerned the Draft Local Plan which had recently been released for consultation. We updated RBC on the status of the Neighbourhood Plan.
- 5) **Draft Local Plan.** Our planning consultants had submitted a comprehensive representation to RBC on the Forum's behalf which was supported by 1,213 signatories of which 898 were Edenfield residents. There were a small number of mainly analysis errors on the list of signatories which had been closed on 3rd October. A revised list is to be sent to RBC correcting the errors and including support received up to the close of the consultation period on 5<sup>th</sup> October. Many residents had also submitted personal representations but it is not yet known how many. The Rossendale Local Plan Highway Capacity Study had only been published on 1<sup>st</sup> October which was too late for full analysis prior to submission of the Local Plan representation. Subsequent reviews have shown there to be many errors and inaccuracies in the study.
- 6) **Neighbourhood Plan.** The Workshop held on 7<sup>th</sup> September had been successful and there had been a good response to the scoping questionnaire. Our Planning Consultants are now drafting the Plan policies.
- 7) **Notification of planning applications.** Neighbourhood Forums are entitled to receive details of all planning applications in their Neighbourhood Area if they wish. It was agreed that we should

request RBC to provide us with this facility and that Paul Bradburn be delegated to receive the applications and distribute to Committee members as appropriate.

- 8) **Treasurer's Report.** MF reported that there were sufficient funds to cover current commitments. Payment for the cost of printing the Local Plan newsletter was approved. Substantial funds will have to be raised to cover our likely costs during the Local Plan public examination in 2019. A basic grant of £7,898 for preparation of the Neighbourhood Plan had been received. The application for charitable status of the Forum has been rejected by the Charities Commission.
- 9) **Correspondence**
- a) **Taylor Wimpey.** A request had been received from Pegasus Group on behalf of Taylor Wimpey for them to become members of the Forum. Taylor Wimpey control and are promoting land to the west of Market Street (reference part H72 in the Draft Local Plan). After discussion it was decided that it would not be appropriate to engage with any landowner and/or developer in respect of Green Belt land until the Draft Local Plan has been approved and housing allocations in Edenfield determined. IL is to advise Pegasus of this decision. Taylor Wimpey had also offered to be involved in the production of our Neighbourhood Plan and it was agreed that we would invite them to do so when we believed that their input could be of assistance.
  - b) **Methodist Church.** A request had been received from Nexus Planning on behalf of the Methodist Church for an introductory meeting. The Methodist Church are promoting the Chatterton Fields site off Exchange Street for residential development. Considering the discussion and decision under the previous agenda item it was decided that it would not be appropriate to meet with Nexus and IL is to advise them of this. Nexus had also offered to engage with the production of our Neighbourhood Plan and it was agreed that we would invite them to do so when we believed that their input could be of assistance.
  - c) **Requests for advice.** Requests for advice relating to the Draft Local Plan had been received from Rossendale residents outside Edenfield including the Bacup Neighbourhood Forum. The Secretary had responded.
- 10) **Fund raising.**
- a) **Locality Grant.** The basic grant has now been received.
  - b) **Events.** A Coffee Morning will be held on 20<sup>th</sup> October. Arrangements for the Quiz Night on 24<sup>th</sup> November are to be finalised by the fund raising sub-committee. Other events (music night etc) to be considered by sub-committee.
  - c) **Donations.** Monthly contribution scheme to be considered. Also crowdfunding/justgiving to be investigated
- 11) **Publicity and Communications.** There is a lot of interest on the website and social media. Website photos to be updated. Next newsletter provisionally planned for January 2019.

12) **Conference call facility.** Available for conference calls with MC members. Details have been circulated by RB.

13) **Matters Arising from meeting on 28.08.18 not covered by Agenda Items.**

a) **Traffic Data Records.** MF is continuing to monitor the traffic delays manually. MW is to investigate way of storing data on laptop.

b) **Campaign for Protection of Rural England.** PB confirmed that the Forum is now a member.

14) **Date of Next Meeting.** Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> December at 7-30pm in the Community Centre.

15) **Any Other Business**

a) **Statement of Community Involvement.** This had been issued for public consultation by RBC at the same time as the draft Local Plan. RL had reviewed and the now named "Community Partnerships" are still referred to as "Neighbourhood Forums". He had advised RBC and asked them to correct.

Signed.......... Chairman. Date 4/12/18.....