

Edenfield Community Neighbourhood Forum.

Minutes from Management Committee Meeting held on 27.4.22 at Edenfield Community Centre.

Attendees: - Chair Ian Lord; Paul Bradburn; Richard Lester; Mervyn Macdonald ; Dave Rawcliffe.

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and then proceeded with the agenda items as follows:-

- 1) **Apologies:** Alan Ashworth; Richard Bishop; Margaret Filkins; Mark Whitehead.
- 2) **Minutes of the Management Committee Meeting dated 7.2.22.** The Chair asked if all present had reviewed the minutes. A vote was taken and the minutes were unanimously accepted with no objections and then duly signed.
- 3) **Matters arising from 7/2/22 meeting.** Item 3.4 – the Chair reminded everyone that CPRE had offered assistance and we must bear this in mind if the need should arise in the future. There were no other matters arising not covered by agenda items.
- 4) **Rossendale Local Plan.**
 - 4.1) **National Highways (NH):** A reply had been received from NH to our letter expressing our concerns about the impact of housing development in Rossendale and Ramsbottom on junction 1 of the M66. It appears from the letter that NH has not consulted with either RBC or LCC on this issue. Mervyn is to draft a response detailing our further concerns.
 - 4.2) **LCC Highways:** Nothing further to report.
 - 4.3) **Masterplan for H66:** It is still unclear what the procedure is for preparation and approval of the masterplan although RBC have acknowledged that some form of consultation is required. Actions were agreed to get more information.
- 5) **Neighbourhood Plan.**
 - 5.1) RBC had responded to our latest amendments to the Plan and there were no significant issues. Further amendments taking into account RBC's comments have been drafted and these were agreed. RBC had also suggested that we consider amendments to the Plan for biodiversity net gain, Green Belt compensation and Self/Custom build. These had been considered and it was agreed that it was not necessary to draft further amendments as the existing provisions in the Plan and the Local Plan were sufficient.
 - 5.2) RBC had requested that we allow them to give developers sight of the draft Design Code. After discussion including consideration of the views of members who were not in attendance it was agreed that we agree to the request once the latest amendments have been incorporated into the Code.
 - 5.3) The unspent Locality grant for 2021/22 had been refunded. An application for a grant for 2022/23 is to be submitted shortly.
 - 5.4) Forum designation. RBC had advised that the Forum designation expires in April 2023. It was agreed that we would want designation to be renewed to ensure that residents get maximum benefit from the Neighbourhood Plan. As the process could take sometime we must start this before the end of 2022.
- 6) **Blackburn Road planning application.** The Forum had objected to this application as it related to a site which is part of H66. The Local Plan says that a masterplan should be approved before any development on H66 and as yet no masterplan has been prepared. The RBC Planning Officer had recommended rejection of the application but, at the RBC Development Control meeting in February, a decision was deferred until the May meeting. It was agreed that further efforts would be made to ensure that the requirements of the Local Plan are followed.
- 7) **Treasurers Report.** In the Treasurer's absence the Chair advised the only transaction since the previous meeting had been the repayment of the Locality grant of £4,284 mentioned in item 5.3.
- 8) **Website/Social Media.** Nothing further to report.
- 9) **Fund Raising.** Nothing further to report.

10) **Insurance.** The renewal premium for the next year commencing 1st June is £257. It was agreed that this should be paid.


11) **Annual General Meeting.** All attendees agreed to stand for re-election to the Management committee at the AGM. Margaret and Richard B had advised that they would also stand. Alan had advised the Chair that he did not wish to stand for re-election but would remain a member of the Forum and would assist the committee in the future as and when needed. He wished the committee success with the challenges ahead. The meeting thanked Alan for the enormous amount of work he has put into the Forum since it's inception.

It is still the intention to open the meeting to all residents. It was agreed that the formal items be listed first on the agenda with the meeting then opened up to non-members.

Date still to be arranged but likely to be late June/early July

12) **Date of Next Meeting.** To be arranged

13) **Any Other Business.** None

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M. L. O. M. Chair. Date...28/6/22..