

Edenfield Community Neighbourhood Forum.

Minutes from Management Committee Meeting held on 4.8.22 at Edenfield Community Centre.

Committee Attendees: - Chair Ian Lord; Paul Bradburn; Vincent Brady; Margaret Filkins; Richard Lester; Mervyn Macdonald ; Helen McVey

In attendance: Ben Bentley (by phone); Martin Dearden: Dave Webb

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced new members Vincent Brady and Helen McVey. He also welcomed Ben Bentley, Martin Dearden and Dave Webb who were interested in joining the Committee or providing assistance.

- 1) **Apologies:** Richard Bishop; Dave Rawcliffe.
- 2) **Minutes of the Management Committee Meeting dated 28.6.22.** The Chair asked if all present at that meeting 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 28/6/22 meeting.** There were no matters arising not covered by agenda items.
- 4) **Election of officials**
The Chair explained that the Management Committee elected Chair, Deputy Chair, Secretary and Treasurer from the Management Committee members elected at General Meetings of members. Ian Lord agreed to continue as Chair and Mervyn Macdonald agreed to become Treasurer. Both appointments were unanimously agreed. There were no names put forward for the positions of Deputy Chair and Secretary but election of these positions will be an agenda item at future meetings until filled.
- 5) **Future strategy**
The Chair suggested that the future activities of the committee could be divided into planning (monitoring planning applications and challenging where necessary), Neighbourhood Plan, fund raising, public relations/communications. There followed a long discussion on future strategy particularly considering the likely timescales of the H66 development.
The committee still has limited planning knowledge so it will be necessary to engage advisors which will need funds. PR and communications needs to be improved which would then help with fund raising. Martin gave details of residents and others who had expertise that could be useful and who were willing to assist. He is to arrange to meet with them and also include Ben and Helen.
- 6) **Annual General Meeting**
The meeting had been held in July with 45 attendees. Non-members had been invited and a number had attended and become members on the night. Over 50 other residents had also become members following recent publicity.
Some of the suggestions raised at the AGM were discussed but it was not thought that these would assist the challenges to the H66 developments.
- 7) **H66 Development**
Paul had requested a meeting with LCC highways to discuss the traffic issues but had not yet had a response.
Paul and Chair had met with Peel/Northstone and their report on the meeting, which had been circulated previously, was discussed. A meeting with the Leader of the Council and others was being arranged to discuss the proposals.
Taylor Wimpey had recently distributed another leaflet entitled "Land West of Market Street, Edenfield" which included a more detailed plan of the site. Their intention is to submit a planning application in August.
- 8) **Neighbourhood Plan.**
The amended draft was now nearly complete and the Chair would shortly send to Troy Planning & Design who would prepare the document for the Regulation 14 consultation.
- 9) **Member and public communications**
Discussed under item 5 above

10) Fund raising

Discussed under item 5 above

11) Treasurers Report.

There had been no change to the balances since the previous meeting.

12) Elm Street planning application (2021/0653) appeal

The applicant had appealed against the Council's decision to reject the original application. The applicant's Statement of Case had just been received and Richard L is to review it.

13) Plunge Farm access road application (2022/0346)

Comments had been submitted to RBC's Planning Dept.

14) Heritage assets listing. The Forum has been asked to contribute to the Lancashire Heritage listing. Some of the non-designated heritage assets listed in the Neighbourhood Plan were already included in the Lancashire listings. It was agreed that the Chair would contact Growth Lancashire to ask why the remaining assets had been excluded.

15) RBC Climate Change Supplementary Planning Document consultation.

Considering the existing workload of the committee it was decided not to respond to the consultation.

16) RBC Housing Strategy Survey

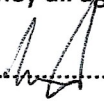
Considering the existing workload of the committee and lack of knowledge of the subject it was decided not to participate in the online survey.

17) Chatterton Hey meadow

The Chair reported that an Irwell Vale resident had pointed out to the Methodist Church who own the field that a number of wildflowers including potentially rare orchids are growing in the meadow. Following a site visit the Church representative is investigating further and has promised to take any action necessary.

18) Date of Next Meeting. The date of the next meeting was fixed for Wednesday 7th September with the venue to be confirmed.

19) Any Other Business. Ben, Dave and Martin were asked if they would like to be co-opted to the committee. They all agreed and this was unanimously approved.

Signed.......... Chair. Date...7/9/22...