

## Edenfield Community Neighbourhood Forum

**Minutes from Management Committee Meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> March 2023 at Edenfield Community Centre.**

**Committee attendees:** - Ian Lord (Chair); Ben Bentley; Richard Bishop; Vincent Brady; Margaret Filkins; Richard Lester; Mervyn MacDonald (Treasurer); Helen McVey; Dave Rawcliffe

**Co-opted attendees:**

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting. All Management Committee members had been re-elected to the Committee at the Annual General Meeting on 21<sup>st</sup> March. Ben Bentley who had served as a co-opted member had also been elected to the Committee. It was agreed that Martin Dearden and Dave Webb would continue as co-opted members.

**1) Apologies.** Paul Bradburn; Martin Dearden

**2) Minutes of the Management Committee Meeting dated 28/2/23**

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 28/2/23**

There were no matters arising not covered by agenda items.

**4) Election of Officers**

As this was the first committee meeting after the AGM all officers have to be elected or re-elected. Ian confirmed that he did not wish to be considered for re-election as Chair. Since the AGM in July 2022 the committee had operated without an elected Deputy Chair and a Secretary which was not a good situation and made the operation of the Committee more difficult. Mervyn commented that if there were no or insufficient officers the Committee could not function and so the Forum would cease to exist. This would mean that the good work of the Forum carried out over the previous five years would not continue.

After discussion of the structure of the Committee the following members put themselves forward as officers and were duly elected:

Chair - Mervyn MacDonald

Deputy Chair – Helen McVey

Secretary – Ian Lord

Treasurer – Mervyn Macdonald

It was not ideal that the same person occupied two of the positions (Chair and Treasurer) but necessary as there were no other candidates at the present time. However, Vince suggested that he may be able to fulfil the role depending on what was involved. The situation will be reviewed in a few months. The work of the Treasurer is not particularly onerous at the moment.

**5) Annual General Meeting**

The Annual General Meeting on 21<sup>st</sup> March had been attended by nineteen members in addition to the Management Committee

**6) Treasurers report**

Mervyn reported that, since the last meeting, a further £130 donations had been received and the printing and room hire for the Neighbourhood Plan had been paid. There was now about £2,200 in non-grant funds held in the bank and GoFundMe.

**7) Neighbourhood Plan.** The Regulation 14 consultation had started on 3<sup>rd</sup> March and summary/information booklets had been delivered to all homes in the Neighbourhood Area. A drop in event had been held on 11<sup>th</sup> March which was attended by 50 residents.

Ian had completed the 2022/23 End of Grant return for the Locality grant and the unused funds of £2,716 were to be returned shortly. The Treasurer was authorised to make the appropriate payment once he had been provided with the relevant details. Ian will apply for a 2023/24 grant when applications are open.

**8) H66 Development.**

Five members of the committee had met with the Council Planning Department earlier that day. The Council had updated the situation on the Taylor Wimpey planning application and masterplan and answered questions

A proposed meeting with Northstone had been deferred.

**9) Fund raising.**

The Residents Association had arranged the village fete for 2<sup>nd</sup> September.

**10) Renewal of Forum designation.**

The Council had advised that there had been no negative comments during the consultation.

The formal re-designation confirmation is expected soon.

**11) Date of Next Meeting.**

The date of the next meeting was arranged for Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2023 at 7.30pm in the Community Centre.

**12) Any Other Business.**

None.

Signed.......... Chair.

Date 25/4/23