10) Renewal of Forum designation.

The Council had now confirmed the Forum's formal re-designation which will expire 18th April 2028.

11) Date of Next Meeting.

The date of the next meeting was arranged for Tuesday 6th June 2023 at 7.30pm in the Community Centre.

12) Any Other Business.

None.

..... Chair.

Date 6 June 2023

Edenfield Community Neighbourhood Forum

Minutes from Management Committee Meeting held on 25th April 2023 at Edenfield Community Centre.

Committee attendees: - Mervyn MacDonald (Chair & Treasurer); Ian Lord (Secretary); Ben Bentley; Paul Bradburn; Vincent Brady; Margaret Filkins; Richard Lester; Dave Rawcliffe (from item 8) Co-opted attendees: none

Mervyn in his first meeting as Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting. He had recently met with Helen, the new Deputy Chair, and Ian, the new Secretary, to plan the transition of duties and responsibilities.

1) Apologies. Helen McVey (Deputy Chair); Richard Bishop; Martin Dearden (co-opted member)

2) Minutes of the Management Committee Meeting dated 28/3/23

Mervyn 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 28/3/23

There were no matters arising not covered by agenda items.

4) Election of Officers

Mervyn was still Treasurer as well as Chair which was not an ideal situation. Vince Brady put himself forward for the position of Treasurer and was duly elected. Mervyn thanked Vince and will liaise with him and the bank to arrange the necessary transfer of responsibilities. Margaret will stand down as bank signatory but Mervyn and Ian will remain. All officer positions are now filled.

5) Treasurers report

Mervyn reported that the unexpended Locality grant of £2,716 had been repaid. Also a report on the expenditure of the Council Community Grant had been sent to the Council. We now have no grant restricted funds. The unrestricted non-grant funds held in the bank and GoFundMe total £2,240.

6) Neighbourhood Plan

The Regulation 14 consultation had ended on 17th April and the responses were now being collated. A Neighbourhood Plan team of Ian, Dave, Richard L and Vince was established who will review all the responses and draft proposed amendments to the Plan. Ian will apply for a 2023/24 Locality grant when applications are open.

7) H66 Development

Multiple roadside cameras had been in place throughout the village during the previous week. It appears that this has been arranged by developers to inform an updated Transport Assessment.

A date was still to be agreed for a further meeting with the Council Planning Department. There appears to be a degree of confusion regarding the government policy on new housing developments. This is to be investigated further to determine if there could be any implications for Rossendale.

8) Communications/PR

The Communications/PR sub-group now comprises Helen (team leader), Ben, Richard B and Martin who are to meet to discuss improvements to the website and social media.

A centralised member records and communication system is being investigated.

9) Fund raising

A stall at the village fete is to be arranged including some form of fund raising. Other possible fundraising activities were also discussed.