

Edenfield Community Neighbourhood Forum

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

Committee attendees: - Mervyn MacDonald (Chair); Helen McVey (Deputy Chair); Ian Lord (Secretary); Vincent Brady (Treasurer); Paul Bradburn (from item 5); Margaret Filkins; Richard Lester

Co-opted attendees: none

Apologies received from: Ben Bentley; Richard Bishop; Dave Rawcliffe

1) Minutes of the Management Committee Meeting dated 6/6/23

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.

2) Matters arising from 6/6/23 meeting

There were no matters arising not covered by agenda items.

3) Treasurers report

Vincent reported that since the last meeting donations of £1,600 had been received. Total funds are now £4,100 of which £3,600 is unrestricted. This includes £100 still in the GoFundMe account.

Payments of £472 for printing and £714 to SK Transport were agreed.

Vincent has now been accepted as a cheque signatory. It was unanimously agreed that he be also be authorised to make payments online and arrangements are to be made with NatWest Bank.

4) Neighbourhood Plan

Ian reported that Locality had just advised that applications for grants 2023/24 were now open. An application for Technical Support has already been made and he will now make an application for grant funding in respect of advisory costs etc.

Due to the work on the H66 planning applications and the delay in obtaining grant funding from Locality there had been little progress on the Neighbourhood Plan since the last meeting.

5) H66 Development

A revised masterplan/design code and amendments to the Taylor Wimpey planning application 2022/0451 had been publicised and opened for consultation in late June. It is not clear whether the consultation ends on 4th or 11th August so Mervyn is to contact the Council's planning department to clarify.

These latest documents include a "proposed highway improvement plan" which has resulted in a lot of anger from residents particularly those who would be affected by the loss of parking.

The Forum had produced information and guidance to help residents understand the proposals which had been communicated through newsletters, the Forum website and social media. Also, a successful residents' event had been held at the Community Centre on 15th July. Residents were being encouraged to submit their comments to the Council before the end of the consultation period and also to give their support to the Forum's own representations.

The Forum's traffic advisors, SK Transport, had been commissioned to examine the highways proposals and prepare a report which would be appended to the Forum's representations.

Five members of the committee had met with the Council's Planning Department on 28th June. A number of matters were discussed including Planning's letter of 18th May to Taylor Wimpey, the current consultation and specific issues related to the H66 development. Ian reported on the launch of the Council's Housing Strategy which he had attended.

6) Planning application 2022/0577

The Forum had been notified of a planning application for nine houses on Alderwood off Market Street. The application was discussed and further investigation agreed particularly related to H66. Subsequently a representation is to be drafted and agreed and submitted to the Council.

7) Communications/PR

Reminders for residents and others to comment on the latest H66 proposals before the 11th August deadline are to be posted on the website and social media. Forum members are also to be e-mailed.

A centralised member records and communication system is still being investigated.

8) Fund raising

Arrangements were discussed for the Forum stall at the village fete on 2nd September.

9) Date of Next Meeting.

The date of the next meeting was arranged for Tuesday 22nd August 2023 at 7.00pm in the Community Centre.

10) Any Other Business.

None

Signed  Chair.

Date 10/10/23