

MEMIL  
30/12/2024

**Edenfield Community Neighbourhood Forum**

**Minutes from Management Committee Meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> December 2023 at the Secretary's home.**

**Committee attendees:** - Mervyn MacDonald (Chair); Helen McVey (Deputy Chair); Ian Lord (Secretary); Vincent Brady (Treasurer); Ben Bentley; Paul Bradburn; Margaret Filkins; Richard Lester  
**Co-opted attendees:** none

**Apologies received from:** Dave Rawcliffe; Richard Bishop

**1) Minutes of the Management Committee Meeting dated 8/11/23**

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 8/11/23 meeting**

There were no matters arising not covered by agenda items.

**3) Treasurers report**

Vince reported that donations received so far in November and December were £600. Payments of £124 and £103 for printing and £396 for SK Transport Planning had been made. Total funds are now £3,692 nearly all of which is unrestricted.

**4) Neighbourhood Plan**

Ian reported that the amendments to the Plan were now nearly complete and would be sent to Troy Planning & Design for finalising before submitting to the Council for the Regulation 16 consultation. The NP team were thanked for their work on this.

**5) H66 Development**

Mervyn reported on the recent meeting with RBC Planning. A Land Stability Report had been received from Taylor Wimpey and is being reviewed by RBC's consultants. RBC had written to TW concerning design but the letter had not yet been publicised. LCC Highways had joined the meeting by Zoom for the discussions on traffic. Our advisors, SK Transport, had pointed out many of the deficiencies of the current proposals. It was agreed that the best way forward was for a meeting to be convened between LCC, RBC, ECNF and Taylor Wimpey to determine all the issues and potential solutions. Ben had reviewed the Land Stability Report and reported on his findings. A number of issues were highlighted including stability and contamination and it seems that further investigation of the land is required before the extent of the problems can be determined. The consultation period on the Northstone application had now ended and the Forum had submitted a comprehensive objection. RBC are assessing the application and the representations but cannot finalise until a masterplan is agreed.

**6) Communications/PR**

Helen reported that the website and social media is regularly being updated with any news/information. She will arrange for the Forum's objection to the Northstone application to be posted on the website.

**7) Fund raising**

Nothing further to report.

**8) Local Nature Recovery Strategy**

LCC have been designated as the responsible authority to lead preparation of a Local Nature Recovery Strategy for Lancashire and RBC is supporting. The Forum has been asked if we wish to be involved in the process. After discussion it was agreed that we could not commit sufficient time and resources and so should decline the request.

**9) Date of Next Meeting.**

The date of the next meeting was arranged for Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> January at 7.30pm at the Community Centre.

**10) Any Other Business.**

None

Signed..... Chair.                      Date.....