

Treasurers report for the year ended 31st of December 2023

During 2023 Mr Mervyn McDonald, stood down as Treasurer to become Chairman and Mr Vincent Brady was appointed in his place.

Once again, thanks go to Debra Batchelor, for continuing to act as our Scrutineer, in respect of the 2023 Financial Statements.

During the year 2023, the Forum received £5820 in donations, and £500 from Rossendale Borough Council towards transport and publicity costs, we spent £3667.00 with SK Transport for consultative advice. This would help us, when raising our objections to the Taylor Wimpey and Northstone planning applications. Our printing costs of £1658 were significant and included five newsletters, display material for the resident's event on the H66 planning applications and leaflets/booklets for the Neighbourhood Plan consultation. It was deemed necessary to print complete folders of the Neighbourhood Plan, this was in readiness for the consultative period, with the residents of our village. We also circulated additional newsletters at the time of the Taylor Wimpey and Northstone Planning Applications, we felt the need to keep people well informed and emphasise the importance of your support, when the deadline for objections was upon us.

Additional costs include £258 spent upon insurance and £87 on sundry costs.

Overall, the forum incurred a deficit of income over expenditure in the 2023 year of £2066 (2022 surplus of £430).

At the end of the financial year the Forum held total funds of £3703.

Since the end of the year, a Locality Grant of £2716.00 has been received and will be available for expenditure on the Neighbourhood Plan in 2024.

It should be noted that, once again in 2023, Committee Members have spent many hours on the affairs of the Forum and all of these hours are on an unpaid voluntary basis. They also personally bear many of the Forum's incidental costs incurred, on such items as stationary, printing, postage and telephone. Much has been done in 2023, and indeed over the years the Forum has been in existence. However, there is still much to do, we thank Edenfield residents for their continued financial support during the past year, and request your further help, going forward, into 2024.

Thank you

Vincent Brady (Edenfield Community Neighbourhood Forum Treasurer) 31st January 2024