

Edenfield Community Neighbourhood Forum

Minutes from Management Committee Meeting held on 5th March 2024 at Edenfield Community Centre.

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

1) Apologies

Apologies had been received from Paul Bradburn and Richard Bishop

2) Minutes of the Management Committee Meeting dated 30/1/24

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 30/1/24 meeting

There were no matters arising not covered by agenda items.

4) Treasurers report

Vince reported that donations received in February were £126 and there had been no payments in the month. Total funds are £6,655 of which £2,716 is restricted to expenditure on the Neighbourhood Plan.

5) Neighbourhood Plan

Ian reported that the amended Plan had now been completed and had been submitted to RBC together with all the supporting documentation. RBC anticipated that they would start the Regulation 16 consultation in early May. Mervyn thanked the NP team for their work on the Plan.

Troy Planning & Design had submitted an invoice for £2,700 including VAT for their work on finalising the Plan including preparation of the Basic Conditions Statement. This was in accordance with their quotation and our Locality grant application. It was unanimously agreed that the invoice be paid out of the grant funds already received.

6) H66 development

The Taylor Wimpey website has a section on the "The Vale at Edenfield" which is their H66 development. It gives the address as an existing residential address on Market Street which is concerning. The situation was discussed and actions agreed including contacting RBC. There still had been no progress yet on arranging an RBC/LCC/TW/ECNF meeting to discuss the traffic issues. It was agreed that, with SK Transport, we prepare a list of our requirements for SK to send to LCC and RBC.

The report by RBC's advisors on the TW land stability report has now been published and we are reviewing it. The report does not cover the contamination and SUDS issues. RBC are arranging separate advice on these but nothing has been published yet.

The Methodist Church has advised us that they have invited bids for the purchase of their land attached to Chatterton Hey and they expect to be in a position to select their preferred bidder within the next three months. There had recently been a topographical survey of the site.

7) Communications/PR

Changes to the draft newsletter were agreed. This will be distributed to residents within the next two weeks.

8) Annual General Meeting

The meeting date was confirmed for 7.45pm on Tuesday 26th March at the Community Centre. The Activity Report was finalised and arrangements made to circulate the Notice of Meeting and relevant reports etc to all members. The meeting will be promoted in the newsletter and on social media.

9) Fund raising


Nothing further to report.

10) Date of Next Meeting.

The date of the next meeting was provisionally arranged for Monday 8th April at 7.30pm at the Community Centre

11) Any Other Business.

Mervyn had attended an on-line seminar by the Community Planning Alliance and he gave details of the information presented.

Signed  Chair.

Date 8/4/24