

Edenfield Community Neighbourhood Forum

Minutes from Management Committee Meeting held on 20th May 2025 at Edenfield Community Centre

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

Co-opted attendees: none

1) Apologies

Apologies had been received from Richard Bishop

2) Minutes of the Management Committee meeting dated 7/4/25

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 7/4/25 meeting

There were no matters arising not covered by agenda items.

4) Treasurers report

Vince reported that donations received since the last meeting were £10 and there had been no expenditure. The current balance is £4,287.

5) Neighbourhood Plan

The Council had now issued the Regulation 19 Decision Statement effective 2nd April 2025.

The Council had agreed that the Forum designation does not expire on adoption of the Neighbourhood Plan and so it is still valid until 18th April 2028.

There is no obligation to monitor the Plan but the Management Committee can monitor as it sees fit.

It was therefore agreed that the ongoing monitoring of planning applications in the Neighbourhood Area would involve reviewing the applications and making observations to the Council if considered necessary. Recent planning applications 2025/0092 and 2025/0083 were considered and there are no obvious concerns.

It was also agreed that changes in planning legislation and local plan policies will be monitored ongoing to ascertain if there are any conflicts with the Plan.

6) H66 development

The Rossendale Free Press had published a good article about the issues raised by the H66 development. Thanks were expressed to Karen Lester for facilitating this.

A revised application had been submitted for the Alderwood site which had reduced the number of houses from nine to three. It is presumed that the proposed access on to Market Street would now be acceptable.

Over forty revised and new documents relating to the Taylor Wimpey application had recently been posted on the Council website but had not yet been reviewed. It was agreed that Ian would contact the Council to ascertain if there would now be a further public consultation. Members and other residents would then be advised of the new information and encouraged to review it and submit comments to the Council.

Actions were agreed to follow up on other outstanding matters including the setting up of a Visioning Board.

7) Scout Moor Wind Farm II & Battery Energy Storage System (2025/002) (BESS)

The recent consultation event held by Cubico on the Wind Farm had not included BESS contrary to the commitment given at the March meeting of Cubico with representatives of the Forum and the Edenfield Village Residents Association.

Nothing further to report.

8) Communications/PR

It had been agreed under item 6 to inform members and residents about the latest information related to the Taylor Wimpey application. It was also agreed that a newsletter including this be drafted which could be done jointly with the Residents Association.

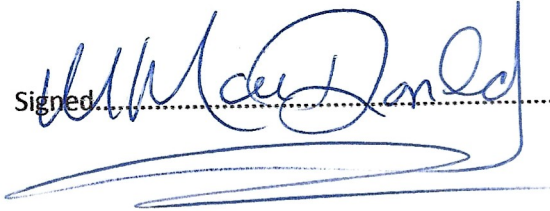
9) Date of Next Meeting

The date of the next meeting was arranged for Tuesday 8th July at 7.30pm in the Community Centre.

10) Any Other Business

None

Signed



Chair.

Date

8th July 2025