

Edenfield Community Neighbourhood Forum

Minutes from Management Committee Meeting held on 2nd February 2026 at

Edenfield Community Centre

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

Co-opted attendees: none

1) Apologies

Richard Lester; Helen Quinton (co-opted member)

2) Minutes of the Management Committee meeting dated 24/11/25

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 by those who attended and then duly signed.

3) Matters arising from 24/11/25 meeting

There were no matters arising not covered by agenda items.

4) Treasurers report

Vince reported that donations received since the last meeting were £30 and there was no expenditure, The current balance is £4,242. The Accounts for the year ended 31st December 2025 have been completed and are awaiting examination by the Scrutineer.

5) Future and strategy

Discussion took place on the Forum's future. Ian and Mervyn are to discuss further with the Committee members not in attendance and report back to all Committee members.

6) H66 development

Following the meeting in October a further Highways/Visioning Board meeting was held in January and the proceedings were discussed.

Following the consultation event discussed at the previous meeting Northstone had submitted a planning application for 46 houses on the site adjoining the current development. It was agreed that further consideration be given to submitting a representation.

The Council are to be contacted to determine how the village can be involved in the decision making process of how Section 106 funds are to be spent.

The possibility of initiating a Judicial Review is still being investigated.

7) Neighbourhood Plan

It was agreed that an objection be submitted to the Council in respect of an application for a caravan site on Green Belt land off Elm Street.

8) Scout Moor Wind Farm II & Battery Energy Storage System (BESS)

Nothing further to report.

9) Communications/PR

A newsletter updating residents of all the proposed events particularly related to H66 is to be prepared and distributed throughout the village.

10) Annual General meeting

Provisionally fixed for 30th March in the Community Centre.

11) Date of Next Meeting

The date of the next meeting was arranged for Monday 2nd March at 7.30pm in the Community Centre.

12) Any Other Business

It was mentioned that the non- availability of the footpath adjacent to the Northstone Blackburn Road site was causing issues for children walking to and from Haslingden High School. This is to be raised at the next Highways meeting if not before.

Signed  Chair. Date 9/3/26.

