

uMeeting of Woodford Neighbourhood Forum

held at the Deanwater Hotel
at 7:30 pm on Monday 3 Nov 2014

Attendance

	Present	Apologies received
Mr Robin Berriman (RBB)	√	
Mr David Buszard (DB)	√	
Mrs Helen Buszard (HB)	√	
Mr Paul Rodman (PR)	√	
Evelyn Frearson (EF)	√	
Mr John Knight (JK)	√	
Mr Paul Goodman (PG)	√	
Mr Terry Barnes (TB)	√	
Colin Griffin (CG)		√
Mr Bryan Leck (BL)	√	
Mr Roger Burton (RBU)	√	
Mr Robin Brammar (RBR)		√
Mrs Dorothy Chesterman (DC)		√
Ms Jane Sandover (JS)	√	
Mrs Jude Craig (JC)	√	
Ms Mrs Maxine Wood (MW)		
Mr Ron Beatham (RBE)	√	
Mr Alan Bramwell (AB)		√
Mr Colin Moody		√
Mrs Janet DeVeChis		√
Mr Nigel Hancock		√

	Action
<p>1. Welcome TB chaired the meeting and welcomed attendees.</p>	
<p>2. Apologies EF explained the Colin Moody had sent his apologies that he unable to attend until 2015 and offered to stand down, but EF had assured him that this was not necessary. This was agreed.</p>	
<p>3. Matters Arising All covered by agenda items.</p>	
<p>4. Minutes from previous meetings Minutes from the 6th Oct meeting were approved.</p>	
<p>5. Contact with media (TB, EF). TB explained that he had contacted Matt Davies of MEN news to update him on the latest status with the Harrow PA but no news items on the subject were published. TB reported that he had sent an email to BBC Northwest about the story but received no response. EF reported that she had made contact with Geoffrey Lean of Telegraph online who writes on Green Belt and the effect humans are having on the planet. The</p>	

<p>angle suggested was the combined impact on the Greater Manchester Green Belt of Aerodrome and CEC proposals. The letter from Mrs Hayward to Eric Pickles had been sent to him. Geoffrey Lean is interested and asked to be kept up to date. Action: EF will keep Geoffrey Lean updated.</p> <p>EF reported similar contact with Deidre Hipwell of Times online who wrote an article on the effect of Airport City on the Green Belt. DH had passed the message on to Kathryn Hopkins, currently the property correspondent at The Times. Deidre had said that, as a paper, they are very interested in issues relating to housing, planning and greenbelt/greenfield issues.</p> <p>PR and EF sent emails to Private Eye with a similar angle with a view to the Concrete Britain and Rotten Boroughs columns in the magazine. No response to date.</p> <p>Contact with ImagineFm had been suggested at the last meeting. EF and JC reported that they know Paul Taylor of Imagine Fm through WWMCC activities and he would be at the Centre on bonfire night. It was agreed that the story would be fed to him.</p> <p>Action: EF and JC to talk to Paul Taylor</p>	<p>EF</p> <p>JC, EF</p>
<p>6. Monitoring report (RBB)</p> <p>RBB reported that he has been liaising with the Community Development Foundation (CDF) which supplied the grant. Use of the grant is monitored. WNF has to supply information online at 3 time points in the year.</p> <p>RBB explained that WNF had been 2 reports behind in the schedule but DB and RBB completed a report online 2 weeks ago.</p> <p>The next report is due this month.</p> <p>Action: DB and RBB will complete and submit it.</p>	<p>RBB, DB</p>
<p>7. Update on submission of Harrow PA to Secretary of State (JK)</p> <p>JK explained that we have done everything we set out to do. It is likely that Eric Pickles will see our submission because two MPs, Mark Hunter and David Rutley, have sent letters to him on the subject, which will raise awareness.</p> <p>There are two potential options for the SoS:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To not intervene 2. To call a public inquiry <p>SoS has opportunity to delay decision until after the election, if he chooses.</p> <p>Action: If we do not hear within 3 weeks WNF, then send enquiry about progress.</p>	<p>EF, JK, PG</p>
<p>8. Update on CEC Local Plan public examination (PG)</p> <p>PG reported that the Inspector has written to CEC to say that he will provide interim conclusions in the next 2-3weeks. Adrian Fisher, Head of Planning has been off on sick leave which may have caused delay. If the Inspector concludes that the duty to co-operate has not been fulfilled, then the plan stops and it is likely that someone will take legal action. If modifications are needed, then these will take another 6-9 months to process.</p> <p>8.1. Mark Hunter's petition</p> <p>JK and PG agreed that the Inspector does not wish to receive any further information, so it would not be appropriate to inform him about Mark Hunter's petition.</p>	

<p>9. Questionnaire next steps (RBU, JK, PG)</p> <p>9.1. Contact with businesses and schools RBU suggested that the business questionnaire should be resurrected. Action: EF has draft on file and will circulate around committee for finalising.</p> <p>What constitutes a business in this context was debated. It was agreed that it was not solely registered companies but also partnerships and sole traders. Action: JS to find a practical interpretation of a business in the context of a Forum</p> <p>How to discover all the business in Woodford was debated. JC reported knowledge of around 25 on local databases, email lists etc. Action: JS to compile a complete list of businesses in Woodford and classify them for the next meeting.</p> <p>Involvement of schools and whether it should be parents, children, and/or teachers was discussed. Queensgate School is within our NA and theoretically should be consulted. PG? reported that he is involved with Poynton HighSchool in educating 6th form pupils about Planning in Poynton. Action: It was agreed that PG could combine this with information about WNF.</p> <p>9.2. Expert advice on results analysis (grant) RBB reported that he had been in email discussions with Deb Applebey and Emma Critchley of Locality and clarified that the grant cannot be carried over into next year. The meeting debated use of remaining funds before the end of the year. JK reported that further funds will be available next year and WNF may meet the criteria if we can show that we have made good progress. A decision will be made on funding allocation by mid Jan 2015. It was agreed that we should use available grant funds for expert advice. Action: RBU to write a specification for the work required so that it could be put out to tender with suitable experts known to the team.</p> <p>RBB to circulate details of the agreed allocation of our funding</p> <p>9.3. Development of Neighbourhood Plan RBU suggested a facilitated workshop open to members of the community which will enable themes and options to be explored and the outcomes documented. Action: RBU to explore workshop idea as part of action above with experts approached.</p>	<p>EF</p> <p>JS</p> <p>JS</p> <p>PG</p> <p>RBU</p> <p>RBB</p> <p>RBU</p>
<p>10. Greater Manchester Spatial Framework, WNF response (JK) JK reported that the original idea from leaders in Greater Manchester was to have a combined group from 10 areas (councils?), one of which would be the leader. However, George Osborne prefers that the group has a Mayor and it is not known how this affects the current consultation. JK recommended that WNF sent in the agreed text in response to the consultation in order to put down a marker and register our interest. Action: EF to submit the approved text from JK online by the deadline of 5 pm in Fri 7th Nov.</p>	<p>EF</p>

<p>11. SEMMMS communication group (EF) EF reported that Brian Tolver of HPC had informed WNF that Styal Parish Council are interested in setting up a communication channel between all the Town and Parish Councils to exchange information about the A6 MARR / SEMMMS road as it progresses through its various coming phases. The purpose being to extend the network of council committees and forums in southern Stockport . Styal had agreed to this proposal.</p> <p>RBu noted that there is already a set of meetings planned with interested parties in the local community to liaise on A6MARR issues.</p> <p>Action: RBu to circulate details around committee before we decide whether to join in the Styal initiative.</p>	<p>RBu</p>
<p>12. Red Hill Court Case JK explained that a high court decision had been reached in a case where there was a proposal to concrete over an aerodrome in Green Belt in order to increase capacity. However, as it did not involve housing, the outcome was not relevant to the Woodford Aerodrome PA.</p>	
<p>13. WCC AGM HB reminded the meeting that the WCC AGM will be held on 27th Nov in the Large Hall at the Community Centre. Attendance would be appreciated.</p>	<p>All</p>
<p>14. Aldi in Poynton PG reported that Aldi have purchased the Texaco site in Poynton.</p>	
<p>15. Conservative candidate PR reported that the conservative candidate for the by-election on 20th Nov will be John McGahan and PR has given him a reference.</p>	
<p>16. WNF web site (JC, EF) The website was projected “live” on screen during the meeting for attendees to view while JC and EF explained the software facilities, layout and content.</p> <p>JC explained that the website has been set up in WordPress which is easy to use and requires no specialist programming knowledge. The theme chosen has more than enough facilities for WNF purposes. The content was preliminary and minimal, in order to get the site up and running. Further work is needed.</p> <p>There are links to WNF Facebook and Twitter pages.</p> <p>Pages provide locations for long-term features. Posts provide locations for short-term news items which will change on a regular basis.</p> <p>The site had been live for a week or so, as no objections had been received.</p> <p>EF explained that JC and EF + family had met to review content and brainstorm ideas for additions. The current text content had been proof read and edited. It had been pasted into in a Word doc and circulated to allow the committee to review and approve. Current content and suggestions for additions were discussed.</p> <p>JC explained that repeat use of key words early in text is necessary to optimise chances of being found in searches by internet search engines (Search Engine</p>	

<p>Optimisation).</p> <p>The following additions were agreed: Neighbourhood Planning Page – menu to include FAQs section, which JK offered to write. Action: JK to start to write FAQs.</p> <p>Woodford Aerodrome Page – menu to include Harrow PA and Heritage Museum sections. Action: TB agreed to write 2 paragraphs on the Heritage Museum.</p> <p>SMBC page – menu to include policy, new planning application, links to neighbouring communities sections.</p> <p>Cheshire East page – menu to include CEC Local Plan and links to neighbouring communities sections.</p> <p>Gallery of local photographs to be added.</p> <p>DB to become an administrator of the site along with JC and EF to form an editorial team. Action: DB and JC to meet for a “driving lesson” on the website.</p> <p>EF called for volunteers to write sections for the site which can be edited to consistent style by the editorial team. All amendments to website will be circulated for approval before implementing.</p> <p>TB thanked JC and EF for their work on the website on behalf of the group.</p>	<p>JK</p> <p>TB</p> <p>JC, DB</p> <p>All</p>
<p>Next meeting Mon 1st December 2014</p>	<p>All</p>
<p>Evelyn Frearson 10th November 2014</p>	