



Woodford Neighbourhood Forum

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Minutes of Meeting of Woodford Neighbourhood Forum Management Committee

Woodford Community Centre, 10:30 am, 22nd July 2019

Attendance	Present	Apologies received
Mr Robin Berriman (RBB)	√	
Mr David Buszard (DB)	√	
Mr Paul Rodman (PR)		Corresponding*
Ms Evelyn Frearson (EF)	√	
Mr John Knight (JK)	√	
Mr Paul Goodman (PG)	√	
Mr Terry Barnes (TB)	√	
Mr Roger Burton (RBU)	√	
Mrs Dorothy Chesterman (DC)		√
Ms Jane Sandover (JS)	√	
Mrs Jude Craig (JC)	√	
Ms Maxine Wood (MW)	√	
Mrs Janet DeVeichis (JDV)		
Mrs Doreen Neil (DN)		√
Ms Zoe Jones (ZJ)	√	
Mr Chris Coppock (CC)		√

*Corresponding members wish to be kept in the loop but cannot routinely attend meetings

1. Welcome TB opened the meeting and welcomed those present
2. Apologies RBB, RBU, DN, DC
3. Declaration of conflicts of interest None.
4. Minutes from previous meeting on 13 February 2019 JK noted that the second sentence in section 7.6 did not make sense. It was agreed that it was not essential information and could be deleted. Action: EF to delete this sentence
5. Matters Arising 5.1. GMSF JK reported that Stockport Council has announced consultation on the Mayoral Development Scheme. The deadline is 6th September. Action: EF, JC, JS, to look at document and consider WNF response. The GMCA website states that the next round of consultation will be in autumn 2019, examination in spring 2020 and adoption autumn 2020. Other sources are predicting delays.

5.2. CEC.

PG reported on changes in CEC following the last local elections. It is abolishing the lead member system and going back to a committee system. This raises a question over the status of NCGV now that Engine of North is disbanded. Toni Fox is now exec member for planning. The new team wants to review Local Plan. The main issue is that the required infrastructure plan not in place. They could defer plans. CEC is progressing with a site allocations document, filling in the gaps in housing requirements. The Hazelbadge development in Poynton has been reduced from 150 to 135 dwellings.

6. Financial update

RBB was away but EF had checked the AGM presentation and noted that £1,534 remained in WNF funds at that time. Very little will have changed.

JK noted that funding may be available from Government for future WNF activities.

Action: To be explored at a future date.

7. Referendum process meeting with SMBC

After many email exchanges with SMBC, Vincent McIntyre had suggested Monday August 5th at 10:30 am in the Community Centre. Members of the electoral team wished to assess the venue for suitability for an election. TB, JK, JC, JS and EF could attend on behalf of WNF.

Action: EF to confirm the date and submit by email the questions that had arisen so far.

8. Referendum Publicity

Suggestions submitted before and during the meeting were discussed. It was agreed to avoid putting anything on SMBC property. The following were agreed:

- 3 x banners on private property.
- A4 flyer to be delivered to every house in NA in August with text giving details of who, where, when and how to vote, where to view the WNP online, how to obtain postal vote etc.
- A5 flyer to be delivered in September with minimal text as a reminder of the date to vote.

Action: JC and EF to finalise text. JC to order print.

9. WNF as a consultee

PG had suggested that we need to meet with SMBC to discuss our role as a consultee and our interaction with SMBC. This was agreed.

Action: EF to send letter to Emma Curle and Jane Chase

10. WNF response to current Planning Applications

There had been email exchanges among committee members concerning 14 current planning applications which had been sent by SMBC to WNF for a response. The majority were not contentious and our response was "No comment". However, three PAs appeared to contravene WNP policies. These were discussed in the meeting and concerns highlighted.

The formation of a sub-group to do an initial review of planning applications was discussed and thought to be a good idea.

Actions:

EF to draft WNF responses and circulate for approval before submitting to SMBC.

A PA review subgroup is needed.

11. WNF future activities

There was a discussion about what this may entail, including acting as a consultee on planning applications, promoting implementation of WNP policies and the Village Aspirations. EF noted that the Forum membership can include local councillors and we had not replaced councillor

Bryan Leck in this role.

Action: EF to invite our local councillors to be forum members, if they wish.

12. AGM

The date had been previously pencilled in for 4 September. EF recommended moving it to a date after the referendum, in order to avoid confusing residents with yet another flyer before the referendum and to enable us to follow PGs advice to use the AGM to announce the referendum results and discuss future Forum activities.

The date was changed to Wednesday 2nd October, 8 pm, and JC booked the Small Hall at the Centre.

Action: EF to let members know via email

13. WCC update

EF and JS explained that there was work in progress to amend the WCC constitution, such that all Woodford residents are automatically members, and to reduce the minimum number of meetings per year. Ideas of becoming a charity or a company had been explored but considered to be unnecessary complications.

AOB

Sad news about Morag White

Committee members expressed shock and sadness at the death of Morag White.

Action: JS to send a card to the family on behalf of WNF and WCC.

AVRO Heritage Museum

TB reported that Harrow may offer Avro an additional building that will become free as a charity. The Aviation Hall at Manchester Science museum is closing. It contains aircraft that Avro would like to have. The PA for the extension has been submitted. CAE (civil aviation training) that was located at Woodford Aerodrome is now located on Bird Hall Lane.

Pub on Redrow Estate

TB reported that JW Lees is progressing with the pub and consulting on a name. It is predicted to be open in September 2020.

A6MARR

PG noted that, under the terms of the planning permission for A6MARR, parts of land should have been returned to agricultural use. It was also noted that parts of Woodford Recreation Ground, which were used for site buildings, should be restored.

Action: JS to raise this with Sue Stevenson.

PG closing company

PG reported that he is closing his company so will no longer have liability insurance. All comments in future will be informal.

Next meeting

AGM Wednesday 2nd October, 8 pm

Evelyn Frearson 11 August 2019