



Woodford Community Council

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 21 JANUARY 2013 AT 521 CHESTER ROAD, WOODFORD

PRESENT

Mr P Rodman	Chairman
Mrs H Buszard	Secretary
Mr R Berriman	Treasurer

Dr D Buszard, Mr K Coxey, Mr S Taylor, Mrs M White and Mrs M Wood

By Invitation: Mrs M Davies and Mrs C Quinlan

APOLOGIES: Mr R Beatham, Mr R Brammar, Cllr B Leck.

The Chairman introduced Mrs Davies, who had expressed her interest in the work of the committee.

1. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES

It was noted that the Minutes of the previous meeting, held on 15th October 2012, had been approved by email.

2. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Minute 2 Parking at the end of Church Lane

It was agreed that the Secretary should contact Cllr Bagnall, Chairman of the local Area Committee, for guidance on the best way to pursue this matter.

ACTION: Secretary

Minute 4 2012 AGM

It was noted that attendance had been down on previous years, although this was not entirely unexpected, that the Amendment to the Constitution relating to the Neighbourhood Forum had been approved and that Mr Coxey had been elected as a member of WCC. No further volunteers for the committee had come forward at the time, but it was hoped that new members might be co-opted during the coming year. It was agreed that Mr McMahon's presentation on the proposals for the A6 to Airport relief road had been well received. The draft Minutes of the AGM were now available on the WCC website and would be approved at the 2013 AGM.

3 FINANCIAL UPDATE

The Treasurer reported that the balance of the main WCC account stood at £870, which included donations of £129 made at the AGM and £93 for the cost of printing the AGM notices. The Woodford United account held £3701, with an invoice for £47.44 pending for printing costs.

It was noted that website sponsor Artisan had indicated that they did not wish to continue this year and that Jackson Barretht & Gass would have completed their first year's sponsorship in March. It was agreed that a letter of thanks should be sent to the former and an approach made to the latter inviting them to renew this year. It was recognised that further sponsors were needed in order to ensure that there would be sufficient funds to maintain the professional management of the website in the future and the Chairman offered to approach other local businesses. The possibility of an award from the Area Committee's Discretionary Fund would also be explored.

ACTION: Secretary, Chairman

It was agreed that a contribution from the CIL payment on the Airfield development would be requested at the appropriate time.

4. SUB-GROUP REPORTS

(a) Woodford United (WU)

The following points were noted.

- With the approval of the revised SPD by SMBC Executive on 14th January 2013, the first phase in the development of the airfield had ended.
- The Chairman had received good feedback from MP Mark Hunter following the Executive meeting and the response from Cllr Iain Roberts to the WCC questions put forward by Mr Hunter had been very useful.
- A flyer providing an update on the current position and future stages was in preparation and would be circulated to all residents very shortly.
- Prior to the submission of a formal planning application by developers Harrow/Redrow, they would have to undertake a pre-application consultation with the local community. They must also undertake a detailed traffic survey and provide an assessment of the impact of the development both with and without the completion of the A6 to Manchester Airport Relief Road.
- Arrangements for a preliminary meeting with Jennie Daley, Harrow CEO, were in progress.
- Mr Don Foster MP, the Under Secretary for State for Communities and Local Government, had agreed to make a short visit to Woodford and meet members of WCC/WU on 8th Feb 2013.
- Mr Taylor reported that Mr Knight was arranging a meeting for them both with Mr Barry Khan, the chief SMBC Solicitor, to discuss the procedures that must be followed in order to set up a Neighbourhood Forum.

(b) e-Newsletter /Website

It was agreed that an eNewsletter with similar content to the new flyer would be circulated at the same time and that the information would also be provided on the WCC website.

(c) Woodford War Memorial Community Centre

Mr Taylor provided an update from the latest meeting of the Management Committee. Particular points were noted as follows.

- There would be a change in caretaking arrangement following the departure of the previous caretaker.
- A full review of costings was to be undertaken to ensure that the Centre's facilities were not provided to non-residents at a financial loss.
- A Health & Safety review had been undertaken.
- The question of excessive noise from particular evening events was being addressed.
- The current President, Mr Derek Blunt, would be leaving the area.
- It had been suggested that the quorum for the AGM should be reduced from the current requirement of 30 members because of the difficulties experienced in reaching that number at recent AGMs.

With reference to the quorum, it was agreed that a drop to 25 would be acceptable, but it was also suggested that leaflets providing details of the AGM should be distributed to all residents in good time before the meeting, WCC did for its AGM. WCC could also assist by including information on its website and in its eNewsletters.

A few suggestions were made for improvements to the Centre's facilities, in particular a better microphone system and projector/screen to assist presentations, and Mr Taylor agreed to pass these on to the Centre Chairman.

ACTION: Mr Taylor

(d) Stockport Council Issues

It was agreed that it would be helpful to have relevant feedback from the Bramhall and Cheadle Hulme South Area Committee meetings, rather than having to rely on the official Minutes that were eventually provided on the SMBC website. Mr Coxey offered to attend the next few meetings and report back on matters of interest to WCC.

ACTION: Mr Coxey

(e) Neighbourhood Watch/Crime

There were no specific matters to note.

6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

6.1 SEMMMS Consultation

It was suggested that WCC should submit collective comments in response to the A6 to Manchester Airport Relief Road consultation. It was agreed that these should take the form of general support for the new road, subject to the following points of concern.

- The western section of the road must not be opened to traffic before the full road was completed.
- The junction on Chester Road near the oil terminal must make provision for the Poynton relief road

- Account must be taken of all the proposed new residential developments, particularly the one at Handforth East, which would adjoin the A34.
- Over use of traffic lights at junctions, which could lead to hold-ups on local roads, should be avoided where possible.

It was agreed that the submission would not include preferred options at the various junctions, since these should be a matter for individual responses.

A draft would be prepared and circulated for comments.

ACTION: Secretary

6.2 Litter day

It was agreed that another *Clean Up Woodford* day would be organised, with the date to be set at the next meeting.

6.3 Photographic Competition

The possibility of holding a new photographic competition was raised. There was mixed support for this, given the disappointing number of entries in the previous year's competition, and it was decided not to pursue it at present. Instead, the submission of photographs for the Gallery pages of the website would be encouraged.

7. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was agreed that the next meeting would be held on Monday, 18 March 2013 with the venue to be confirmed.

Approved *Date*.....