

Woodford Community Council

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, 27 NOVEMBER 2008

Present

Officers:

Mr K Coxey Chairman

Dr L Evans Secretary

Mrs M Wood Treasurer

WCC Members:

Mr R Beatham, Mrs H Buszard, Mr D Hall, The Revd. J Knowles, Councillor B Leck, Mr P Rodman, Mr C Roscoe, Mrs M White. Apologies from Mr G Black.

Over 100 Woodford residents and others attended, but names were not recorded.

1. Chairman's Opening Remarks

The Chairman welcomed those attending the meeting, including a number of non-residents. He outlined the general H&S requirements, as required by the Centre.

He then introduced and welcomed the guest speakers, who had kindly agreed to undertake presentations on two important issues. He also welcomed to the meeting Mr Mark Hunter MP.

He clarified the agenda and sought agreement to reverse the order of Items 6 and 7 relating to Election of officers and to the Constitution. This was fully accepted by the residents.

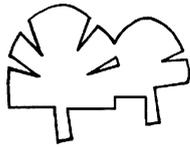
2. Minutes of the Last Meeting

The Minutes of the AGM held on 30 November 2007 were read out by Dr Evans. A proposal to accept the Minutes was put forward by Mr Rodman and seconded by Mrs Wood.

The Minutes were then accepted by a majority vote.

3. Chairman's Annual Report

The Chairman had issued his annual report as part of the AGM notification. He emphasised the fact that he considered the key issues of interest to the community to be BAE Systems, local planning, the environment, The Woodford War Memorial Community Centre and a Constitution for the WCC.



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He stated that in general the activities over the year had been positive and he wished to thank all those who had taken part. He welcomed the many positive comments he had received from residents, which made the work undertaken by himself and the committee worthwhile. The members of the Council had all volunteered their time to improve Woodford. However, sadly he felt it was important to record that there had been a few very aggressive comments received, which were not in his view justified and in some cases the sender had declined to be identified.

He indicated that the WCC had over the year monitored and reviewed a host of information ranging from Department of Transport updates, crime, Manchester Airport activities and Clerk of the Council publications along with other local publications.

He took the opportunity to thank the Council members for their commitment over the year. He also thanked Mr Norman Buck for all his years of service on the WCC, since Mr Buck had now retired from the Council.

4. Secretary's Report

The Secretary explained that he had lived in Woodford for 18 years and wished to put something back into the Community. In doing so he had encountered a number of positive aspects of Woodford but also unfortunately a number of negative aspects, which he would not dwell upon in order to make the meeting a positive one.

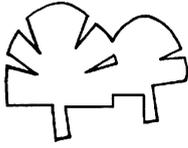
The installation of the new notice board outside The Woodford Stores had been one of the positives, thanks to Mr Leck and the Stockport Metropolitan Borough Council. Another was the second successful "Clean Up Woodford" day, which was publicised as part of the Stockport Pride Programme. He also stated that some time in the future he would be resigning as Secretary for business reasons but would remain on the WCC.

5. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer confirmed that the opening balance at January 2008 had been £513. Two cheques, totalling £722.90, had been received during the year from Stockport MBC to pay for the new notice board, which is situated outside The Woodford Stores. A small amount of interest totalling £16.16 had also been received.

A total of £200 has been paid out to cover printing costs for the newsletters and church magazine advertising, leaving a balance of £314.57 on 27 November 2009

Invoices, receipts and the Building Society passbook are held by the Treasurer and are available for inspection.



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6. Constitution

A Constitution has been drawn up for the WCC. 50 copies had been circulated amongst the attendees and the detail was presented by Mrs Buszard. Discussions took place as to whether sufficient time had been given for consideration of the Constitution at the meeting, but the Chairman pointed out that it was basically a write-up of the way in which the WCC had always operated since 1974 and it had been debated by and agreed by the Council members.

Mr Wood proposed that it should be accepted on the night. This was seconded by Mr Rodman. The Constitution was accepted by a very clear majority vote.

It was agreed that it would be disseminated more widely over the coming months.

7. Election of Officers

Officers are elected to serve for a rotating period of three years. Mr Coxey remained as Chairman, Mrs Wood as Treasurer and Dr Evans as Secretary. All other Council members, apart from Mr Buck, were willing to continue.

The following people put their names forward to fill the three vacancies: Mr P Crompton, Mr S Downes and Mr A Freeth.

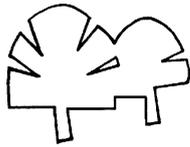
Acceptance of the nominations was proposed by Mrs K Davenport and seconded by Mr H. Newton.

8. Name of the Woodford Community Council

The Council had received a written proposal that the name of the Woodford Community Council should be changed, since people confused it with the Woodford War Memorial Community Centre. The proposer was Mrs Preston and the seconder was Mr J Peddar.

A discussion followed, with various points being made by the attendees, and it was then suggested that the proposal should be put to the vote. A vote was taken, counted by Mr Hunter MP.

The vote was in favour of retaining the name by 67 to 28.



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9. Presentation by Ms Johanna Smith (Environmental Services Manager for SMBC)

Ms Smith gave an extremely well presented account of the incoming changes to the separation of waste by individual households. She outlined issues arising from the "Improving Waste Services" study. Each household will require separation of waste into four separate wheelie bins plus a small container.

Several questions were raised, with special mention of the difficulty of accommodating four bins and placing them at the end of the drive.

10. Presentation by Mr Malcolm Adams, Head of Public Affairs for BAE Systems

Mr Adams provided an overview of current operations at the Woodford site. Work on the Nimrod will take the site to 2012, but the development of uninhabited aircraft and the need for an increased presence for a BAE presence at RAF stations means that there will not be such a demand for large construction sites such as Woodford. He did not know what would be likely to happen to the site, since the timing was too far ahead. Mr Hunter thought that it would be inappropriate to envisage a large housing development on the site.

11. Closure of Meeting

The meeting finished with a vote of thanks from Mr Coxey for all the work carried out by the members of the Community Council during the year, to the speakers who had given such excellent presentations, to Mr Hunter MP for giving his valuable time to attend and equally to all the residents who had attended the AGM.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 10.30.p.m.

Minutes Approved, on behalf of the Community

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