



Woodford Community Council

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 11 JANUARY 2011 AT THE VICARAGE, CHESTER ROAD, WOODFORD

PRESENT

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| Mr P Rodman | Chairman |
| Mrs H Buszard | Secretary |
| Mrs M Wood | Treasurer |

Mr R Beatham, Mr F Brown, Dr L Evans, Mr I Hanson, Revd J Knowles, Councillor B Leck and Mrs M White.

By Invitation: Mr R Berriman, Dr D Buszard

OPENING OF MEETING

In the absence of Mr Coxey, Revd Knowles took the Chair and welcomed everyone to the first meeting of 2011.

APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Mr D Hall.

1. ELECTION OF NEW CHAIRMAN AND REVIEW OF WCC MEMBERSHIP

Revd Knowles noted that Mr Coxey, having completed his three-year term of office, had stepped down after the 2010 AGM and that, in accordance with the Constitution, a new Chairman should be nominated from amongst the WCC membership. Mr Paul Rodman was proposed and elected unanimously.

Mr Rodman thanked members for their support and paid tribute to Mr Coxey for his hard work and dedication as Chairman over the previous three years. These comments were warmly endorsed by everyone present. He then took the Chair for the rest of the meeting.

With regard to WCC membership, no new members had been nominated at the AGM and the members who had offered to stand down had therefore been re-elected. There were two still two vacancies on the committee. It was agreed that Mr Berriman and Dr Buszard, who were attending as guests, could be co-opted until the next AGM, if they so wished. This would be considered at the next meeting.

In the absence of any other volunteers for the role, Mrs Buszard agreed to continue as Secretary.

2. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

It was noted that the Minutes of the meeting held on 25 October 2010 had already been approved by correspondence.

It was confirmed that all action points had been completed.

3. FINANCIAL REPORT

The Treasurer reported that donations made at the AGM amounted to £191.90, which was an excellent response. The current bank balance was £1,270.58.

In view of the change of Chairman, the following Resolution was taken.

It was agreed unanimously that Mr Rodman should replace Mr Coxey as the signatory for Chairman on the WCC account with NatWest Bank.

The Treasurer would make the arrangements accordingly.

ACTION: Treasurer

4. SUB-GROUP REPORTS

(a) Development of BAE Site

The Chairman commented that there was little to report since the presentation at the AGM at the end of November. There had been no further Consultative Group meetings and no follow-up after the submission of the contact details of the Sub-Group members to the Planning Department. It was noted that all Woodford residents had received a letter informing them that there would be an updated presentation on the future of the Woodford site at the next Bramhall & Cheadle Hulme South Area Committee meeting, which was being held on Thursday, 27 January 2011 at the Woodford Community Centre. It was recognised, however, that this was just part of the routine consultation process and no major developments were anticipated.

Members then discussed the role that the WCC should play in the consultation process. It was agreed that at present its main task was to disseminate information and encourage residents to think about how they would like to see Woodford developing. Once SMBC had produced its Supplementary Planning Document (SPD), it was essential that views and comments were submitted and the WCC should be taking a lead in seeking and consolidating local opinion. It was recognised that the website and the e-newsletter were important tools in establishing the credibility of the WCC in this regard. The possibility of a leaflet drop to all residents could also be considered at that time.

(b) E-newsletter and Website

Members congratulated Mr Brown on a very effective first newsletter. He commented that his database had about 135 email addresses at the moment and that the first letter had also been forwarded to some 200 members of the British Legion and 200 members of the Golf Club. To date, however, only about one in 20 of these had actually signed up for future issues. He hoped that many more people could be encouraged to subscribe and suggested that there should be a major effort to collect more email addresses at the forthcoming Area Committee meeting on 27 January.

He also felt that it was important to develop forums on the website where comments could be posted and responses made to them. A meeting had been arranged with Mr Gallagher to see how this could be done most effectively. It was possible that the WCC could apply for a further grant to cover the extra costs involved in developing the website in this way. Dr Buszard offered to take the lead in this.

ACTION: Mr Brown, Secretary, Dr Buszard

Consideration was given to seeking further website sponsorship and it was agreed that approaches could be made to BAE, Total Fitness and Brookside Garden Centre.

ACTION: Chairman, Dr Evans, Secretary

The Secretary referred members to the email received from Mr Paul Brown after the AGM, in which he offered his help in developing an alternative website. This offer was appreciated and would be borne in mind should the need arise. The Secretary would respond accordingly.

ACTION: Secretary

(c) Woodford War Memorial Community Centre

The Chairman reported that he had attended recent meetings of the Management Committee and that everything was running very smoothly. The Bonfire Night had been very successful, making a substantial profit, and the New Year's Eve event had been well supported, with all tickets sold in advance. The Committee was currently considering future development of the Centre, with the possibility of initiating a major fund-raising drive.

(d) Stockport Council Issues

Cllr Leck provided details of the work that United Utilities was undertaking in Woodford Road. It was anticipated that completion of that section of the work would take three to four weeks, with temporary traffic signals in use between 9.30 am and 3.30 pm. Information would be posted on the WCC website.

ACTION: Secretary

(e) Neighbourhood Watch

The Chairman reported that he had recently circulated a newsletter to his neighbourhood group, passing on police warnings about being particularly vigilant at this time of year. He offered encouragement to anyone wishing to start up a new Group.

5. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Secretary reported that the WCC had been copied into a further email letter sent by Prof McLeod to Mr Mark Hunter MP. It was agreed that it would be forwarded to the Chairman for information, but no other action was necessary.

6. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was agreed that the next meeting would be held on Monday, 14 February 2011, starting at the earlier time of 7.00 pm..

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