



Woodford Community Council

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 6th OCTOBER 2015 AT 521 CHESTER ROAD, WOODFORD

PRESENT

Mr P Rodman Chairman
Mrs H Buszard Secretary

Mr R Beatham, Dr D Buszard, Cllr M Hurleston, Mrs M Wood

APOLOGIES: Mr R Berriman, Mr K Coxey, Mr B Leck, Revd D Russell, Mrs M White

1. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING, HELD ON 21st JULY 2015

(Minutes approved previously by email.)

Minute 6.4 Overgrown Hedges

The Secretary confirmed that she had reported the problems raised (overgrown hedges along Woodford Road opposite Moorend Golf Course and along Chester Road beyond Porlock to the Poynton boundary) via an online form on the SMBC website. No acknowledgment had been received and to date no action had been apparent. Cllr Hurleston offered to follow this up if the Secretary provided details.

ACTION: Secretary, Cllr Hurleston

2. FINANCIAL UPDATE

The following report was received from the Treasurer.

The account balance on 6 October was £2,091. On 25 July (the date of the last meeting) it had been £2,144. Since then £200 had been received from Southfield House and three x £50 had been paid out to Primary Websites. £103 had also been paid to Boss Direct for printing for the Forum. The latter was part of the prepayment received for the Forum, of which £551 now remained.

3. ARRANGEMENTS FOR 2015 AGM

The Secretary reminded members that the AGM was being held on Thursday, 26th November in the large hall of the Community Centre, starting at 8.00 pm. The Agenda would include the usual items including reports from the Chairman, the Treasurer and WNF and the election of

committee members. It was suggested that it might be of interest to residents to have a short presentation about the new development on the Aerodrome site by a representative from Redrow Homes Ltd, with the opportunity for questions from the floor. It was agreed that the Secretary should contact Carl Taylor to see if he would be willing to do this.

ACTION: Secretary

It was noted that the Calling notice/Agenda should be circulated to all residents at least three weeks before the meeting, i.e. by the beginning of November, and various members offered to help with the delivery.

As usual, invitations would also be sent to Cheadle MP Mary Robinson and to the three local Councillors.

ACTION: Secretary

Finally, committee members were asked to arrive at the Centre by about 7.15 pm to assist in setting up the hall.

4. WOODFORD AERODROME SITE

The Chairman gave a brief update on the current position following a recent meeting with Harrow. Demolition on the north side of the site was almost complete and was continuing on the south side. Construction of the first show houses was under way, with completion scheduled for March 2016. Full-sized trees would be planted to enhance the environment. The major task ahead was the construction of the new roundabout at the east gate, which could take several months. It had been confirmed that Harrow had bought the Bodycote site and at some stage would be putting forward a new planning application. It was not yet known what was intended, but it had been rumoured that the new pub might be relocated there.

5. SUB-GROUP REPORTS

(a) Woodford Neighbourhood Forum

Dr Buszard reported as follows.

The WNF AGM had been held on Thursday, 23rd September 2015. Total attendance had been 36, with five new members joining the Forum and two new volunteers for the Management Committee. The various presentations had been very well received. Copies of the draft Minutes and the main PowerPoint presentation were now available on the Forum website <http://woodfordneighbourhoodforum.co.uk/>

A meeting of the WNF Management Committee had been held the previous evening (5th October 2015). The following officers had been re-elected: Terry Barnes as Chairman, Evelyn Frearson as Secretary, Robin Berriman as Treasurer and David Buszard as Vice Chairman.

The main focus was now on the preparation of the Neighbourhood Plan and a major effort had been made to improve the response to the business survey. A direct approach had been made to a short list of larger businesses in Woodford and some 20 responses had been received. One point raised was the possibility of setting up a Woodford Business forum, similar to the very successful 'Poynton in Business', to

encourage local businesses to interact and provide mutual support. It had been thought that WCC might follow this up.

This proposal was discussed with interest, but given that there were relatively few businesses of any size in Woodford, compared with Poynton, it was agreed that it might be difficult to generate enough support to establish such a group, which would need very active leadership. It was suggested that perhaps there might be opportunities for Woodford businesses to participate in similar groups in Bramhall and the Chairman offered to investigate further.

ACTION: Chairman

It had been agreed that WNF should follow up a suggestion made previously by Cllr Bagnall and make a short presentation to the local Area Committee. This would be based on the presentation given at the AGM.

Finally it had been confirmed that the final Vulcan flight over Woodford would take place on Saturday, 10th October 2015. Harrow had agreed to allow parking for up to 1000 cars on the Aerodrome site, but entry would be by advance ticket only, obtainable online from the Avro Heritage Museum website. There would be no pedestrian access to the site. The profits from the sale of the tickets would go to the Museum.

(b) e-Newsletter /Website

It was noted that a Newsflash had just been circulated about the Vulcan flight and that the website was being continually updated.

(c) SEMMMS Update

It was noted that work was proceeding along various sections of the A6MARR route. A decision had been taken on the best way to rebuild the Junction at Woodford Road, which would involve a temporary roundabout and bridge to keep traffic flowing.

It was also noted that further consultation was taking place on the proposed Poynton Relief Road and a number of public events were being held during October. There would be two events in Woodford on

Wednesday, 21st October, 10.00 am to 4.00 pm

Thursday, 22nd October, 2.00 pm to 7.00 pm

both being held at the Woodford Community Centre.

(d) Woodford War Memorial Community Centre

It was reported that the Community Centre's AGM was being held on Thursday, 8th October 2015. Mr Leck had informed the Secretary that he would be standing down as the WCC representative on the WWMCC Management Committee. Mrs Wood volunteered to replace him and it was agreed that the Secretary should inform the Committee accordingly.

ACTION: Secretary

(e) Stockport Council Issues

Cllr Hurleston reported that he was aware of a request from the Woodford Scout Group to Redrow for assistance in upgrading their facilities on Moor Lane. This was currently under consideration.

(f) Neighbourhood Watch/Crime

Cllr Hurleston stated that the Area Committee had recently received a report from the local GMP Inspector regarding incidents of burglary targeting high value cars in Bramhall and Cheadle Hulme. A number of arrests had been made.

6. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was agreed not to set a firm date at this time, but to arrange the next meeting as and when required.

Approved *Date*.....