



Woodford Community Council

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 5th DECEMBER 2016 AT THE WOODFORD COMMUNITY CENTRE, CHESTER ROAD, WOODFORD

PRESENT

Helen Buszard Secretary
Robin Berriman Treasurer

Ron Beatham, David Buszard, Chris Coppock, Ken Coxey, Evelyn Frearson, Avril Furness, Brian Leck, Rev David Russell, Jane Sandover, Morag White, Maxine Wood.

1. OPENING REMARKS

The Secretary opened the meeting by welcoming the four new members – Chris Coppock, Evelyn Frearson, Avril Furness and Jane Sandover – who had been elected at the recent AGM. Everyone introduced themselves.

She drew attention to the absence of Paul Rodman and reported that he had resigned as Chairman and as a member of the Committee. He had asked her to explain that, with his family and business commitments, he could not devote the time that would be needed on the GMSF in the future. Members expressed their thanks and appreciation for his dedicated work as Chairman over the past six years.

It was agreed unanimously that David Buszard should take over as Chairman and the other officers – Treasurer Robin Berriman and Secretary Helen Buszard - were confirmed in their appointments.

2. MATTER ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The Secretary noted that the last formal meeting had been held on 23rd June 2016 and that the Minutes had been approved by email. A joint meeting with WNF and local councillors had been held on 31st October 2016 solely to discuss the GMSF proposals, which had been released a few days earlier.

Matters arising from 23rd June 2016 were as follows.

Minute 3 Future of WCC

There had been a lengthy discussion as to whether it might be possible to merge WCC with the WNF Management Committee, since there was a considerable overlap of membership and WCC's role had become uncertain. However, it was agreed that this had now been overtaken by events and that there was now a very strong role for WCC in opposing the GMSF proposals and mobilising local opinion. At the same time, WNF would be concentrating on finishing the Neighbourhood Plan. There would, however, continue to be good liaison

between the two organizations and both would submit formal comments on the GMSF Proposals.

Minute 4.1 2016 AGM

It was noted that the AGM had been held on 17th November 2016 and had been very well attended, with over 150 residents and visitors present. The main item of interest had been the presentation on the GMSF proposals given by SMBC officers and the lively discussions that followed.

The Secretary drew attention to the draft AGM Minutes, which she had just circulated to members for approval, and asked for any comments to be submitted by the end of that week. The final draft would then be made available on the WCC website and would be formally approved at the 2017 AGM.

3. GREATER MANCHESTER SPATIAL FRAMEWORK (GMSF) PROPOSALS

The Secretary referred members to the draft flyer, which had been circulated with the Agenda, and asked for comments.

A few amendments and additions to the list of Points for objection given on the reverse page were proposed and accepted and it was agreed that the final version should be printed professionally by Boss Business Products, in accordance with their written quote. A run-on to 1200 copies would be requested, provided that the additional cost was acceptable.

ACTION: Secretary

It was also agreed that the content of the flyer would be sent out electronically via the WCC eNewsletter, which now had over 700 subscribers, and added to the WCC website.

ACTION: Chairman, Secretary

Consideration was given to whether there was a need to publicise the Proposals more widely in Bramhall. It was agreed that it would not be practical to deliver leaflets to all Bramhall residents, but some of the extra flyers could be distributed to houses along Woodford Road and adjoining roads, and left in the library, shops etc. David Russell reported that he had enquired about the hard copy of the Proposals, which should have been available in the Library, but no-one there seemed to know anything about it. The Secretary agreed to follow this up.

ACTION: Secretary

The Secretary noted that a number of meetings relating to GMSF were being held in the coming two weeks. These included the following.

- Three sessions specifically for Stockport land owners, arranged by SMBC, were being held on 6th December 2016.
- CPRE (Campaign to Protect Rural England) had arranged an open meeting in central Manchester on 7th December 2016. The Chairman, Secretary, Evelyn Frearson and Chris Coppock would be attending.

Attention was drawn to the various CPRE documents circulated by Chris and to the emphasis placed on brownfield sites. The Housing and Planning Act, which received

Royal Assent in May 2016, required local authorities to adopt a brownfield register in order to enable house builders to identify suitable sites and speed up the construction of new homes. A number of local authorities, including Stockport, had been chosen to pilot the development of brownfield registers in spring 2016. It was agreed that the committee should find out whether the SMBC register was up to date and if not, when it would be.

ACTION: Evelyn Frearson

- The next Bramhall and Cheadle Hulme South Area Committee meeting was being held in the Woodford Community Centre at 6.30 pm on 15th December 2016. Another ‘Drop-in’ session with SMBC officers would be held prior to that, starting at 5.30 pm.

Finally, members discussed the best way to prepare the formal WCC submission to the Consultation. It was agreed that a small group should prepare the first draft, which would then be circulated for consideration by the full committee.

ACTION; Chairman, Treasurer

4. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

4.1 North Cheshire Garden Village, Handforth

It was noted that a stakeholder workshop regarding North Cheshire Garden Village was being held on 6th December 2016. Chris Coppock would attend representing WCC and Evelyn Frearson for WNF.

4.2 Traffic calming and speed bumps

David Russell referred to a recent report that claimed that speed bumps caused environmental damage, by adding to pollution and noise, and were therefore an inappropriate method of traffic calming. It was known that one of Redrow’s few obligations to the community was to pay for traffic mitigation measures along Moor Lane and he was concerned that speed bumps might be employed despite this report. It was agreed that there would be a watching brief to ensure that nothing was implemented without consultation, particularly with the residents themselves.

4.3 Parking charges at Nelson Pit Car Park, Higher Poynton

Attention was drawn to the imposition by CEC of parking charges from 1st January 2017 at this popular car park close to the Middlewood Way and Macclesfield Canal, despite the wishes of Poynton residents and their Town Councillors.

5. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was agreed that meetings should be held whenever possible on the same evening as the WNF meetings. The next meeting was therefore arranged for Monday, 9th January 2017 at 6.30 pm.

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