



# Management Committee of Woodford Community Council

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 4<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2024 AT 7.30PM

IN THE CHURCH HALL

## PRESENT

Terry Barnes (TB), Jane Sandover (JS), Avril Furness (AF), Rev David Russell (DR), Maxine Wood(MW), Peter Crossen (PC), Evelyn Frearson (EF),

## APOLOGIES

None received.

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the last meeting on 27<sup>th</sup> February 2024 were approved.

## MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising from the meeting on 27<sup>th</sup> February 2024 not covered by the agenda.

## FINANCIAL UPDATE

AF reported as follows:

£259.31 profit had come in from Winter Festival. Payments received to date for the Summer Fair amounted to £425.00. Total money in was £684.31.

£72.00 had gone out in website fees. The current balance stood at £1904.25

Opening Balance in Feb	£1291.94
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Money in	£684.31
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Money out	£72.00
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Balance in June	£1904.25
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EF had been added as a signatory on the bank account for online banking as additional cover for approving bank transfers.

## WOODFORD SUMMER FAIR

AF reported that the organising committee had held a meeting earlier that day. 25 stall holders had confirmed attendance and paid the fee. A few were unable to attend. Confirmation from others was awaited. Stalls included market stalls, activities, display, charities, food and the fire engine would be there again.

Volunteers were needed on the day for car parking. TB volunteered for 10.30 to 11.30 am.  
PC provisionally volunteered for 10:00 to 11.00 am.

**ACTION: TB and PC**

PC confirmed that Mary Robinson had been invited.

*[Post meeting note: EF had contacted Richard Garner to obtain permission from the land owner for use of the adjacent field for parking but had not yet received confirmation]*

## **NOTICE BOARD**

TB reported that On Point Development Ltd had said they would install it. Equipment would be needed to cut the legs to the correct size. Holes were ready at the site to receive it. TB hoped to get it sorted.

**ACTION: TB**

## **BRIEF UPDATES**

### **AVRO HERITAGE**

TB provided an update on key dates and events as follows:

- **Event on September 17<sup>th</sup> 2024 to mark 100 years since the purchase of New Hall Farm.**

It would be a private event for 600 people, including ex-employees, friends of museum, VIPs, dignitaries, 3 local councillors, WNF and WCC committee members. The museum had applied for Prince Edward to open it and response was awaited. There would be 7 fly-pasts. The Lancaster was grounded due to the Spitfire accident, but the fly past would include the following aircraft: Bristol Blenheim, Anson, Sword Fish, 146, A400, Hercules and others

- Event is to celebrate the importance of GM to aviation industry. Invitations had been sent to all the mayors in Greater Manchester. MPs may change but would be invited. Mary Robinson and Brian Bagnall had confirmed attendance. Emma Curle and Osian Perks from SMBC had been invited.

Static displays would include the 1<sup>st</sup> aircraft to land at Woodford, the last plane to be delivered, a Nimrod, and a Crossley car. This was first car to have adjustable seat and sliding roof. Crossley got more than 50% of the shares and stopped production of cars.

50 VIP people would be invited for lunch.

- **Wings & Wheels Air Fair Sat 13th and Sun 14th July 2024**

This would involve significant traffic flow through the garden village.

- **Forties Weekend Sat 7th & Sun 8th Sept 2024**

Dress code - period costume. More flyovers.

- **National Heritage Open Day 15<sup>th</sup> September 2024**

Free entry.

- **Air cadets 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2024**

Event for 600 air cadets.

- **A planning application for the new building** was to be submitted to SMBC. It had to include very special circumstances for encroaching on to Green Belt. These include the fact that it will display important national heritage items which need the protection of a building.

There would be an Open Day for public consultation for all in Woodford on two

evenings. Woodford Community Centre had been booked for the consultation on 17 and 18 July.

TB to liaise with PC about delivery of leaflets or emails.

**ACTION: TB and PC**

## **CHURCH**

DR reported that Graham Meare is retiring as editor of the parish magazine after 7 years. It was hoped to assemble a team to do it.

Hedges in the adjacent field were overgrown, but it seemed likely that the farming community would sort it.

## **COMMUNITY CENTRE**

MW reported that a new floor had been put down. Paula Mott had been taken on as a part-time employee to look after the bookings. New folding doors had been installed. The Centre was getting a lot of bookings, including weddings. A video had been made and posted on social media of the hall set up for wedding. The committee was exploring the idea of a digital display board.

## **WINTER FEST**

PC reported that he was looking at options suitable for bad weather.

## **WNF**

EF reported that a steady trickle of planning applications had been coming through. They were mostly extensions and not controversial. The only controversial one was an application for a flagpole at 1 Moor Lane. One had been erected previously without planning permission on a tall pole that was above the height that did not need permission and carried a flag with Arabic writing that most residents could not read. The council had requested that the owners took it down and applied for planning permission. The council also requested some conditions which had not been complied with, including consultation with residents. The WNF committee had submitted a response, which included planning reasons for refusal and queried the need for the height, without touching on the unease it created among some residents.

To date there had been no application submitted for a Solar Farm on the Old Hall Lane site.

## **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

- Liaison meetings

It was noted that meetings with Redrow had not happened for a long time. It was agreed that they were useful and that a list for the agenda could be sent prior to the meeting. It could include care home update, commercial centre update, proposal for Moor Lane round-a-bout to slow traffic down, timing of reinstatement of footpaths across the site.

PC offered to enquire whether one could be set up, aiming for early September

**ACTION: PC**

- Deanwater Hotel.

TB noted that a housing developer was interested in it. AF reported that she had heard that the owner was concerned about future uses, so all the contents had gone to charity.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Provisionally agreed Tues 3<sup>rd</sup> September, to be changed nearer the time if necessary.