



Woodford Community Council

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 3 JANUARY 2012 AT THE VICARAGE, CHESTER ROAD, WOODFORD

PRESENT

Mr P Rodman	Chairman
Mrs H Buszard	Secretary
Mr R Berriman	Treasurer

Mr R Beatham, Mr F Brown, Dr D Buszard, Revd J Knowles, Cllr B Leck, Mr S Taylor and Mrs M White.

By Invitation: Mr D McCall

APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Mr R Brammar and Mrs M Wood.

OPENING REMARKS

The Chairman welcomed Mr McCall to the meeting and introductions were made.

1. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES

The Minutes of the previous meeting, held on 8 November 2011, were approved.

2. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

There were no matters arising.

3. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2011

The draft Minutes of the 2011, held on 24 November, were approved for publication on the website.

Suggestions for the date of the 2012 AGM were considered, but it was agreed to defer a decision until after the dates of the 2012 Area Committee meetings were known. In the meantime, the Secretary would check possible options at the Centre.

ACTION: Secretary

4. COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

It was noted that Mr Berriman, Mr Brammar, Dr Buszard and Mr Taylor had been elected as members at the 2011 AGM.

Mrs Wood had subsequently indicated her wish to stand down as Treasurer, whilst remaining a member of the Committee. It was agreed that Mr Berriman should take over as Treasurer with immediate effect. A new bank mandate would be arranged accordingly.

5. FINANCIAL UPDATE

Mr Berriman reported that £223 had been donated at the AGM and £200 had been received from the new website sponsor, Artisan Meat Company.

Mr Taylor reported that Jackson, Barrett & Gas, Solicitors, were still interested in sponsorship and had suggested that they might give a short presentation to WCC members. It was agreed that Mr Taylor should follow this up and let them know the date of the next meeting.

ACTION: Mr Taylor

Other possible options for sponsorship were still being pursued.

6. SUB-GROUP REPORTS

(a) Development of BAE Site

It was noted that the sale of the site to the new Company, Avro Heritage Ltd, had now been completed. Early indications were that there were no significant changes to the original suggestions put forward for the use of the site.

Preparation of Stockport's Supplementary Planning Document was still underway and public consultations would be undertaken at the appropriate times.

Some concern was expressed about the use of the shortened runway for small aircraft and the possible noise problems that might arise. It was agreed that the situation should be carefully monitored.

(b) e-Newsletter and Website

The Chairman thanked Mr Brown for sending out the recent Newsflash about the sale of the BAE Site and noted that the website was also being kept up to date.

The Secretary reminded members that details of the new Photographic competition were on the website and asked for their support in promoting it to residents.

(c) Woodford War Memorial Community Centre

The Chairman reported that because of other commitments he had had to withdraw as the WCC representative on the Management Committee and asked if anyone would be willing to take his place. Mr Brown offered to do so and was warmly supported by the Committee. The Secretary would notify Mr Freeth accordingly.

ACTION: Secretary

Attention was drawn to correspondence relating to collaboration between the Centre, Woodford Cricket Club and Queensgate Football Club. They wished to seek support from Avro Heritage Ltd to develop and expand their existing facilities to incorporate a community sports facility.

It was agreed that without knowing more about the project, the WCC could not offer full support at this stage, but would keep a watching brief.

(d) Stockport Council Issues

Cllr Leck reported that the completion of both sections of the Manchester Airport Eastern Link Road (from the Airport to the A555 near Lakeland and from the roundabout on Woodford Road, Bramhall, to the A6) was finally to go ahead, following the Government's decision to provide funding for major infrastructure improvements in the North West. The design process was under way and a complete route for the road had been laid down. A formal application for planning was expected to be made by mid 2012 and construction could be completed within four to five years.

Cllr Leck also reported that from 1 April 2012, the Council was changing the way in which local area matters were handled. From that date there would be a single Council officer responsible to the local Area Committee for all local matters.

Finally Cllr Leck confirmed that a new SMBC Notice Board had been erected outside the Community Centre.

(e) Neighbourhood Watch/Crime

It was noted that crime continued to be a major cause for concern in Woodford and members discussed possible ways in which the WCC could be more proactive in helping to fight local crime.

It was agreed that encouragement should be given to the establishment of more Neighbourhood Watch schemes. The Chairman would pass on to PCSO Maureen Crehan the names of residents who had expressed an interest at the AGM and would suggest that a special meeting of existing co-ordinators in Woodford should be arranged. He also offered to attend the next Area Committee meeting, which was being held on 19 January 2012, and raise local concerns with the senior police representatives present.

ACTION: Chairman

It was pointed out that since police resources tended to be allocated in accordance with local crime rates, it was important to ensure that even minor incidents were reported to and logged by the police.

7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Mr McCall confirmed that he would be interested in joining the committee. It was agreed unanimously that he should become a co-opted member.

8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting was arranged for Tuesday, 27 March 2012, starting at 7.30 pm.

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