



Woodford Community Council

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 8 NOVEMBER 2011 AT THE VICARAGE, CHESTER ROAD, WOODFORD

PRESENT

Mr P Rodman Chairman
Mrs H Buszard Secretary

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

APOLOGIES

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

1. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES

The Minutes of the previous meeting, held on 3 October 2011, were approved, subject to a minor correction to Minute 5(c), where the date of the WWMCC AGM should have been given as 13th October 2011.

2. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Minute 5(e) – Further to the discussion at the last meeting, it was noted that authorities in Eastbourne had banned door-to-door cold calling.

3. FINANCIAL MATTERS

Fund-raising and Sponsorship

The Secretary reported that two of the existing sponsors had indicated that they would not be renewing their sponsorship for a second year. However, following an approach from Dr Buszard, The Artisan Meat Company had agreed to become a sponsor and Mr Taylor had received an encouraging response from the Marketing Manager of Jackson, Barrett & Gas, Solicitors. He would follow this up in due course. Other members would continue to contact local businesses, as agreed.

4. AGM – 24 NOVEMBER 2011

It was noted that Paul Lawrence would be attending the Area Committee meeting in Bramhall before coming to the AGM. He had indicated that he would be bringing representatives of the prospective new owners of the BAE site to meet residents and talk a little about their plans.

The Chairman confirmed Mr Philip Chadwick, Director, Holman Gascoigne would also be attending to speak on the local property market.

The Calling notice/Agenda had been prepared accordingly and it was anticipated that copies would be available for distribution the next day.

Other arrangements for the AGM were confirmed.

5. SUB-GROUP REPORTS

(a) Development of BAE Site

It was noted that since the last meeting, the news had broken that the heir to the JCB empire, Mr Jo Bamford, was the prospective purchaser of the site and that his design for the site included film studios, housing and a leisure complex with an equestrian centre and point-to-point racecourse. The plans involved creating a film studio at the south of the site, while a mix of low density homes would be built to the north. Woodford's historic links with the aviation industry will be maintained with the retention of part of the runway and the development of a new heritage centre on the site of the original Avro hanger.

Members welcomed these proposals and felt that the outcome would be very beneficial for Woodford. Cllr Leck stated that the Council was also in full support. It would, of course, still be necessary to complete the SPD and put it out for public consultation in accordance with planning procedures.

(b) e-Newsletter and Website

Mr Brown reported that he had been asked to publicise the Woodford Players' new production *This Happy Breed* and he would therefore be sending out a Newsflash in which he would also remind residents of the AGM.

At Chairman's suggestion, a new photo competition was to be held on the theme *Winter Sun*. Advance notice had been given on the reverse of AGM Agenda and full details would be given on the website.

(c) Woodford War Memorial Community Centre

The Chairman reported that the WWMCC Bonfire night had been very successful.

(d) Stockport Council Issues

Cllr Leck reported that he was still pursuing the provision of a new SMBC notice board outside the Community Centre.

Consideration was given to the current Consultation on the Stockport LDF: Allocations DPD and it was noted that there was considerable concern amongst residents about the inclusion in it of several Green Belt sites within Woodford. Cllr Leck stated categorically that the Council would not allow development on these sites because it would be in conflict with the Borough's Core Strategy. This statement was welcomed, but it was felt that residents should still be encouraged to respond to the consultation document and make their views known.

Cllr Leck also drew attention to a very recent announcement that the Government was giving £10m to the Manchester Airport Enterprise Zone. Some of these funds would be used to complete the western end of the MAELR, but possibly only the short section to Shadowmoss Road, since the building of that stretch needed to be co-ordinated with the proposed extension of the Metrolink to the airport. It was agreed that unless the eastern section at least to the A6 was completed, traffic congestion around Bramhall and Woodford could only get worse. It was, however, unclear whether any funds would be available to do this

(e) Neighbourhood Watch/Crime

Once again concern was expressed over the number of burglaries in the area and in particular the violent attacks on local businesses. The Chairman reported that he had received the latest Newsletter issued by Greater Manchester Police, but only in black and white, hard copy format. He had requested an electronic version, so that it could be circulated to the committee and placed on the website.

6. Any Other Business

On behalf of all the committee, the Chairman offered sincerest condolences to Mrs White on the sad loss of her husband, Roy.

7. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, 3 January 2012, starting at 7.30 pm.

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