

# Woodford Community Council

## AGM 2019



# Agenda



1. Chairman's Opening Remarks
2. Approval of the Minutes of the 2018 AGM \*
3. Annual Report
4. Treasurer's Report
5. Proposed changes to the constitution
6. Election of Committee members
7. Close of AGM
8. Update on Woodford Neighbourhood Forum
9. Update on Local Development Plans
10. AOB
11. Close

# Opening Remarks





# Approval of 2018 minutes



# Annual Report





# Treasurer's Report

## WOODFORD COMMUNITY COUNCIL FINANCIAL REPORT YEAR to 31st OCTOBER 2019

|  | 2019               | 2018               |
|--|--------------------|--------------------|
| Bank balance at 1st November 2018        | 1396               | 1864               |
| <b>Cash in</b>                           |                    |                    |
| Website sponsorship income (note 1)      | 500                | 750                |
| Donations 'Just Giving' page             | <u>67</u>          | <u>0</u>           |
| Total cash in                            | 567                | 750                |
| <b>Cash out</b>                          |                    |                    |
| Website maintenance                      | 672                | 740                |
| Expenses paid on behalf of WNF           | 0                  | 258                |
| Gifts for retiring committee members     | 0                  | 150                |
| Parish magazine advertising              | <u>0</u>           | <u>70</u>          |
| Total cash out                           | -672               | -1218              |
| <b>Bank balance at 31st October 2019</b> | <u><u>1291</u></u> | <u><u>1396</u></u> |

### Notes:

1 Deanwater Hotel became sponsors in 2019, joining Avro Heritage Museum. Jackson, Barrett & Gass and Green Thumb did not renew their sponsorship in 2019

# Constitution Amendments



## Aims of the amendments

- We are grateful to Kahn Moghul for work on this and for encouraging us to think outside the box.
- We explored a variety of options including:
  - WCC becomes a charity
  - WCC becomes a limited company
  - WCC changes its title to Woodford Community Association
  - Charging a subscription fee
- We concluded that only minor tweaks to the current constitution were required.

# Constitution Amendments



## Aims of the amendments

- So that all residents with Woodford in their address are automatically members.
- To acknowledge that a Neighbourhood Forum was created and it has prepared the Woodford Neighbourhood Plan, which is now part of the Stockport Development Plan.
- To work in harmony with Woodford Neighbourhood Forum in promoting implementation of the policies and aspirations.
- To change the minimum number of meetings per year from 5 to 4.
- We have made a couple of late amendments after it was posted on the website, but hopefully we can approve them tonight

# Constitution Amendments



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## 1. Purpose and Objectives

1.1 Woodford Community Council (hereafter referred to as WCC) was established in 1974 to promote the interests of the residents of Woodford, Cheshire, by addressing issues that affect the community. It is a non-political organisation run entirely by volunteers.

1.2 WCC shall provide liaison between Woodford residents, and statutory authorities, in particular Stockport MBC, and other relevant bodies, over any matters falling within its remit, including, but not limited to, planning applications and local developments, environmental concerns, such as roads and litter, public footpaths and rights of way, and local amenities, such as the Woodford War Memorial Community Centre and major businesses.

1.3 WCC shall facilitate liaison with developers and promote integration between communities in the old village and large new developments in Woodford.

1.4 Following appropriate discussion and consultation, WCC shall take such action as appears to be expedient and practicable in the interests of the Community.

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1.5 WCC ~~is~~<sup>was</sup> empowered to propose or work towards the formation and establishment of a Neighbourhood Forum. ~~This may take the form of either a sub-group of WCC or an independent organisation. Such sub-group or organisation will be required to have its own constitution compliant with national legislation contained within the Town & Country Planning Act 1990 as amended by the Localism Act 2011.~~ This was achieved with the formation of Woodford Neighbourhood Forum in 2013 as an independent organisation. The Woodford Neighbourhood Forum prepared the Woodford Neighbourhood Plan, which was adopted by Stockport Council following a majority vote in favour by residents at a referendum on 12<sup>th</sup> September 2019 and thereafter became part of the Stockport Development Plan

1.6 In conjunction with Woodford Neighbourhood Forum, WCC shall promote implementation of the policies in the Woodford Neighbourhood Plan and the Aspirations in the supplementary document, Woodford Village Aspirations.

1.7 In harmony with Woodford Neighbourhood Forum, WCC shall promote and improve the social, economic and environmental well-being of Woodford by:

- Actively encouraging all the Members to participate in the activities of WCC for the improvement of Woodford.
- Encouraging the goodwill and involvement of the wider community.
- Fostering community spirit and encouraging civic pride.

# Constitution Amendments



## 2 Composition

2.1 All residents of Woodford aged 18 years or over are automatically members of WCC. They are eligible to vote at General Meetings and stand for election for a place on the Management Committee.

2.2 The Management Committee shall be composed of up to 15 elected members, who shall ~~be over 18 years old and~~ reside within ~~the~~ Woodford ~~boundaries~~.

2.3 Members of the Management Committee shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) and shall serve ~~for a period until the next AGM. of three years, with one third retiring each year on a rolling basis to ensure continuity of WCC business. Retiring members shall be eligible for re-election for further three year periods.~~

2.4 All members of the Management Committee shall retire at the AGM and may stand for re-election.

2.5 WCC may co-opt additional members on an ad hoc basis to provide advice, guidance or assistance on specific matters of interest or relevance to the Community.



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## 3 Office Bearers

3.1 A Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer shall be nominated by ~~WCC~~ the Management Committee from amongst its membership. ~~on the basis that such persons shall be current committee members and shall have served for at least one year on the committee before being eligible for nomination.~~ Where there is more than one nomination for a position, the appointment shall be determined by majority vote taken at ~~the AGM~~ a committee meeting.

3.2 Each officer shall serve for a maximum term of three years, after which period he or she shall be eligible to seek re-appointment.

## 4 Meetings

4.1 ~~WCC~~ The Management Committee shall meet on a regular basis, generally ~~no fewer than five~~ at least four times a year, with a provisional timetable for meetings being agreed at the beginning of each year.

4.2 The Calling notice/agenda for each meeting shall be prepared by the Secretary, in consultation with the Chairman, and circulated to all Management Committee members at least two weeks beforehand.

4.3 The quorum for any meeting of ~~WCC~~ the Management Committee be ~~six~~ five.

4.4 The Secretary shall prepare the Minutes of each meeting and circulate them to all members of ~~WCC~~ the Management Committee. The Minutes shall be confirmed at the next meeting and then made available on the Woodford Community website.

# Constitution Amendments



## 5 Finances

- 5.1 All funds received by WCC, from any source, shall be used solely for the purposes outlined in clause 1.
- 5.2 WCC shall maintain a bank account for all funds, with two specified signatures (in general those of the Chairman and Treasurer) required for any transaction.
- 5.3 The Treasurer shall keep proper financial records of all income received, arrange for payment of expenditure duly authorised by WCC and prepare annual accounts for presentation at the Annual General Meeting.
- 5.4 The financial year end shall be 31 October.

## 6 Communication

- 6.1 WCC shall communicate with residents by any appropriate means, which may include:
- the ~~Community~~ WCC Notice board;
  - the ~~Community~~ WCC website;
  - e-newsletters;
  - flyers delivered to households;
  - brief annual report
- 6.2 Contact details for the Chairman and Secretary shall be provided to facilitate and encourage communications and comments from residents.



# Constitution Amendments

## 7 Annual General Meetings

7.1 An ~~Annual General Meeting~~ (AGM) shall be held ~~in November each year~~ no later than three months after the end of the financial year. The agreed date shall be publicised as early in the year as possible and full details including the agenda ~~circulated to all residents~~ publicised at least three weeks beforehand.

7.2 The business of the AGM shall include

- the Chairman's report;
- the presentation of the annual Accounts by the Treasurer;
- the election of members of the ~~WCC~~ Management Committee.

In addition, guest speakers may be invited to give presentations on issues of interest and relevance to the Community.

## 8 Extraordinary General Meetings

8.1 ~~WCC~~ The Management Committee may at any time call for an Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) if it is deemed necessary to do so, supported by a formal written resolution. The rules and voting rights shall apply as defined within an AGM.

8.2 ~~WCC~~ The Management Committee shall call an EGM if a written request to do so, signed by at least 25 ~~residents~~ members, is submitted. The reason for the EGM shall be supported by a formal resolution and notified to the Secretary, or in his/her absence to a ~~WCC~~ Management Committee member, allowing four clear weeks' notice.

8.3 The notice calling the meeting shall state the object of the proposed meeting and shall be notified to residents at least three weeks beforehand.



# Constitution Amendments

## 9 Amendments to the Constitution

9.1 Any proposed amendments to the constitution shall be submitted in writing to the Secretary at least three weeks before the date of the next ~~WCC~~ Management Committee meeting.

9.2 Such amendments shall be posted on the WCC notice board and circulated to Management Committee members with the agenda for consideration and discussion at the meeting.

9.3 Changes to the constitution agreed by ~~WCC~~ the Management Committee shall be put forward for approval by members at the next AGM.

## 10 Dissolution

10.1 If it is considered necessary or advisable to dissolve WCC (for example, if insufficient numbers of residents are willing to serve as office bearers or members of the ~~Council~~ Management Committee) an appropriate resolution shall be proposed for consideration at the next AGM or at a specially convened EGM. At least four weeks' notice of the proposed resolution shall be given to all ~~residents~~ members. The resolution shall be carried if supported by a majority of those members present at that meeting.

10.2 In the event of dissolution, all outstanding debts and liabilities shall be settled and any remaining assets used for charitable purposes within the Community.



# Election of committee members

## **Committee last term**

1. Terry Barnes (Chair)
2. Jane Sandover (Secretary)
3. Avril Furness (Treasurer )
4. Chris Coppock
5. Robin Berriman
6. David Russell
7. Morag White
8. Ron Beatham
9. Evelyn Frearson
10. Khan Moghul
11. Maxine Wood (co-opted)

## **Nominees for next term**

1. Terry Barnes
2. Jane Sandover
3. Avril Furness
4. Robin Berriman
5. David Russell
6. Evelyn Frearson
7. Khan Moghul
8. Maxine Wood (co-opted)

There are 15 places so we have vacancies and new committee members are welcome.



# Close of AGM





# Woodford Neighbourhood Forum Update





# Woodford Neighbourhood Forum Update

## Further consultation

- WNP submitted to SMBC on 28 Sep 2018.
- SMBC consultation ran from 24 Oct to 7 Dec 2018.

## Examination

- This was conducted in Feb/Mar 2019 by an independent examiner who requested some amendments to the WNP, including some deletions and rewording.





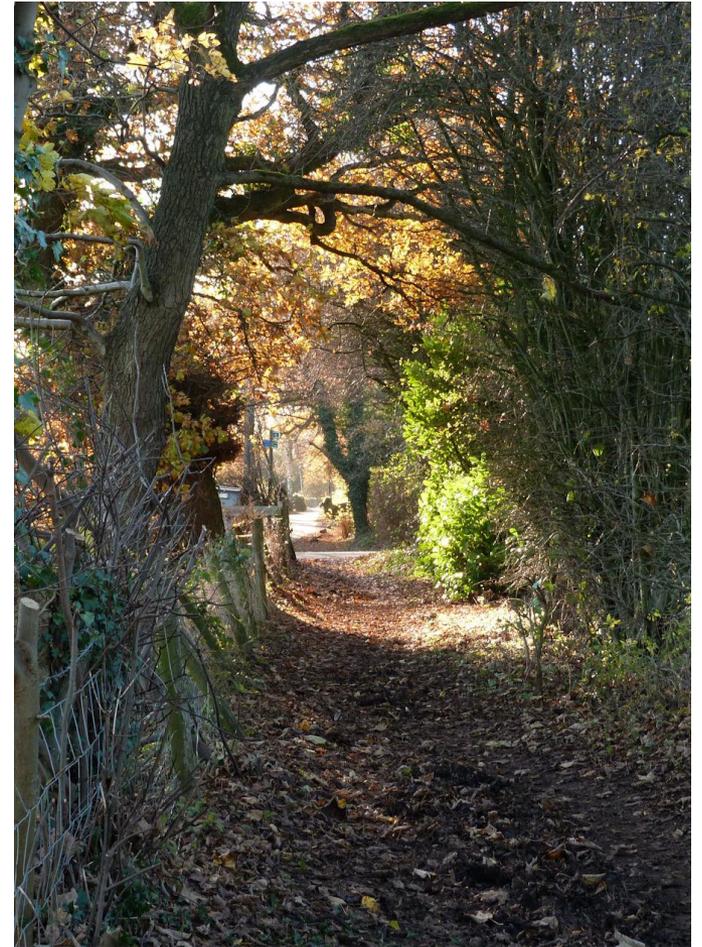
# Woodford Neighbourhood Forum Update

## **Council Approval**

- Amended WNP had to go through three SMBC meetings for approval.
- Finally approved at full council meeting on 4 Jul 2019.

## **Residents Approval**

- Referendum held on 12 Sep 2019





# Woodford Neighbourhood Forum Update

## Referendum Results

- Number of eligible voters: 1171
- Number of votes cast: 452 (38.6%)
- **Number of Yes votes: 433 (95.8%)**
- Number of No votes: 19 (4.2%)
- Number of rejected ballot papers: 0





# Woodford Neighbourhood Forum Update

1<sup>st</sup> Neighbourhood Plan in Stockport to be adopted





# Woodford Neighbourhood Forum Update

## Promoting implementation of policies and aspirations

- Acting as a consultee on planning applications in the Neighbourhood Area
  - Commenting on compliance of planning applications in the NA with the 15 WNP policies, and local and national policies.
  - Stockport Council will make the decisions in the normal way.





# Woodford Neighbourhood Forum Update

Promoting implementation of policies and aspirations

- Supplementary Aspirations, which were high on the wish list in responses to our questionnaire in 2014 include:
  - Promoting walking, cycling and use of public transport
  - Integration of old and new communities
  - Promoting clean air
- Woodford Community Council will also aim to promote these aspirations in harmony with WNF.





# Local Plans Update





# CEC Local Plan

- Local Plan Strategy adopted in 2017.
- Changes in Cheshire East Council following local elections.
- All arms lengths companies closed, including Engine of the North.
- Consultation on additional small, non-strategic sites closed on 30 September 2019.
- Consultation on North Cheshire Garden Village (Handforth) last year.
- Objections submitted by WNF, Heald Green, our local councillors, Mary Robinson MP.
- Planning Application has been submitted.





# North Cheshire Growth Village





# Greater Manchester Spatial Framework (GMSF)

- GMSF started in 2014 as a joint plan between 10 GM authorities.
- GM acquired a Mayor: Devolution Agreement in 2014.
- Potential for GMSF to be a Spatial Plan which would be approved by the Mayor and 10 authorities.
- First draft GMSF in 2016 proposed large-scale Green Belt loss.
- 27,000 responses to consultation. Objections, protests, campaign groups.
- GM Mayor promised a radical rewrite.





# Greater Manchester Spatial Framework (GMSF)

- Second draft GMSF in 2019 proposed less Green Belt loss.
- Increased number of communities affected – more GB campaign groups.
- 17,500 responders to consultation.
  - 200 from Woodford
  - 67,000 comments in total
- Unresolved issue over wording of legislation for a spatial plan. Until resolved, GMSF will go forward as a joint plan, not needing approval by the Mayor.
- Next stages delayed.
- Currently working on transport and viability evidence.
- New ONS household projections expected to be lower.

**Policy GM Allocation 41**  
**Woodford Aerodrome**

Development of the site will be required to:

1. Deliver around 750 homes on the site in addition to those already consented at the site;
2. Make provision of a minimum of 40% affordable housing on site and across a range of housing types, including provision for older persons' affordable accommodation and custom/self-build;
3. Be preceded by a comprehensive masterplanning exercise approved by the Local Planning Authority, which establishes a clear phasing strategy as part of an integrated approach to infrastructure delivery that supports the scale of the whole development, for example: surface water drainage, grey infrastructure including utilities provision, green infrastructure, superfast broadband and electric vehicle charging points;
4. Include measures to promote sustainable travel including production of a Travel Plan and appointment of a Travel Coordinator to develop, implement and monitor the Travel Plan.



# Greater Manchester Spatial Framework (GMSF)

## GMCA timetable

- District approval: Jun/Jul 2020
- GMCA approval: Jul 2020
- Public participation (12 wks): Jul 2020
- Submission: Dec 2020/Jan 2021
- Examination: May/Oct 2021
- Publication (adoption): Dec 2021

Experts expect it to take longer



# Save Greater Manchester's Green Belt (SGMGB)

- Represents Save Green Belt groups in communities all around GM.
- More groups joined after GMSF2.
- Now over 40 member groups.
- Many regions even more angry about proposed Green Belt losses.
- More knowledgeable and organised.
- SGMGB is now acknowledged as a stakeholder in the process.
- GMCA organised a meeting with SGMGB to discuss consultation process.





# Stockport Local Plan

- It will run alongside, or a little behind GMSF to take strategy into account
- Preferred options consultation delayed due to delays in GMSF
- Consultation expected July 2020
- Changes will be made, policies and allocations reviewed

## Borough Plan

- A borough plan is also being prepared for 2020 to 2030, which looks at broader overarching issues



# Other Neighbourhood Plans

## Cheshire East

- Poynton: 25 % turnout 87% voted yes
- Wilmslow: 18% turnout 89% voted yes

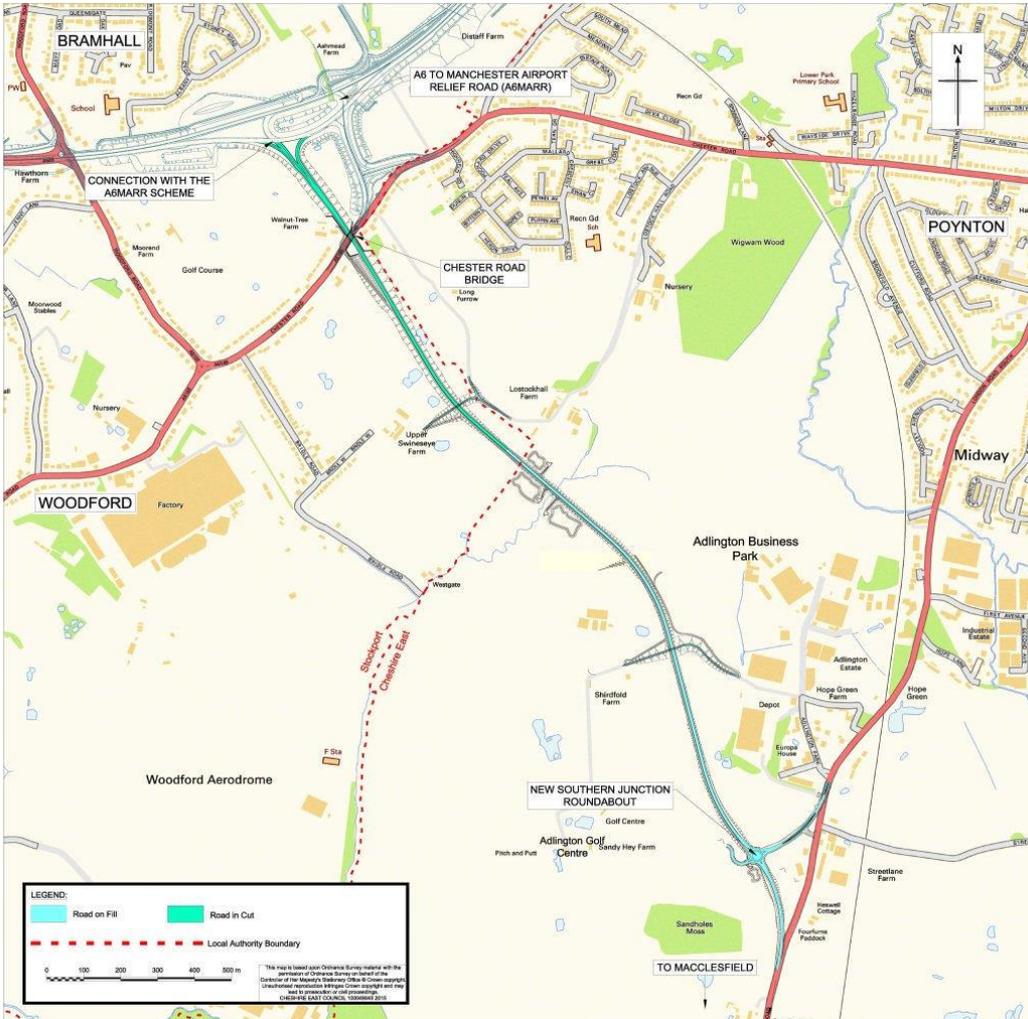
## Stockport

- High Lane NF: at Regulation 14 Consultation
- Marple NF: in progress
- Mellor, Marple Bridge, Mill Brow, Compstall NF: at early stages

EF and JC attending joint meetings to share experience



# Poynton Relief Road



- 3km single-carriageway plus combined cycleway and footpath, through Stockport and Cheshire East.
- From A555 passes under the A5149 Chester Road and crosses Woodford Aerodrome runway.
- To roundabout junction to the west of the Adlington Travelodge where links to A523 London Road and Adlington Golf Centre.



# Poynton Relief Road

- Full planning permission.
- CPOs complete.
- Contractor appointed.
- Work expected to start spring/summer 2020. Opening in 2021.
- Total cost £50.7 million
  - £16.4 million from the Department for Transport, £5.6 million from the Cheshire and Warrington local enterprise partnership, £19 million from CEC.
  - £7.7 million from developer contributions: £5.4 million from the 1,500 new homes built at the Handforth Garden Village; £2 million from the sale of CEC land and assets, including the Adlington Industrial Estate.



# Questions and Discussion



# Woodford Community Organisations





# Woodford Neighbourhood Forum (WNF)

- Legally designated organisation established in 2013, in accordance the 2011 Localism Act.
- The designated Area is all of Woodford, except the former aerodrome site (which was excluded by Stockport Council at the request of Harrow Estates).
- Membership is open to anyone who lives or works in the Area.
- The aim is to promote and improve the social, economic and environmental well-being of the Area.
- A key task was the preparation of the Woodford Neighbourhood Plan.
- Preparation of the Plan aided by Government grant funding and technical support.
- Website: [www.woodfordnf.co.uk](http://www.woodfordnf.co.uk)    Email: [woodfordneighbourhood@gmail.com](mailto:woodfordneighbourhood@gmail.com)

# Woodford War Memorial Community Centre (WWMCC)



- Opened in 1953, having been funded primarily by local donations (including A.V. Roe) and fund raising.
- Registered charity. Members of the Management Committee are its Trustees.
- All Woodford residents aged 18 years or over are automatically members.
- Home to the Woodford Players and the Woodford Women's Institute.
- Two halls and a large field available to hire for a variety of functions ranging from weddings, celebrations and children's parties to craft events and dog shows.
- Funded by hire of facilities, the annual Bonfire and Firework display and donations.

Website: [www.woodfordcom.com](http://www.woodfordcom.com)    Email: [woodfordbookings@googlemail.com](mailto:woodfordbookings@googlemail.com)



# Woodford Community Council (WCC)

- Established in 1974 when Woodford became part of the newly-formed Stockport Metropolitan Borough.
- All Woodford residents who are aged 18 years or over are automatically members of WCC (see changes to Constitution).
- Purpose is to promote the interests of the residents of Woodford by addressing issues that affect the community and liaising with Stockport Council and other relevant bodies.
- Funded by website and newsletter sponsorships and donations.

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