



Woodford Community Council

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 25 OCTOBER 2010 AT THE VICARAGE, CHESTER ROAD, WOODFORD

PRESENT

Mr K Coxey	Chairman
Mrs H Buszard	Secretary
Mrs M Wood	Treasurer

Mr R Beatham, Mr F Brown, Mr S Downes, Mr D Hall, Revd J Knowles, Councillor B Leck and Mrs M White.

By Invitation: Mr R Berriman, Mr S Taylor

APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Mr P Crompton, Dr L Evans, Mr D Hall and Mr P Rodman.

OPENING REMARKS

The Chairman welcomed Mr Berriman, who was attending by invitation, and also welcomed back Mr Taylor.

1. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES

The Minutes of the previous meeting, held on 23 September 2010, were approved, subject to the addition of Mr Brown's name to the list of those present.

2. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Minute 2: Further to the planning issue, the Secretary reported that a response had been received from Mr S Burns, Head of Planning and Strategic Housing at SMBC, confirming that the information provided by Mr Leyshon and placed on the WCC website had been appropriate and not unfair or misleading. General advice and guidance on this issue had subsequently been placed on the planning policy page of the SMBC website under planning policy info. Members welcomed this information and agreed that if the WCC received any further queries on the matter they should be directed to the relevant page on the SMBC website.

Note was taken of the recent correspondence received from Dr Evans, but in view of these latest developments, it was agreed unanimously that the issue was now closed and that there should be no further discussion at subsequent meetings.

Minute 5: The Secretary noted that she would have served her three-year term at the time of the AGM and would therefore stand down in accordance with the Constitution.

Minute 6 (c): It was noted that the WWMCC AGM had been held on 21 October 2010 and that Mr Rodman had replaced Mr Crompton as the WCC representative on the Management Committee. The Chairman passed on a request from Mr Freeth for volunteers to assist the WWMCC Committee on Bonfire Night or to help with clearing up the following day.

Minute 6 (g): It was noted that although there had been no formal response from Mr Purcell, work had been undertaken on some of the public footpaths in Woodford, with two new stiles having been provided and undergrowth cut back.

Minute 7.3: It was noted that Dr Evans had requested that the communication issue be re-opened. Members agreed unanimously that they did not wish to see all the correspondence received by the Chairman and Secretary and that they certainly did not want to receive copies of all emails submitted to the WCC email address. However, it was clarified that any emails relating to matters concerning Woodford or individual residents would be forwarded to all members. Similarly, written correspondence would be scanned and forwarded as appropriate.

3. BAE SITE – SUB GROUP REPORT

Mr Brown referred members to the Notes of the Sub Group meeting held on 19 October 2010, which had already been circulated, and outlined the main action points that had been recommended.

After a full discussion the following points were agreed.

1. It was essential that as many emails addresses as possible were collected in order to facilitate communication with residents and set up a regular email newsletter, with links to the website. The proposed feedback form on the reverse of the AGM Notice/Agenda was considered to be the best way of starting this process. Mr Brown volunteered to take responsibility for the newsletter, once sufficient addresses were available.
2. It was recognised that reaching a consensus on what Woodford residents wanted to see happen to the site was a major problem. The possibility of providing a simple questionnaire to determine views was considered, but it was felt that it was not yet the right time to do this.
3. A short list of questions would be put together by the Sub Group for submission to Mr Rubinstein before the AGM. Account would need to be taken of the questions and answers that had already been given at the Area Committee meeting on 14 October 2010. Members were asked to send their suggestions to the Sub Group as soon as possible.

ACTION: Mr Brown

ACTION: All members

4. Contact with Poynton Parish Council and other groups with a possible interest in the potential of the site or with experience of similar developments was essential and Mr Brown's offer to take the lead in this was welcomed.

ACTION: Mr Brown

5. Cllr Leck would put in a request to the Council for a legal search to check whether there were any existing covenants or other restrictions to development on the site.

ACTION: Cllr Leck

4. 2010 AGM

The draft Agenda for the AGM was approved and consideration was given to the latest version of the Feedback form. It was agreed that it would be better not to mention a specific figure for donations. It was also felt that there should be no suggestion that donations were being sought so that the WCC could initiate legal actions, which would not be appropriate. The first paragraph of the form would be reworded accordingly and Mrs Wood would then arrange for the full document to be photocopied, ready for distribution in accordance with the revised list of volunteers.

There was some debate as to how the donations should be collected and it was finally agreed that open buckets would be used to encourage generosity.

ACTION: Mr Downes

The Secretary confirmed that invitations to the AGM had been sent to Mr Mark Hunter MP and to the local Ward Councillors. It was agreed that an invitation should also be extended to a representative of Poynton Parish Council.

ACTION: Mr Brown

It was also agreed that the closing remarks would be made by Mr Brown, who would describe the objectives of the Sub Group and the role of the WCC in helping Woodford residents to work together to achieve an acceptable outcome for the BAE site development. He would then propose the Vote of Thanks to Mr Rubinstein.

5. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Chairman noted that this would be his last WCC meeting, since he would be standing down after the AGM. He thanked members who had supported him during some difficult times over the past three years.

In return, members expressed their appreciation for all his hard work and the excellent way he had conducted the business of the WCC on their behalf.

6. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was agreed that the next meeting would be held on Tuesday, 11 January 2011.

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