



Management Committee of Woodford Community Council

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 1st SEPTEMBER 2020 AT 7.30PM VIA ZOOM

PRESENT

Terry Barnes (TB), Evelyn Frearson (EF), Avril Furness (AF), Jane Sandover(JS), Rev David Russell (DR), Khan Moghal(KM), Robin Berriman(RB), Maxine Wood (MW),

1. **APOLOGIES;** Cllr Mike Hurleston (MH), Cllr Brian Bagnall (BB), Cllr John McGahan (JM),

TB welcomed everyone and thanked DR for hosting this zoom meeting and stated that BB the councillors are quite busy with Covid and they sent their apologies, but BB was happy to receive a phone call should we need any information

2. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE LAST MEETING, held on 29th January 2019 and notes of 31st March not covered separately**

- a. Enquiries with regards to the progress of our queries with regards to The Orchards on Church Lane not resembling the approved drawings had been passed to Amanda Hopkins the enforcement officer but there has not been any progress. BB is taking this up with Emma Curle.
- b. There are a lot of vacancies on the committee and we received an email from Carolyn Williams who was going to be invited to one of our meetings. JS will contact her. TB mentioned Trevor Jackson who might be interested on coming on the committee.

ACTION: TB, JS

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF 29th JANURARY AND NOTES OF 31ST MARCH 2020**

Approved

4. **FINANCIAL UPDATE**

Balance at 29.1.20	£1140.92	
Money in	£444.00	SMBC local fund for noticeboard
	£250.00	Avro Heritage Museum Sponsorship
Money out	£350.00	7x£50 for website hosting and management
	£469.00	Church Noticeboard for board and delivery
Balance	£1015.92	

- a. Due to the pandemic all had agreed to give the Deanwater 3 month's free sponsorship, rather than loose them as sponsors. Their sponsorship should be coming in this month.
- b. The donations page has now been closed as there have been no new donations.

- c. Green Thumb had said that they may renew sponsorship so AF has emailed them on 6th and 26th August. RB suggested a phone call may be better as they were not good at replying to emails.
- d. Huws Gray may be interested in advertising. TB will contact them
- e. Previous sponsors Jackson Barrett & Gass might sponsor us again. RB will contact them
- f. The sliding scale for sponsorship that Mike Gallagher produced could be used.
- g. JS agreed to discuss the costs of the website with Mike Gallagher who also knows of other companies in Woodford that might like to sponsor us.

ACTION: AF, TB, RB, JS

5. NOTICE BOARD:

The order for the notice board was sent at the end of lockdown and it has now been delivered to the MW's barn. JS has tried to contact Ashley Terron but he has moved off the Woodford site. As TB has been discussing the CEA lease he has the contact information and will find out who in Redrow to contact for the installation of the noticeboard and let JS know

ACTION: TB JS

6. WEBSITE REFRESH

The website is now up and running and information issued in the newsletters and newsflash has gone onto the website. There has been a newsletter/flash in March, April (newsflash), May, July and August.

JS will discuss with Mike Gallagher the cost of the website management and see if there is any way to reduce the costs.

ACTION: JS

7. NEXT NEWSLETTER/NEWSFLASH

EF suggested that the next one could include something about the history of the airfield and the Avro Heritage Museum and footpaths from Moor Lane to the Church as well as bird information. TB will send some information that is relevant to EF. DR mentioned that he had seen a congregation of herons (7) whilst walking down Old Hall Lane. This can go into it, and issued out early October.

Decisions need to be made about how to hold the AGM. Last year we had 30 people so technically it is possible to work out the seats in the main hall of the Community Centre to provide social distancing. JS will discuss with Jude.

ACTION: TB, EF, JS

8. BRIEF UPDATES

WNF

EF stated that the Forum has been responding to various planning applications and are now preparing a monitoring report prior to the AGM. This will show how the policies have (or haven't) been considered. The AGM will be a virtual one of just members with Terry hosting it on Wednesday 17th September at 8pm.

SGMGB

EF has also been heavily involved with SGMGB including; helping them with their constitution, a meeting between the secretary of GMCA, Yassamin Sheel and Anne Morgan lead planner for the GMSF; and giving a presentation on ways to respond to the GMSF at the next consultation. Notes have been circulated to all SGMGB groups and Woodford groups.

GMSF

The new GMSF will probably be issued for a meeting of the Association of Greater Manchester Authorities (AGMA) at the end of September but it is probable that not all the evidence will be available. However it is thought that the new version and evidence has to be published 5 days before the AGMA meeting. After this meeting all the 10 councils need to approve it. The timetable for this is not yet fixed. If and when it is approved the draft GMSF

will go forward for an 8 week public consultation, probably on 1st November. EF suggested that the Woodford Community (council and forum) need to consider how they respond. The content is not yet known but it is expected that the aerodrome will be taken out of the greenbelt and a further 750 houses would be added to the 920 already in the pipe line. It is felt that although this will make Woodford no longer a rural village, it is better than the first GMSF. However the WNF have a mandate to try and save the greenbelt.

Church

The church is now open and a 9.30am service is being conducted but this has to be pre-booked. Following this there is an 11am Zoom service. There is also the option for private prayer on Wednesday mornings. The church magazine is now being distributed throughout the parish again.

Redrow/Harrow

TB believes that they are only working on the houses that were started prior to the lockdown. He informed the committee that the flight sheds are now being demolished as they have been a target for vandalism. Even drain covers have been stolen. There is no start to the school.

Avro Heritage Museum

The museum opened on 1st August but tickets have to be pre-booked with a maximum of 30 people allowed in. Last Friday it hosted a gathering of 50 military vehicles, old police vehicles etc.

This month it will open on Saturday 5th, and the following weekend on both Saturday and Sunday. They are selling special AVRO face masks online!

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The government white paper on changing planning policy is out on 1st October.

The community centre is not having a bonfire on 5th November but may do a local one on New Year's Eve.

SGMGB have organised a virtual meeting for all the Conservative MPs in GM at the end of September. EF cannot attend but is involved in planning the structure of the meeting and the topics to be raised, which will include saving Green Belt, GMSF consultation period and the changes to planning regulations and housing prediction methodology proposed by the Government. A similar meeting is proposed for the Labour MPs in due course.

10. DATE OF MEETINGS

Zoom meeting hosted by DR on Tuesday 20th October at 7.30pm

Wcc AGM is to be held on Thursday 26th November although methodology is still be finalised.

DR will not be able to attend the AGM