



Woodford Community Council

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 20 SEPTEMBER 2012 AT THE CHURCH HALL, CHRIST CHURCH, WOODFORD

PRESENT

Mr P Rodman Chairman
Mrs H Buszard Secretary

Mr R Beatham, Mr R Brammar, Dr D Buszard, Mr K Coxey, Mr S Taylor and Mrs M White.

APOLOGIES: Mr Berriman, Cllr Leck, Mrs Wood.

1. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES

It was noted that the Minutes of the previous meeting, held on 26 July 2012, had been approved by email.

2. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Minute 5.3 Parking at the end of Church Lane

It was noted that this action was still outstanding.

ACTION: Cllr Leck

All other action points had been completed.

3 FINANCIAL UPDATE

A brief report from the Treasurer stated that the general WCC bank account stood at £1,120, including the sponsorship donation from Southfields House, and that the Woodford United account held £4,040, after payment had been made for the Exhibition Boards.

It was proposed and agreed unanimously that Mrs Evelyn Frearson should become an additional signatory on the Woodford United account.

4. SUB-GROUP REPORTS

(a) Woodford United (WU)

The Chairman gave a brief summary of WU activities since the last WCC meeting. The Group had continued to meet at two-weekly intervals and members had attended various Council meetings in order to ask pertinent questions concerning the proposed developments

on the airfield and the SPD. The consultation period for the SPD had opened on 3rd September and the first of two public events arranged by SMBC had been held at the Woodford Community Centre on 7th September. WU had organised a parallel exhibition in the small hall at the same time and this had been very well attended and received. There had been good feedback from attendees on the excellent presentation and clarity of the information provided, which was considered to be far superior to that provided by SMBC. This exercise would be repeated on 29th September in tandem with the second SMBC Event. It was noted that a lot of hard work had gone into the preparations for the exhibitions and the committee expressed its thanks and appreciation to WU members.

It was noted that on the morning of the first exhibition, the Chairman had been interviewed live on BBC Radio Manchester and he was congratulated on putting forward an excellent case on behalf of residents.

It was agreed that it was essential to encourage as many residents as possible to respond to consultation. A flyer providing guidance on how to submit comments and suggesting possible topics to be raised would be prepared and distributed within Woodford before the closing date. Since the online portal, which SMBC had stated was the preferred method for submitting comments, was not user-friendly, it would be pointed out that comments could also be submitted in writing either directly to SMBC or via local councillors. Consideration was also being given to the possibility of providing a standard form that could be used by people who were less confident in putting forward their views.

It was reported that a meeting was to be arranged with Counsel (pro bono) to review the basis for legal action against the SPD and other possible options.

It was also reported that the possibility of setting up a Neighbourhood Forum was being actively pursued and Mr Taylor gave a brief outline of what would be involved and of the implications.

Finally, it was noted that there were many concerns over local traffic management issues, which would result from the proposed housing development, and in particular it appeared that no proper traffic surveys had been undertaken. Worrying reports had also been received about possible problems with the proposed extension to the A6 to Manchester Airport relief road, which could result in further delay to the timetable for its completion.

(b) e-Newsletter /Website

It was agreed that a further e-Newsletter should be sent out to report back on the first exhibition and remind people that the next exhibition would be held on 29th September.

ACTION: D Buszard

It was also agreed that PDF copies of the exhibition boards should be included on the website for those who might have missed them or wished to review them.

ACTION: Secretary, D Buszard

It was also noted that the Notice Board needed to be updated.

ACTION: Chairman

(c) Woodford War Memorial Community Centre

Mr Taylor gave a further update on activities within the Centre. It was noted that the WWMCC AGM was to be held on Wednesday, 26th September. Mr Freeth, having completed

three years, was standing down as Chairman and the Treasurer had already resigned. Ms Frearson had agreed to stand as Chairman, Mrs Sandover as Treasurer and Mrs Craig as Secretary. Committee members were encouraged to attend and offer their support.

(d) Stockport Council Issues

In the absence of Cllr Leck, there was nothing specific to report.

(e) Neighbourhood Watch/Crime

It was suggested that it would be useful to receive local crime figures on a regular basis and the Chairman agreed to approach PCSO Maureen Crehan.

ACTION: Chairman

It was mentioned that the use of the new police non-emergency number - **101** – was not well known and it was agreed that it would be helpful to publicise it more widely on the website.

ACTION: Secretary

5. AGM

The date of the 2012 AGM was confirmed as Thursday, 29 November. It was noted that details of the meeting and the agenda needed to be circulated to residents three weeks beforehand.

The routine business would include the election of new members; five vacancies were currently available. It was noted that at present the committee included two co-opted members. Mr Coxey confirmed that he was willing to stand and the Secretary agreed to contact Mr McCall for his position.

ACTION: Secretary

After some discussion about the programme following the routine business, it was agreed that it would be useful for Woodford United to make a short presentation, summarising what had been done so far and possible future actions. It was also agreed that a representative from the SMBC Department responsible for highways should be invited to speak about local traffic issues and the link to SEMMMS.

ACTION: Secretary

It was further agreed that after the formal presentations, it would be useful to give residents the opportunity to talk to WU members. Tea, coffee and biscuits would be provided and the bar would be open. Appropriate exhibition boards could be put up.

Final arrangements would be made at the next WCC meeting.

6. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was agreed that the next meeting would be held on Monday, 15th October 2012, with the venue to be confirmed.

Approved *Date*.....