

Rooley Moor Neighbourhood Forum (RMNF)

AGM

Thursday 25th October 2018 at 7:30pm

Spotland Methodist Church, Rooley Moor Road, Rochdale OL12 7ES

MINUTES OF MEETING

FORUM MEMBERS PRESENT: John & Janette Newcombe, Gwyn & Jack Fitton, Peter Howard, Morley Morgan, Fran Healey, Win McGhee, Stuart Davies, Phil Massey, Steve Davison, Councillor Wendy Cocks and Alan Rawsterne

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Andy & Mair Meek, Councillor Cecile Biant, Margaret Howard, Margaret & Nick Green, Jim Murphy, Jen Holt, Loraine & George Lock, Helen Moore and Sue Morgan

MINUTES: The meeting commenced at 19:00

1. Introduction

Alan Rawsterne (AR) opened the meeting, welcomed all, dealt with housekeeping (fire exit and toilets), the meeting code of conduct and apologies (detailed above)

2. Minutes of AGM 2nd November 2017

AR confirmed minutes were circulated after the AGM and no amendments were made.

- Phil Massey (PM) proposed to accept the minutes
 - John Newcombe (JN) seconded the proposal
 - The minutes were unanimously accepted on a show of hands

3. Review Action Log

AR reviewed the outstanding actions and noted the following:

1. AR is monitoring Rochdale planning applications each week and JN is monitoring applications for Rossendale. This action is on going and because of it, JN identified an application in Rossendale for 119 houses at the site of Spring Mill. At this time there are approximately 180 objections, however we know not all of the objections have not been logged due to some system issues. RMNF has given a consultee response asking for the planners to consider our neighbourhood plan as it reflects the views of our community. The main concerns with this proposal are:
 - a. Increased volume of traffic (which will also affect Rochdale)
 - b. School places (it's expected the homes will be low cost and will attract young families)
 - c. Contamination on the site (placed near water source, river, etc)
 - d. Lack of consultation (Prickshaw & Broadley Fold Conservation falls within the developers consultation area, but no one from PBFCA area was consulted)
 - e. Possible adverse affect on PBFCA
 - f. Possible adverse affect on Healey Dell Nature reserve
2. Trustee training – any member is welcome to attend a trustee training session if they wish as it may help with understanding of a trustees role and responsibilities.
3. Draft proposal for heritage signage – more of that later in the HLF project update. Quiet Lanes status to be removed. Advice from highways is enforcement would be an issue and it would be better to have road-calming measures.

4. Catley Lane Head drains – Some gully cleaning has taken place, however, a number of the drains are still blocked and water is being directed down Smallshaw road – We agreed this action should remain in place and another request be made to clear the blocked drains. It was also noted that the footpath on left as you enter the rural section of Rooley Moor Road traveling towards Catley Lane Head is in poor condition and still requires cleaning and repair.
5. Reinstatement of the gate at the top of Knacks Lane, to stop fly tipping etc. AR advised conversations have taken place with some of the commoners who use the moor and the Lord of the Manors agent, all agree and support the idea of reinstating the gate. AR advised the Rights of Way officer is seeking for a quote to cost the installation so AR can seek funding. PM and CWC advise funding might be available through the 'Clean & Green' committee.
6. AR advised an email has been sent to Sue Devaney asking if she would like to be a Patron of our forum. Unfortunately, no response has been received. CWC advised she would ask on our behalf and advise

ACTION: Councillor Wendy Cocks (CWC) to request a gully cleaner

ACTION: CWC to request the footpath noted above to be cleaned and repaired

ACTION: AR to seek quote and funding for gate

ACTION: CWC to ask Sue Devaney if she would like to be a Patron of our forum

- AR proposed to accept the outstanding actions
 - Morley Morgan (MM) seconded the proposal
 - The outstanding actions were unanimously accepted on a show of hands

4. Accounts for year ending 31st August 2017

FH explained the accounts and recommended we continue with our reserves policy of £400 to cover insurance and website costs for the coming year. FH advised she was stepping down as Treasurer but would remain as a trustee and continue to provide advice. Fran will also arrange an independent review and verification of our accounts

- FH proposed to accept the accounts
 - JN seconded the proposal
 - The accounts were unanimously accepted on a show of hands

5. Legal & Administrative Information

AR explained the legal and administrative information

6. Reports from Trustees and Officers

AR explained the content of the report, noting the resignation of Nick Green and the biographies provided by our three potential new trustees. Highlights from the year were identified and discussed.

ACTION: AR to post the report on RMNF web and social media sites

- AR proposed to accept the trustees reports
 - PM seconded the proposal
 - The trustees reports were unanimously accepted on a show of hands

7. Trustee & Officer Rotation, Resignation & Appointment

Trustees: The following people stood down from their positions:

- Councillor Cecile Biant - Trustee
- Reverend Morley Morgan - Trustee

The following people stood for election as trustees:

- Councillor Cecile Biant - Trustee
- Reverend Morley Morgan - Trustee
- Philip Massey - Trustee
- Dr. Steve Davison – Trustee
- Councillor Wendy Cocks
 - FH proposed to approve the resignations and appointments
 - Seconded by: Stuart Davies (SD)
 - Unanimously accepted on a show of hands

Forum Officers: FH stood down from the position of Treasurer

The following people volunteered for election:

- Reverend Morley Morgan – Vice Chair
- John Newcombe - Treasurer
 - CWC proposed to approve the appointments
 - Seconded by: Dr. Steve Davison (DSD)
 - Unanimously accepted on a show of hands

8. Updates – Neighbourhood Plan & HLF Project

Neighbourhood Plan: AR gave an overview of next steps and timelines. AR noted some of the issues and misunderstanding that had become apparent during the 'Pre-Submission' consultation process. AR re-iterated that the forum DOES NOT make planning decisions or create new legislation. AR is attending a meeting with RMBC strategic planning on the 5/11/18 to discuss the council formally accepting the plan. CWC advised the next Township meeting, where the neighbourhood plan might be discussed is 23/01/19.

ACTION: AR to keep everyone informed

HLF Project: AR gave an update of the project, providing examples of viewfinder and visitor interpretation display board designs. We discussed the location for the visitor interpretation board in Catley Lane Head – the preferred location is where the phone box used to be – we also discussed the fact that the plinth for the BBC plaque is deteriorating and the practicality of mounting the BBC plaque on the visitor interpretation board. Everyone present preferred to keep the BBC plaque in its current location.

ACTION: AR to establish if the site of the old phone box can be used for the Catley Lane Head visitor interpretation board

ACTION: AR to procure a new plinth for the BBC plaque

9. Open Forum & AOB

- **Open Forum:**
 - Catley Carols – we agreed to hold an event again this year, 7pm Thursday 20th December 2018. MM has invited the Bishop of Middleton. We agreed to supply refreshments mince pies and mulled wine and to fund this from forum funds.

ACTION: AR to circulate details, once agreed

- Community event – We all agreed having an event in 2019 would be appropriate:

ACTION: AR to seek event group membership to discuss this point further

- Rossendale Local Plan – For information
- Proposed planning application at Spring Mill – For information

ACTION: AR to circulate updates as they become available

- Rochdale Allocations Plan – For information
- GMSF (Greater Manchester Spatial Framework) – Contains Greenbelt development proposals. An update was due in October, however, the Greater Manchester Authority is asking for clarification on population figures before publishing the GMSF for consultation. It was noted that the Rochdale Allocations Plan had no allocations affecting the Rooley Moor Area. Rochdale have produced their plan ahead of the GMSF and it's expected the GMSF will reflect the Rochdale Allocations Plan

ACTION: AR to monitor and circulate details when they become available.

- CWC mentioned Vintage Works wanted to arrange Spotland Carnival in 2019. Catley Lane Head might feature in any plans

ACTION: AR to make contact with Vintage Works and share details

- AR mentioned a contact from Wild About Rochdale who are holding an event on the 24th November 2018 at St Mary in the Baum. RMNF has been invited to have a display at this event.

ACTION: AR to post details on our social media sites

- **AOB:**

- CWC advised the Clean & Green Committee may be able to provide funding for reinstatement of the gate at the top of Knacks Lane.

ACTION: AR to obtain quote and make application for funds

- CWC advised there is now a 'Live Chat' facility on the GM Police website (see: <http://www.gmp.police.uk>) and this is a faster way of reporting non emergency incidents. Ringing 101 is still an option
- AR advised our forum is supporting other neighbourhood forums and our constitution has been adopted by Locality and being recommended for any neighbourhood forum wishing to become a CIO (Charitable Incorporated Organisation)
- Catley Lane Head in Bloom – Everyone agreed Helen Moore, Elaine Marsden and everyone involved did a fantastic job for the competition. AR proposed that any income, after expenses, from the RMNF 2019 calendar should be used to support the 2019 Catley Lane Head 'In Bloom' initiative. All present agreed to this proposal

10. Next Meeting

- TBC – AR advised the next meeting would probably be in the New Year. Updates will be posted on the RMNF web and social media sites and (or) sent by email