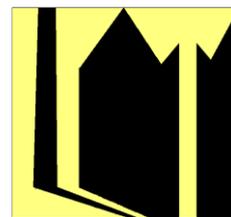


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Zoom Meeting December 8th 2020

Present

Ian Jackson, Robert Clegg, Bob Wetherly, Ann Stott, Vivienne Ashworth, Gillian Price, Michael Price, John Kay, Barry Cropper, Shaun Clancy, Nick Andrews, Frank Carter, Daniel Ames.

1. Introductions and welcome.

The Chairman, Ian Jackson opened the meeting at 7.04pm.

2. Apologies for absence

Tony Rumbelow

3. Submissions for A.O.B.

Frank Carter, John Kay with updates of the DVD
Ian Jackson, Rochdale Rail Corridor Strategy

4. Declarations of Interest.

John Kay, neighbour's planning application.

5. Minutes of previous meeting on November 10th. and Matters Arising.

Minutes agreed.

Barry Cropper provided an update on last month's article concerning a potential sale to RMBC of Littleborough United Reform Church. The Church Elders state any sale would be a decision for the Synod. There is a possibility of Arts Council involvement utilising Lottery Grants to carry out refurbishment of the church buildings.

6. Treasurers Report

Bank account	£3345.55
Flood Group	£230.81
Canalside Group	£1277.82
Funds available	£1836.92

7. Planning Application updates.

Chairman Ian Jackson has spoken to Councillor Taylor to ask why, despite his substantial post on Discuss Littleborough outlining his objections to developments in and around Littleborough he still voted in favour of the New St. development. He advised that it was already passed in principal and the meeting was to decide on a further 4 houses, bringing the total to 100.

Councillor Taylor was also asked why our local councillors were not prepared to interact with the Trust, as stated by Councillor Emsley at a previous Trust meeting. Councillor Taylor replied that as far as he was concerned, this was not the case and would engage as necessary.

It was decided, after discussion, that the Trust needs to be much more proactive in monitoring planning applications/decisions and, where necessary registering objections with reasons and explanations why such objections are being raised.

8. Canalside Development Group update.

Julian Farnell has indicated that he no longer wishes to continue with restoration work on the Café Boat. The boat has now been moved to John Kay's land with the possibility of it returning to its original location on land at Durn. Canalside Group members Ian Jackson, Bob Wetherly and John Kay will discuss possible ways to move the project forward.

9. Save Our Greenbelt update/GMSF

Sales of the Greenbelt Group calendar are going well, 200+ sold so far. They can be obtained from sarabina76@aol.co.uk for the princely sum of £5.50. Proceeds of sales are going towards funding professional legal services to challenge planning matters.

The Group's website is now up and running and they are to produce a newsletter.

Trust members have attended Greenbelt Group Zoom meetings. It was suggested that the two groups work more closely together where common interests are shared but also retaining their own identities.

It has been suggested that the Greenbelt Group use the Trust banking facilities with any monies "Ringfenced" for their own use in a similar manner to the Flood Group and Canal Group.

10. Flood Resilience Group update.

The Flood Group have continued their Zoom meetings with the National Flood Forum, the latest subject being "Water Companies, their roles and responsibilities"

Members accompanied a representative of the National Flood Forum to the New Street development. The Flood Forum representative raised a number of questions concerning the Artesian Well which she will pursue with the relevant bodies.

- a) Where exactly is it?
- b) Why does it need to be capped?
- c) Will water reappear somewhere else?
- d) What kind of Artesian Well is it? (there are numerous types depending on the geology of the area)
- e) What information was given to our planning department to enable them to approve the capping of the well?

The visit coincided with some rain showers which gave the Flood Forum Rep. the opportunity to see for herself the poorly maintained gullies on Smithy Bridge Road.

11. Link4Life

Claire Costigan of Link4Life has contacted The Trust and has offered to provide regular updates of their activities which will be most welcome.

12. News and Events

Trustee Nick Andrews has presented a first draft of the 50th. anniversary newsletter which was well received. Individual members will provide input for the various sections.

13. AOB

- Frank Carter advised the meeting that there was an updated version of his DVD of the Rochdale Canal journey. John Kay offered a copy to anyone who wished to view it. It will however, shortly be available to view on the LCT website.
- Frank has sent copies of his DVD local councillors, our MP and Timothy West who did the TV series of canal journeys along with Prunella Scales aka Sybil Fawltly.
- Frank has been in contact with a Steven Parker who is actively campaigning for the restoration of the Rochdale Branch Arm of the canal so hopefully will be able to provide updates of any progress in this area. Bob Wetherly added that Andrew Denney of Waterways World magazine who writes articles on the heritage and architecture of waterways has plans to visit the Rochdale Canal, which could result in some positive exposure to the restoration campaign.
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- The Chairman offered N.A. an opportunity to raise the Rochdale Rail Corridor Strategy which should have been discussed at the July meeting.
The general feeling was that it should be an agenda item at the January meeting. Members observations/comments would be collated beforehand in order to present a structured discussion. Other agenda items will be time limited in order to allow a full discussion of this subject.

Next meeting via Zoom will be Tuesday January 12th. Start time 7.00pm.

Canalside Development Group



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