



Website - [www.littleboroughcivictrust.co.uk](http://www.littleboroughcivictrust.co.uk)

Email - [littleboroughcivictrust@gmail.com](mailto:littleboroughcivictrust@gmail.com)

[www.facebook.com/littleborough.civictrust.33](https://www.facebook.com/littleborough.civictrust.33)

Twitter - [Littleborough Civic Trust@LittleboroughC5](https://twitter.com/LittleboroughC5)

## Committee Meeting

March 3<sup>rd</sup>. 2020

Hare Hill House

Members present

Ian Jackson, Michael Price, Gillian Price, Nick Andrews, John Kay, Ann Stott, Bob Wetherly, Vivienne Ashworth, Tom Besford, Rina Paolucci.

### 1. Introductions and welcome

Ian Jackson opened the meeting at 7.40pm.

### 2. Apologies for absence

Barry Cropper, Shaun Clancy

### 3. Submissions for AOB

None.

### 4. Minutes of previous meeting and matters arising

Minutes agreed.

Re Item 11 – NA has applied for funding of £2000 to Crook Hill for the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations.

### 5. Treasurers Report

LCT £1743

FRG £458

Canalside £1277

## **6. Planning applications update**

IJ is to attend Wardle and Littleborough Forum on 10<sup>th</sup> March to put forward the items around planning that have been discussed at the LCT meeting with Local Councillors.

BC has details of our new contact at Homes England, who wants to meet with LCT members in the near future.

NA is to investigate how LCT may be involved in overturning planning permission for the residential development on the Akzo site.

TB updated the meeting on the grant of £150,000 allocated to councils. This grant can only be used towards planning for Garden Towns therefore we cannot access any of the money for Littleborough. He has however put forward a suggestion that we all work together to produce a Township Plan that can then be put to the general public for ratification which in turn can be used by the Council when making decisions around planning in the Littleborough area. He listed various headings to be included in the plan. The committee agreed that this was the best way forward and look to developing this plan with interested parties.

There is concern that a number of planning applications have been submitted regarding felling of trees in the area. TB assured the committee that these plans are not taken lightly and the opinion of an external consultant in tree felling will be sought before permission is granted.

NA requested that we apply for sight of the plans presented by the Environment Agency regarding the proposed flood defences in Littleborough so that LCT can comment on them, if necessary.

It was noted that validated planning applications are not being kept up to date on the planning website.

## **7. Canalside Development Group**

No update at this meeting

## **8. Flood Resilience Group**

Members of the FRG are due to attend a National Flood Forum Conference in York on 5<sup>th</sup> March 2020.

Further training and readings have been taken at the dataloggers at High Peak. FRG are concerned that they have been reporting blocked drains on the council website but they have not been acted upon. The councillors present were happy for the reporting to go direct to them in the hope that action could be taken more effectively.

## 9. Save Our Greenbelt

No update at this meeting.

## 10. Littleborough Arts Festival

There is a meeting of members on 24<sup>th</sup> March at Ebor Studios 7pm should anyone want to support them.

## 11. News and Events

NWACTS AGM is to be held on 28<sup>th</sup> March at Bluecoats School in Liverpool should anyone like to attend.

MP informed the meeting that our social media pages are working well giving out relevant information within the Littleborough area.

RP is willing to apply for sponsorship for any events we are planning for the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Can members contact the secretary if they have any ideas concerning the celebrations.

## 12. AOB

None.

**The next meeting will be held at Hare Hill House on 14<sup>th</sup> April 2020 start time 7.30 pm.**

Canalside Development Group



Registered Charity No. 1174714