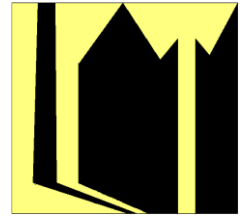


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Committee Meeting September 15th 2020 Zoom

Present

Ian Jackson, Michael Price, Gillian Price, Nick Andrews, John Kay, Ann Stott, Bob Wetherly, Vivienne Ashworth, Shaun Clancy, Rob Clegg, Janet Emsley, Julian Farnell, Eddie Wroe, Daniel Ames, Barry Cropper.

1. Introductions and welcome

The Chairman Ian Jackson opened the meeting at 7.02pm.

2. Apologies for absence

No apologies for absence.

3. Submissions for AOB

I.J ~ LCT Constitution at 11.2 (e)
J.F. ~ RMBC Monitoring Officer
M.P. ~ Minutes/Membership Secretary
M.P. Confidentiality

4. Declarations of Interest

None

5. Minutes of previous meeting of Trustees August 26th. and matters arising.

Minutes agreed, no matters arising.

6. Treasurers Report

Canalside Development Group =	£1277.82
Flood resilience group =	£230.81
Civic Trust =	£18409.09

Total Assets = £3348.72

7. Planning applications update.

Only one matter arose when the Chairman asked as to why LCT have this as a standing agenda item, when previous comments and emails from Cllr Besford indicated to members and Trustees that Rochdale Council's Planning Committee members are 'unapproachable'. No answer to this was forthcoming.

8. Canalside Development Group

The Chairman requested an update on the Canal Cafe Boat project; whilst also being aware that an accident sustained by a Trustee had impeded progress. The update request was to explore if any other options were possible.

B.W. volunteered to make enquiries.

9. Flood Resilience Group

M.P. informed the meeting that regular Zoom meetings were taking place with the National Flood Forum, with a focus on the Govt. White Paper on changes to planning processes, which is currently open to public consultation.

M.P. G.P. I.J and S.C. took part in a Zoom meeting with Juliet M De Little who is a Ph.D student at Sheffield University. One of her lines of research is the psychological effect on people who have been exposed to flooding or who are in danger of being flooded. She has indicated that she would like to reach out to a wider spectrum of the Littleborough population in order to further her research. As the Flood Group, we have offered to publicize her research on our Facebook page and onto Discuss Littleborough to enable the possibility of members of the public to take part in her research.

10. Save Our Greenbelt

No significant update at this meeting; mainly due to Covid-19 restrictions.

11. New High School

M.P. informed the meeting that he had received a reply from the C.E.O. of Star Academy which stated that no progress had been made to date and that he would be willing to attend an LCT meeting once matters began to progress.

12. Appointment / Removal of Trustees

It was noted that Trustee J.F. had not attended a Trust meeting in excess of six months. He was asked if he wished to continue as a Trustee. J.F. replied that having given the matter some consideration he had decided to resign as both a Trustee and a member of LCT. B.C. was proposed to become a Trustee to replace J.F. and was duly elected by majority vote. For the sake of clarity and transparency to the membership, Constitution Item 13. (5) and Item 15. (1),(b) were used as guidance for this Agenda item.

13. Constitution reform

M.P. opened the item by stating that events of the previous few weeks had shown that the constitution may need to be tweaked in order to deal with certain situations. Some members expressed concern that there seemed to be political influence within the Trust. Before the AGM the membership would be invited to submit any suggestions that they might feel are needed to be discussed at the AGM. S.C. E.W. and R.C. all expressed the opinion that nobody in political office should be a Trustee.

News and Events

None

AOB

I.J. reminded the meeting that he believed that the Constitution at 11.2 (e) had been breached by a certain faction within LCT. This reflected a statement he read out following item 5, indicating that he had been the victim of a concerted effort by the same faction to remove him from office.

J.E. resigned as a Trustee of LCT and left the meeting.

Matters to be raised by S.C. and J.F. were cancelled at their own request, having being dealt with at previous items.

A confidentiality clause for inclusion in the Constitution will be submitted at the AGM

**The next meeting will be held via Zoom on 13th Oct 2020
Start Time 7pm.**

Canalside Development Group



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