

**LITTLEBOROUGH CIVIC TRUST**  
**Committee Meeting**  
**8<sup>th</sup> October 2019**  
**Hare Hill House**

Present

Michael Price, Gillian Price, Barry Cropper, Nick Andrews, Shaun Clancy, Daniel Ames, Bob Weatherly, Vivienne Ashworth, Janet Emsley, John Kay.

**1. Introductions and welcome.**

In the absence of Ian Jackson the meeting was opened and chaired by the secretary Michael Price.

**2. Apologies for absence.**

Ian Jackson, Julian Farnell.

**3. Submissions for AOB.**

None.

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

Minutes agreed.

No matters arising.

**5. Treasurers Report.**

Total £3659.28

FRG £628.51

Canalside Development Group £1277.82

LCT £1752.95

**6. Planning application updates.**

The secretary was now in receipt of documents regarding EIA, Flooding and Traffic. These documents will be sent to the planning department with a covering letter from LCT raising objections to all the developments within the Littleborough area. It was agreed that they would also be published on LCT website and a condensed version on Discuss Littleborough. Individuals could also send objections in their own right.

There has been no response, as yet, from Homes England regarding the hydro-geology survey on the Akzo site

Concern was raised regarding mud, debris etc on the pavement and road at the New St housing development site. Janet Emsley has offered to speak to the person responsible at the council to ensure the contractors are obeying the planning regulations in respect

of keeping the area clean.

## **7. Canalside Development Group.**

Julian Farnell has emailed the secretary with an update of the progress of the Café Boat. Progress is being made on the interior of the boat and Julian will send photographs for uploading to the website.

Bob Wetherly has spoken to Julian regarding various certificates that may be required by the C&RT before a licence can be issued.

John Kay will speak with Julian before the next meeting of LCT

## **8. Flood Resilience Group**

During the latest bout of rainfall the River Roch burst its banks at Summit but no properties were affected by flooding.

There was a lot of standing water about particularly on Smithy Bridge Road adjacent to Yea Bridge. On investigation this appeared to be caused by numerous blocked gullies which were subsequently reported to the council via their website. A reply has been received that this would be investigated.

A suggestion was made that maybe the blockages could have been caused by the recent resurfacing of Smithy Bridge Road. When this type of resurfacing takes place the gullies should be cleaned? Has this occurred. Janet Elmsley to follow this up on behalf of LCT.

Conference call took place on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> September with Helix Research and Evaluation on behalf of CUPI to give feedback regarding the project undertaken by the group.

FRG members were involved in a recent leaflet drop of a Newsletter on behalf of the Environment Agency

## **9. Save Our Greenbelt.**

Members of the group are scheduled to meet on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October to discuss amongst other issues fundraising. They are trying to arrange a quiz night at Hollingworth Lake Rowing Club before Christmas. It was suggested that a team from LCT should enter.

The writing of the Constitution is now complete.

## **10. New High School.**

Star Academy have replied to a letter inviting them to a LCT meeting. They are willing to come in the New Year possibly to the February meeting.

As LCT has little knowledge of Star Academy it was suggested that maybe the secretary could investigate whether there were any Civic Trusts set up in the Blackburn area that could maybe give us an opinion on any dealings they may have had with the academy.

## **11. Starkeys Yard.**

It has been noted by some members that the boulders have been removed from the entrance to what was known as Starkeys Scrap Yard (the small strip of land off the A58 between the railway arches and the river Roch) and that vehicles are now being parked on the site. This land should not be being used for that purpose. Janet Emsley will investigate on behalf of LCT.

## **12. 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

As yet no one has come forward to form a sub-group to plan for this anniversary.

It was agreed at this meeting that we, as the LCT should fly flags on the small flagpoles dotted around the town to celebrate this event. The secretary will work out the costings to do this and funding will be sought to cover the cost. Daniel Ames of Save the Greenbelt has kindly offered to supply material for the flags.

It was also felt that some form of historical narrative should be published, therefore anyone with knowledge of the LCT over the years would be more than welcome to contribute. Janet Emsley will contact Touchstones to see if they have any archives.

COULD WE PLEASE ASK AGAIN FOR ANY VOLUNTEERS TO COME FORWARD TO FORM THIS GROUP.

## **13. News and Events.**

A banner has now been made and received advertising the LCT and instructions as to how to become members. This will be hung at the junction of Halifax Rd and Todmorden Rd in the near future.

## **14. AOB.**

The Littleborough Boxing Club has purchased the Whittles Football Club land in order to prevent development and has opened it up for groups/schools to use for various sports to take place. Anyone wishing to use the facility can contact LBC for information.

Updates.

Contact has been made with the developers of the new building site off Halifax Rd. and reminded of their contractual obligations regarding keeping the road and footways in a clean condition.

The land known as Starkeys Yard has been identified as belonging to RMBC and permission has not been given for it to be used, a representative of the council will be making a visit.

Thanks to Councillor Janet Emsley for the quick response with these updates.

**The meeting closed at 9.0 pm**

**The next meeting will be held on 12<sup>th</sup> November 2019 at 7.30pm at Hare Hill House.**

**All members of the LCT and Canalside Development Group are welcome to attend.**