

LITTLEBOROUGH CIVIC TRUST
Committee Meeting
10th December 2019
Hare Hill House

Present

Ian Jackson, Michael Price, Gillian Price, Barry Cropper, Vivienne Ashworth, Nick Andrews, John Stanley

1. Introductions and welcome

Ian Jackson opened the meeting at 7.05pm

2. Apologies for absence

John Kay, Ann Stott, Bob Wetherly, Shaun Clancy, Frank Carter

3. Submissions for AOB

50th Anniversary

4. Minutes of previous meeting and matters arising

Minutes agreed

Item 12 – An individual caused upset by telling adults they could not walk with the children in the parade. IJ will report this back at the de-brief meeting

5. Treasurers Report

In the absence of the Treasurer there is no report this month.

IJ is awaiting an update of the accounts to send to the Charity Commission with the Chair's Report. When this is done the next report will not be due until January 2021

6. Planning application updates

Akzo – after the meeting with Homes England and the letter sent to the Planning Department on behalf of LCT (this is now accessible on LCT Facebook page) and one from Barry Cropper an article regarding this issue has been posted on Rochdale Online. LCT still has outstanding issues regarding the Coal Board report and Clay workings but

these should be addressed when the new surveys are done. LCT is now in receipt of the new contacts at Homes England for future reference
Barker's Wood – in view of complaints from residents regarding this development the plans have now been revised and approved

New St – the plans have been revised and approved but the site is still troubled by flooding and Knotweed

7. Canalside Development Group

Julian Farnell was not present at the meeting therefore an update on the boat was not available

Ian Jackson and Bob Wetherly were invited to attend a meeting of the Rochdale Canal Society on 9th December. The society are wanting guidance on their charity status and financial affairs as to whether it is viable for them to continue. Ian Jackson and John Kay will attend their next meeting and it is then up to the society to make a decision

8. Flood Resilience Group

Members of the FRG are still concerned that there are posts being put on Facebook, Discuss Littleborough etc. regarding flood warnings, causing upset. Legitimate posts coming from the FRG will contain our logo and are a true reflection of advice received from the Environment Agency.

The National Flood Forum is holding a conference in York in March 2020. Three members of the FRG will be attending.

A meeting has been arranged between FRG, our NFF representative and Todmorden and Hebden Bridge Flood Groups for an update on flood issues within the area.

High Peak – the data logging equipment is now installed and further training is to take place with members of the FRG and other interested parties in the New Year. This training will enable FRG to upload data for use by professionals to follow water patterns etc in adverse weather conditions.

Littleborough Lions have some spare monies to provide more of the Flood Bags and have been advised to contact the Chair or Secretary of LCT to progress this

9. Save Our Greenbelt

Four members of the LCT attended the quiz night, which was a sell out.
Members of the Save the Greenbelt attended a meeting regarding the flooding issues etc on the development site at New St.

10. Member participation

LCT members are very welcome to become involved in any of the areas covered by our meetings. If you are able to volunteer your time please contact the Chair or Secretary

11. News and Events

The AGM will take place on 14th January followed by our normal meeting

New High School – it is hoped that a member of Star Academy will attend our February meeting to update us on this exciting new development.

12. AOB – 50th anniversary

Organisation of the flags is ongoing

Development of the anniversary booklet is ongoing. The Secretary to send a copy of the 40th anniversary booklet to Nick Andrews for his perusal and ideas for content

The committee discussed the idea of planting 50 trees to commemorate the occasion.

Other ideas put forward were that of involving schools in the area in some way

Nick Andrews requested that any costings be done as soon as possible as the closing date for applying for funds via Crook Windfarm have to be in by February 2020

Again, any members who have ideas as to how to celebrate this event or who would like to become involved please contact the Secretary

The meeting closed at 8.30pm

**The next meeting will be held on 10th December 2019 at 7.0pm at Hare Hill House.
Please note this meeting will include the AGM**

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

