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## Committee Meeting 11<sup>th</sup> February 2020 Hare Hill House

### Members present

Ian Jackson, Michael Price, Gillian Price, Barry Cropper, Nick Andrews, John Kay, Ann Stott, Bob Weatherly, Daniel Ames, Shaun Clancy, Vivienne Ashworth

### Councillors present

John Hartley, John Taylor, Tom Besford, Rina Paolucci, Ashley Dearnley

### 1. Introductions and welcome

Ian Jackson opened the meeting at 7.30pm

### 2. Apologies for absence

Frank Carter, Janet Emsley

### 3. Submissions for AOB

None

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

Minutes agreed

Re Honresfeld – a letter has been sent to planning but as yet there has been no reply.

Re Star Academy – the visit has been cancelled by Star Academy until such time as they have something concrete to report. Tom Besford reported that a site for the new school is still to be identified but it will be in the Littleborough catchment area.

### 5. Treasurers Report

Total £3629.93

LCT £1723.60

FRG £628.51

Canalside £1277.82

£200 has been received in membership fees ie 20 members have joined for 2020

## **6. Planning applications update**

Deferred to Item 10.

## **7. Canalside Development Group**

Julian Farnell is still working on refurbishing the boat in his own time.

Rina Paolucci suggested that an approach could be made to The Prince's Trust, Groundtrust or Hopwood Hall College to help with the renovation of the boat. John Kay agreed to ask Julian to provide a list of work still to do with a view to using the facilities at our disposal, if required.

## **8. Flood Resilience Group**

The group use Discuss Littleborough/Facebook to post EA information at regular intervals regarding flooding in the area. This seems to be well received.

A survey was conducted as to whether residents would like the introduction of a flood siren. 50 replies have been received, 49 for and 1 against. IJ has done a case study for a siren but at present the EA has declined to take this forward. The group will raise this issue again with the EA.

During the recent flooding it became obvious that to safeguard properties on Todmorden Road it needed to be closed to traffic but this can only be done by the emergency services. FRG to investigate if there is a plan in place for contacting the emergency services if road closure becomes necessary.

Training has now been completed to take readings from the monitoring stations in High Peak. A huge thank you is extended to Daniel Ames for donating a Laptop to enable the group to complete this task.

SC enquired about the upkeep of a Bridal Path in High Peak which due to lack of maintenance was causing the area to flood unnecessarily. Tom Besford agreed to make enquiries about the upkeep.

The EA held a drop-in at Hare Hill House to promote their proposed plans for flood resilience in the Littleborough area. These plans have now been submitted to RMBC for approval.

## **9. Save Our Greenbelt**

The group have met recently to agree the Constitution.

Discussions also took place regarding future events including another quiz night. The events will be held in April, May and June and will be advertised in the upcoming Newsletter.

RC is to liaise with JK regarding Save the Greenbelt holding their funds within the LCT bank account under their own name and only for their use. This money will be used to further the cause of Save the Greenbelt, as required, eg. air pollution studies.

Save the Greenbelt have acquired more members since the recent flooding in Littleborough and go from strength to strength.

## **10. Community planning involvement**

RMBC have announced that they have received £150,000 from the government to be used for community planning issues.

LCT have invited our Local Councillors to the meeting to discuss planning issues within the Littleborough area and whether we can access these funds to possibly upgrade the Littleborough Town Design Statement to reflect what is desirable for our area when planning applications are submitted.

There are grave concerns that small developments are being built over and above the building that is proposed within the GMSF. These developments are having a detrimental effect on the infrastructure of Littleborough. IJ produced a list for the group to discuss.

A productive discussion took place and all parties agreed to work together to address the issues raised.

## 11. 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Ideas that have been put forward so far are:

Flags on the poles throughout Littleborough.

50th Anniversary Newsletter.

Plant 50 trees in specific areas within the Littleborough area, to be identified.

Planting of further trees over a longer period involving the 7 primary schools in the Area.

NA has put the costings for the above together and will be actively seeking funds over the coming twelve months. Councillor Paolucci agreed to approach local businesses for sponsorship for the event.

Again, if anyone has ideas as to how we can further celebrate this anniversary please contact the Chair or Secretary with your ideas.

## 12. News and Events

Littleborough Forum meeting 10<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm Littleborough Reformed Church.

## 13. AOB

None.

**Please note the next meeting is one week early on 3<sup>rd</sup> March at 7.30 pm at Hare Hill House.**

Canalside Development Group



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