Inaugural Meeting of the Kirkstall Neighbourhood Forum
at Paxton Hall on Tuesday 5 January 2016 at 7:30pm
Draft Agenda

Introduction and Questions: We anticipate that new members may want to register on the night, and that people will have questions about procedure. Leeds City Council officers will be present to explain the rules and answer questions from the audience. Refreshments will be provided. Time estimate 30 minutes, but we will ensure that everybody who wishes to register as a member is able to do so before the formal business commences.

(1) **Election of a Chair for this evening.**

(2) **Apologies for absence:** Emma Browne, Fiona Butler, Steve Harris, Chris & Mandy Long, Kathryn Lunn, Elizabeth Minkin, Kevin Ritchie, Paddy Sheeran, Matt Sykes Hooban,

(3) **Endorsing the list of members:** The meeting is asked to approve the initial list of members, which includes the original subscribers to the application, those who have subsequently joined by email before the meeting, and those who register on Tuesday night.

(4) **Election of a Board:** the Board is the *servant* of the Forum. Its duties are to carry out the wishes of the Forum between meetings, publicise Forum activities, recruit new members and prepare for the next meeting of the full Forum. There must be at least 7 and no more than 12 members. Under the present constitution, the Board elects its own officers, but the AGM could vary this if desired.

(5) **Review of rules and policies:**

    a. Constitutional amendments [if any]

    b. Initial spending priorities [we expect to have up to £14,000 available]

    c. Website and bulletin board: Our interim website and email is hosted by A-Q which is a nationally-recognised Internet company based in Hunslet. They have particular expertise in SMS text messaging, which may become important if we achieve a diverse membership. Proposal is to stay with A-Q for the time being, and develop the website using industry standards HTML5, PHP and MySQL.

    d. Boundary dispute: About 300 houses, flats and maisonettes in the Foxcrofts, Queenswood Drive, Queenswood Gardens, Queenswood Rise and Queenswood Road are presently allocated to the Headingley Neighbourhood Plan. This creates problems for the Queenswood Tenants and Residents Association (QTARA) whose operating area is split in half. Forum is asked to mandate the Board to negotiate with Headingley, seeking a more satisfactory solution.

(6) **Some possible topics for discussion:** The Forum could assist the Board by identifying topics for early discussion. Here are some initial suggestions, and more are welcomed.

    a. Age-specific needs: children's play, youth provision, retired people.
    b. Climate change, sustainable development and public transport priority.
    c. Congestion, traffic management and queues on orbital and radial routes.
    d. Design standards for houses, industrial and commercial buildings.
    e. Educational provision (nursery, primary, secondary, adult)
    f. Flood protection measures

g. Headingley stadium: noise, lights and match-day parking issues.
h. High-rise blocks and maisonettes; ending the Argie Avenue leases?
i. Highway maintenance, traffic noise and traffic pollution.
j. Houses in multiple occupation (HMOs) and absentee landlords.
k. Kirkstall Forge Development (both on-site and off-site issues).
l. Kirkstall Valley Park proposals along the River Aire
m. Mixed use development of the former "Tesco" site. Design competition?
n. NHS, voluntary sector and private health provision in Kirkstall Ward.
o. Noise from aircraft, traffic, loud music and anti-social behaviour
p. On-street and off-street car parking provision. Equality issues.
q. Parks, green spaces, sport and recreation. Creating new facilities.
r. Pedestrian crossings, footways and off-road public footpaths
s. Policing, crime, drugs, alcohol and anti-social behaviour. CCTV
t. Refurbishing and insulating older terraced houses with solid walls.
u. Tree works, wetlands and wildflower sowing.

(7) **Dates, times and venues for future meetings.**